

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday



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Sentence - The Lord is risen, alleluia. Luke 24: 34

Collect - **Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our heart from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Introit 417 Thine be the glory! risen conquering Son
Gradual 415 The day of resurrection
Offertory 429 Ascended Christ
Dismissal 408 Jesus Christ is risen today

8.00am & 9.30am - Easter Sunday Liturgy

Readings for next Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 25: 6-9

Epistle - Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel - Mark 16: 1-8

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Denis and Priscilla

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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.”

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' 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. 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 hold on to 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. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

We remember in our prayers - Noeline, Bob, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, Debbie. And residents and parishioners in Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road Gordon Road, Inga Road.

Readings for next Sunday 11th April - Low Sunday

1st Reading - Acts 4: 32-35

Epistle - 1John1: 1-2:2

Gospel - John 20: 19-31

Readers 8.00am-To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Karen and Marion

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00.
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 8th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 11th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Dates for your diaries -

Parish A.G.M - To be held on Sunday 18th April.

There will be only one service on that day at 9.30am.

High Tea - Saturday 15th May. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.

Parish Dinner - Thursday 6th May 7pm Fortune Fountain Chinese Restaurant on Shakespeare Road