

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

Sunday 27th September

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Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.
Hosea 6: 1a, 2b

Collect: Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example for godly life; help us to gladly receive all that has been done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen

Introit	312 Let us gladly with one mind
Gradual	35 Glorious things of you are spoken
Offertory	188 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Closing	324 Name of all majesty

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 27th September

First Reading - Exodus 17: 1-7

Epistle - Philippians: 2: 1-13

Gospel - Matthew 21: 23-32

Readers - Liz P and Gaylene

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Philippians: 2:1-13

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose. Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross! As a result God highly exalted him and gave him the name

that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence, for the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort—for the sake of his good pleasure—is God.

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Sylvan Park Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent, Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road.

Readings for next Sunday 4th October

First Reading - Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9

Epistle - Philippians 3: 4b-14

Gospel - Matthew 21: 33-46

Readers - Patrick and Karen

Next Week

Tuesday 29th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 30th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 1 st October	Mainly Music on school holiday. Resumes Thursday 15 th October.
Sunday 4th	Holy Communion 9.30am.