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

Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day



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Sentence: Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe.
Ephesians 1: 18-19

Collect: **Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ; give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introit	438 Jesus comes with clouds descending
Gradual	374 O changeless Christ, for ever new
Offertory	472 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Closing	636 For all the saints

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 1st
First Reading - Revelations 7: 9 to end
Epistle - 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12
Readers - Megan and Mary

Revelations 7: 9 to end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road, Otakau Road, Penning Road

Readings for next Sunday 8th
First Reading - Joshua 24: 1-3a-14-25
Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel – Matthew 25: 1-13
Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Next Week

Tuesday 3rd	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. $5.00.
Wednesday 4th	Mid-week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 5th	10am Mainly Music. $5.00 per family.
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion 9.30am.

