

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea
Sunday 1st July
Feast of St Peter and St Paul

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Sentence – His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11,12

Collect – Almighty God, we thank you for your servants Peter and Paul, leaders of your Church and martyrs for your name; fill us like them with your Spirit that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ who endured the cross, despising the shame, and is at your right hand, now and forever. Amen.

8.00am – NZPB 404
9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 483 Welcome to another day
Gradual 412 Love's work is done
Offertory O love that will not let me go (on sheet)
Dismissal 572 Christ is made the sure foundation

Readings for today Sunday 1st July

1st Reading - Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14
Epistle - Acts 12:1-11
Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19
Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." He said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" And a second time I said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?" He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

We remember in our prayers – Margaret, Shadrak, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

THE WEEK JULY

Tuesday 3rd	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 5th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 8th	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday 8th July

1st Reading – 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Gospel – Mark 6: 1-13

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Megan Bowden and Maureen Christensen

Mid winter fundraising dinner

This Saturday 7th July in the parish hall. Starting at 6pm. Draft menu available for you to see. Tickets \$55.00 per person. A raffle will also be available to win a gourmet gift basket. Raffle tickets \$5.00

Combined Anglican Missions Service

We are invited to this service at St Peter's 11 Killarney Street, Takapuna, on Sunday 22nd July at 7.00pm. Please let Grant know if you will be attending as soup and rolls are being provided after the service.