

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

Sunday 16th February 2025

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Sentence - Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6: 23

Collect - Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen

Introit	374 O changeless Christ, forever new
Gradual	108 Give thanks with a grateful heart
Offertory	676 O Jesus, I have promised
Closing	497 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 16th February

First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 15-20

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1: 25-29

Gospel - Luke 6: 17-26

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets".

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 18th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 19th	Mid - week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 20th	Mainly Music 10.00am resumes today. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 23rd	8.00am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 23rd February

First Reading - Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38,42-50

Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Karen and Liz

We remember in our prayers - Those people in our parish in need of prayer we remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road, Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March 2025

“I Made You Wonderfully”

A service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee
from the Cook Islands.

Place - St Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna.

Time - 11.00am