

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

Sunday 20th April 2025



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**Sentence** - The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia! Luke 24: 34

**Collect** - God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of this sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, raised to new life with Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

<b>Introit</b>	408 Jesus Christ is risen today
<b>Gradual</b>	398 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raised
<b>Offertory</b>	458 Alleluia sing to Jesus
<b>Closing</b>	417 thine be the glory

9.30am - Easter Sunday Liturgy

## Readings for today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43  
Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26  
Gospel Reading - John 20: 1-18  
Readers - Patrick and Karen

### **Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **1 Corinthians 15: 19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene but Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Stratford Avenue, Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 22nd	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 23rd	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 24th	Mainly Music in recess for school holidays. Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Extinguishing the light, and Communion.
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion 9.30am

### **Readings for next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

First Reading - Acts 5: 27-32

Epistle - Revelation 1: 4-8

Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-31

Readers - Marion and Gaylene