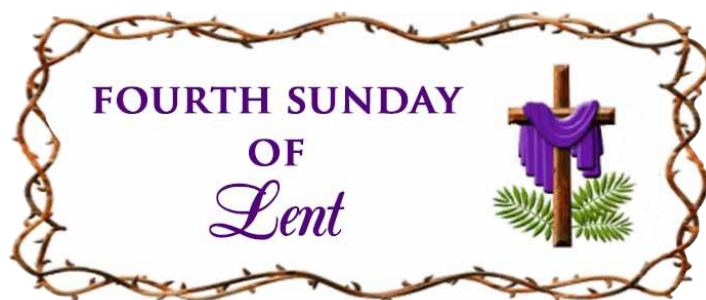


# Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 30th March 2025

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Sentence** - While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.  
Luke 15: 21

**Collect** - God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	43 I will sing the wondrous story
Gradual	184 The kingdom of God
Offertory	205 The king of love my shepherd is
Closing	71 To God be the glory

9.30am Lenten Liturgy

### Readings for next Sunday 30th March

First Reading - Joshua 5: 9-12  
Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21  
Gospel - Luke 15: 1-311b-32  
Readers - 9.30am - Ulo and Liz

## **Joshua 5: 9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

## **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to

be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!' I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

We remember in our prayers - those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Dodson Avenue, Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road.

### NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 1st	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 2nd	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 3rd	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 6th	9.30am - Holy Communion

### Readings for next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

First Reading - Isaiah 43: 16-21  
 Epistle - Philippians 3: 4b-14  
 Gospel - John 12:1-8  
 Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

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### Dates for your diaries –

#### Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> April

Palm Sunday

#### Thursday - 17<sup>th</sup> April

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Extinguishing the light and Communion.

#### Friday - 18<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday - Combined service will be held at Milford Baptist Church. Dodson Avenue Milford.

#### Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Day - Holy Communion 9.30am.