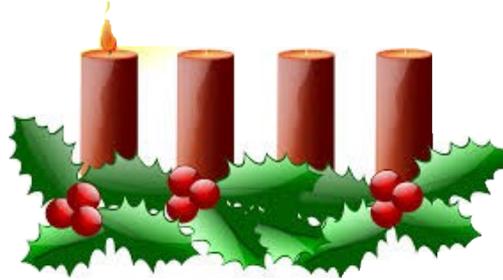


PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 29th November - First Sunday in Advent



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Sentence - 'Heaven and earth will pass away', says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away'. Mark 13:31

Collect - **Eternal God through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you continuing being a light to illuminate our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory forever. Amen**

Introit 438 Jesus comes with clouds descending
Gradual 91 Praise him, praise him
Offertory 65 The day, you gave us, Lord, is ended
Dismissal 623 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go

8.00am - Advent Liturgy

9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 29th November
First Sunday in Advent

1st Reading - Isaiah 64: 1-9

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel - Mark 13: 24-37

Readers 8.00am - Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30am - Patrick Jackson and Daniel Sahayam

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Draw near, O nations, to hear; O peoples, give heed!
Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world, and all that comes from it. For the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their hordes; he has doomed them, has given them over for slaughter. Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree. When my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens, lo, it will descend upon Edom, upon the people I have doomed to judgment. The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood, it is gorged with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom. Wild oxen shall fall with them, and young steers with the mighty bulls. Their land shall be soaked with blood, and their soil made rich with fat. For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of vindication by Zion's cause. And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulphur; her land shall become burning pitch.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13: 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

We remember in our prayers - Bob, Ray, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Seine Road, Trevone Place, Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue.

This Week

Tuesday 1st December - Selwyn Centre 9.30 – 12.00.

Cost \$4.00. Join us for fun, friendship and a very happy time.

Wednesday 2nd December -10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 3rd December - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 6th December - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

**Readings for next Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday in Advent**

1st Reading - Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle - 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Gospel - Mark 1: 1-8

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

Children's Christmas Toy Appeal – Gifts for Anglican Trust for Women and Children. Please bring unwrapped gifts no later than next Sunday 6th December, as they will be delivered to ATWC on Monday 7th December. Wrapping paper is very acceptable. Please don't forget teenage girls and boys. Thank you.

Christmas services at St Paul's

**Nine lessons and carols Sunday 20th December at 9.30am
(No 8am service)**

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve 2020

5.00 pm Christingle and Family Communion

11.00 pm Carols, Candles and Communion

Friday 25th 2020 – Christmas Day

8.00 am and 9.30 am Holy Communion and Carols

Combined Carol Service at St. Peters Takapuna on Sunday 13th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.