

The Racing Story

Boxing and Racing



In the church cemetery at rest are two past New Zealand Featherweight Boxing Champions along with the trainer who trained one of the champions.

In 1909 Len Hagerty won the Featherweight Champion while living in Timaru and then years later as a jockey won the Grand National Hurdles on Sir Solo.

George (Mick) Murfitt trained his younger brother Keith to win the title in 1947 when he defeated William Patterson who won the title the next two years.

The 1950's saw Mick create an obscure piece of New Zealand sporting history when in 1956 he trained Innesfell to win the VRC Oaks the feature three year old fillies race at the Melbourne Cup Carnival making him the only New Zealander to achieve the fame in the two sports.

One can only imagine what a good match it would have been between Len and Keith with Mick as referee.

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For St Luke's

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Sunday closest to July 27

Proper 12 / Pentecost 11
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Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer;
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sentence

Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.