

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

Sunday 5th May

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Sentence - Jesus said 'you did not choose me, but I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit'. John 15: 16.

Collect – Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit	180 Love is his word, love is his way
Gradual	469 I come with joy, a child of God
Offertory	384 My song is love unknown
Closing	174 Here is love vast as the ocean

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for next Sunday 5th May

First Reading - Acts 10: 44-48
Epistle - 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel - John 15: 9-17
Readers - 8.00am - To be advised
Readers - 9.30am - Liz P and Gaylene

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another".

We remember in our prayers - Trixie, Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street. Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday May 7th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 8th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 9th	Mainly Music resumes 10am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 12th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday May 12th

First Reading - Acts 1: 15-17. 21-26

Epistle -1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel - John 17: 6-19

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Bella

Date for your diary –

A parish dinner has been arranged for Friday June 14th at 6.30pm. We will try a different restaurant this time, the Milford Motel restaurant, located on the corner of East Coast Road and Shakespeare Road.

It is a great opportunity to catch up and share in table fellowship with each other. As usual we pay for our own meals and drinks. The restaurant has great reviews and those who have been have been really enjoyed their meal. The menu for the restaurant can be found online. It would be great if you can come along, if so, please sign list at back of church if you intend coming.

Lucky Draw Raffle – Noreen has been busy again and has made a stunning crotched double blanket for the church, and a crotched knee blanket to raffle. 1st prize is for the double-bed blanket, and 2nd prize is for the crochet knee blanket. \$3.00 per ticket or two tickets for \$5.00.