

**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**



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**Sentence** - Praise the Lord all you nations, acclaim the Most High all you peoples; for great is God's love for us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Psalm 117: 1,2

**Collect** - Jesus Christ, Lord of the living and dead; with each generation your body of believers grows and grows. Thank you for all who have gone before us, for what they achieved and what they learned. Give us strength to do your will, to be your body now. Amen.

**Introit** 76 You holy angels bright  
**Gradual** 578 Let saints on earth together sing  
**Offertory** 678 Take my life and let it be  
**Closing** 636 For all the saints

**8.00am** - NZPB 404  
**9.30am** - NZPB 404

**Readings for today Sunday 3rd November**

**First Reading** - Wisdom 3: 1-9  
**Epistle** - Revelation 21: 1-6a  
**Gospel** - John 11: 32-44  
**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised  
**Readers** - 9.30am - Sarah and Edward

### **Wisdom 3: 1-9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

### **Revelation 21: 1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End".

## John 11: 32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Seaview Road, Taumata Road, Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent, Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road.

## Readings for next Sunday 10th November

**First Reading** - Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17

**Epistle** - Hebrews 9: 24-28

**Gospel** - Mark 12: 38-44

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Karen and Patrick

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7th	Mainly Music at 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Friday 8th	Parish Quiz evening 7.30pm. \$30.00 per person. See information below.
Sunday 10th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

### For your diaries (last call to add your name(s) for the quiz) -

Time to put your thinking caps on for our next Quiz night on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm, \$30.00 per person. The other quiz evenings have been a lot of fun. It's also a great chance to help those around the table, and hopefully be the winners at the end of the night. Please leave your complaints at home if you think some of the questions are too hard!

You are welcome to make up your own table of six and let us know what your team name will be. We can also make up teams of six if you come individually or as partners.

Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. We will serve a light supper during the interval, and remember to please sign the list at back of church if you will be attending.