

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

Sunday 10th March 2024

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Sentence - The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3: 14,15

Collect - Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Introit	324 Name of all majesty
Gradual	83 Give to our God immortal praise
Offertory	387 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
Closing	71 To God be the glory!

8.00am - Lenten Liturgy
9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 10th March

First Reading – Numbers 21: 4-9

Epistle – Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel - John 3: 14-21

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Numbers 21: 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

John 3: 14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

We remember in our prayers - 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 Seine Road, Trevone Place, Alma Road, Argyle Road, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road.

Readings for next Sunday 17th March

First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Epistle - Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel - John 12: 20-33

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

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

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 12th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 13th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 14th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 17th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Dates for your diaries –

Friday 22nd March - 7pm

Parish Quiz night join us for a night of fun and friendship. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. We will provide a light supper at half time. Cost \$20.00 per person. Make up your own table of 6, or we can put you into a group. Please sign the list at the back of the church ASAP, thank you.

Thursday 28th March -

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Extinguishing the light and Communion.

Friday 29th March - Time to be advised

Good Friday - Combined service will be held at the Catholic church of St Vincent De Paul. Corner of Fenwick and Kitchener Road.

Sunday 31st March -

Easter Day - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Sunday 7th April - 9.30am

Parish AGM. There will be only one service this Sunday.