

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

Sunday 21st September 2025

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Sentence: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Collect: Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all wisdom crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvellous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creations to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| Introit | 96 Sing praise to the Lord |
| Gradual | 317 At the name of Jesus |
| Offertory | 669 Lord, be my vision |
| Closing | 54 Now thank we all our God |

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 21st September

First Reading - Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1

Epistle - 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Gospel - Luke 16: 1-13

Readers - Megan and Gaylene

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Epistle -1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanksgiving and Encouragement I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent, Dodson Avenue.

Dates for your diaries – more information to follow.

Friday 7th November - Quiz night in the parish hall.

Friday 21st November 11.30am - Op Shop thank you

Saturday 6th December - High tea 2.30pm.

Next Week

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| Tuesday 23rd | Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00. |
| Wednesday 24th | Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea. |
| Thursday 25th | School Holidays no Mainly Music. Resumes Thursday 9 th October |
| Sunday 28th | Holy Communion 9.30am. |

Readings for next Sunday 28th September

First Reading - Jeremiah 32;1-3a, 6-15

Epistle -1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Gospel - Luke 16: 19-31

Readers - Patrick and Gaylene