

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 21st March



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Sentence - 'This is the covenant I will make with them,' the Lord God: 'I will put my law in their minds and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' Jeremiah 31: 33

Collect - O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit 414 Now the green blade rises
Gradual 387 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
Offertory 466 For the bread which you have broken
Dismissal 202 My God, how wonderful you are

8.00am - Lenten Liturgy
9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 21st March

1st Reading - Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Epistle - Hebrews 5: 5-10

Gospel - John 12: 20-33

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Marion and Karen

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say —‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road.

Readings for next Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Epistle - Philippians 2: 5-11
Gospel - Passion Gospel Reading
Readers 8.00am - To be advised
Readers 9.30am - Liz and Erika

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23rd	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00.
Wednesday 24th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 25th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 28 th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Easter Services



Holy Thursday 1st April - 7:30pm Holy Communion and Extinguishing the Light.

Good Friday 2nd April - Ecumenical Service. 9:00am gathering to process the Cross from St Paul's Anglican Church, then walk to the service at Milford Baptist Church starting at 9:30am.

Easter Day 4th April - 8:00am Holy Communion
 9:30am Great Easter Celebration with Holy Communion.

\$20.00 note - Did anyone lose a \$20.00 note last Sunday it was found at the foot of the front steps after the 9.30am service by

Uloaku Ogbonna (thank you Uloaku for your honesty). Please see either Megan or Mary.

Parish A.G.M. - To be held on Sunday 18th April.
There will be only one service on that day at 9.30am.