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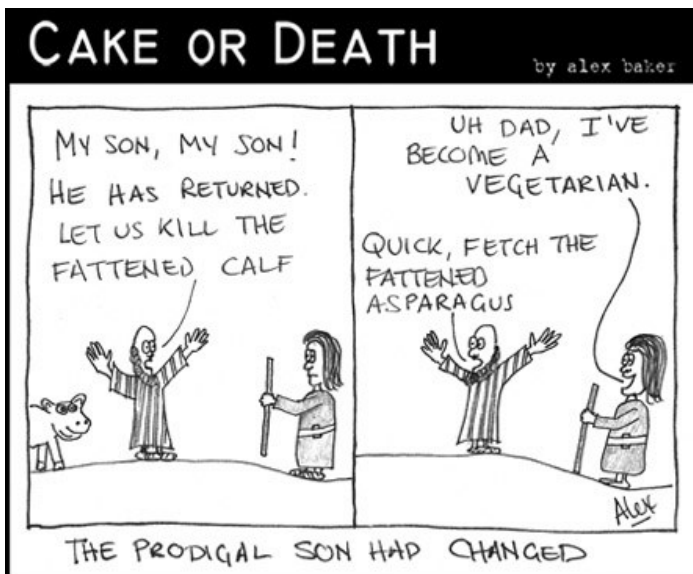
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*Name : Parish of Linwood — Aranui; No: 03-1700-0214522-00.*

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## Humour



**PEW NEWS**  
Sunday 30th March 2025

*Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.*

## Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

### The Bible Readings for today - 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12      2 Corinthians 5: 16-21      Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

## INTRODUCTION

**Joshua 5:9-12** - After the Exodus event, men of military age died in the wilderness. The males who were born in the wilderness were circumcised by Joshua at Gilgal, as a sign of the covenant. They moved from a desert economy to an agricultural economy in the promised land on the eve of their attack on Jericho, a town held by the Canaanites.

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21** – In ancient thought, *reconciliation* involved the removal of enmity and the establishment or restoration of friendship, and within a political context was a task entrusted to an ambassador. Paul not only applies it to the divine-human relationship but also alters the way in which friendship with God is affected. The responsibility for reconciliation normally resided with those who were responsible for rupturing a relationship, but in contrast to normal expectations Paul presents God as the reconciler (Rom. 5:10-11; Col. 1:20-22), not as the object of reconciliation.

In **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** Jesus tells 'the parable of the lost or prodigal son', which may also be known as 'the parable of the forgiving Father'. God cares for those who have gone wrong in life. God is always ready to forgive any who turn to God. Those who are religious, like the elder son in the story, show neither love nor pity for those who fail to meet their standards. But God rejoices at their rescue.

### Call to Worship

Leader: Young and old, friends and strangers.

**All: God welcomes us.**

Leader: Lost and bewildered, found and rejoicing.

**All: God welcomes us.**

Leader: Proud of our success, afraid of our poverty.

**All: God welcomes us.**

Leader: This morning, this day, this night, for ever.

**All: God welcomes us with a hug of love.**

### Sentence

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the  
ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:18*

### Collect

**We praise you God,  
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness  
and is never overcome;  
show us the way we must go to eternal day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Notices**

**March 12th (started)—Lenten Studies**—see parish website or noticeboards around the parish in for more details.

**Messy Church** returns on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at St Ambrose Church 3-4.30 pm. A special time for families to include young children as together we get to know more about Jesus through story, song and activities. Refreshments are shared too. For information, please contact Deacon Anne 0274366828.

### Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time	
<i>(A) = St Ambrose site</i>		<i>(C) = St Chad's site</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<i>(A)</i>	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<i>(C)</i>	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Parish Prayer Group	<i>(A)</i>	Ceased until further notice
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<i>(C)</i>	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<i>(C)</i>	12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<i>(A)</i>	1st Saturday of the month—but not in March
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
<b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i></b>			
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		Tuesday 10am to 4pm

### **Next Week's Bible Readings — 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)**

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8