

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

Sunday 25th January

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Sentence: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4: 23

Collect: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit	170 Christ whose glory fills the skies
Gradual	634 Will you come follow me?
Offertory	676 O Jesus, I have promised
Closing	668 Jesus calls us! – in the tumult

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 25th January

First Reading - Isaiah 9: 1-4

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel - Matthew 4: 12-23

Readers - Megan and Patrick

Isaiah 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

We remember in our prayers –Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Ocean View Road, Otakau Road, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place, Prospect Terrace, Rangitoto Terrace.

Readings for next Sunday 1st February

First Reading - Micah 6:1-8

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

Readers - To be advised.

Next Week

Tuesday 27th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Our final meeting for 2025. We will resume Tuesday 3 rd February 2026.
Wednesday 28th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion service. In recess. Resumes Wednesday 4 th February.
Thursday 29th	Mainly Music in recess. Will resume Thursday 12 th February 2026.
Sunday 1 st February	9.30am Holy Communion.

Inorganic collections

You could help us out - and it won't cost you anything!

The Op Shop sorters meet every Monday and do a great job sorting out saleable and non-saleable items and we are lucky to have them, and a community which is generous with donated goods. Unfortunately, from time to time we do get items which are not saleable for some reason and which we can't recycle or put in the ordinary rubbish bins. We have to pay to dump these.

As ratepayers you can book a free inorganic collection and we are asking if maybe some of you who are entitled to use this service, could "share" your inorganic pickup with St Paul's. It's easy to book online or by phone and you will get a booking number and an indication of when the collection is likely to be. Then Council notifies you a few days before the pickup is scheduled for your street. If you could tell us, once you have that date, we could then perhaps bring a few things to add to your own pile, that we would otherwise pay to take to the tip, that would be a great help.

If you can help with this then please make your booking and then email the office to let us know which week the collection is likely to be so that we can make a note of it in our system. Thanks.