

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

**Sunday 8th September 2024**

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**Sentence** - So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. James 2:13

**Collect** - Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, that we may receive all that you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen**

<b>Introit</b>	55 O for a thousand tongues to sing
<b>Gradual</b>	168 And can it be that I should gain
<b>Offertory</b>	474 My God, now is your table spread
<b>Closing</b>	294 All things bright and beautiful

**8.00am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

## **Readings for today Sunday 8th September**

**First Reading** - Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

**Epistle** - James 2: 1-10, 14-17

**Gospel** - Mark 7: 24-37

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Patrick and Gaylene

## **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

## **James 2: 1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? If you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Mark 7: 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue, Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue.

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 10th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 11th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 12th	10am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 15th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

### Readings for next Sunday 15th September

**First Reading** - Proverbs 1: 20-33

**Epistle** - James 3: 1-12

**Gospel** - Mark 8: 27-38

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

### Sanctuary Windows –

The lead light windows have now been removed and have been sent to Kerikeri for some repairs and reframing before they are installed in the sanctuary behind the altar. The windows in the hall have now been replaced with plain glass and have let in so much more light into the hall.

These windows were originally given in memory of Francis Gee and her son, Sergeant A R Gee, killed in 1943. These were brought from the Muritai Road Church.

### A date for your diary –

You are all invited to attend a catered Parish fundraising dinner on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm. More details to come closer to the time.