

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 16th October 2022

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Sentence: Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? Luke 18: 7-8

Collect: Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 16th October 2022

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:27-34

Epistle - 2 Timothy 3:14-4: 5

Gospel - Luke 18: 1-8

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Denis/Megan and Joy

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. 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.

2 Timothy 3:14-4: 5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable;

convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

We remember in our prayers - Hunter, Donna, Julie, Rosemary, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive, Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 18th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 19th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 20th	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 23rd October 2022

First Reading - Joel 2: 23-32

Epistle - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Liz and Gaylene

BUY-A- PLANK

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far.

We have 21 planks for the reclad of our church. If you want to buy a plank ring or communicate with Liz Powell 09/4864208 or 021 0597290 or pow@xtra.co.nz. \$95 for one plank.

QUIZ NIGHT

Vestry has arranged for a fun night of Quizzing on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. Cost \$20.00 per person. BYO snacks and drinks. A light supper and refreshments will be provided at half time. You're welcome to organise your own team of six. From the list of names we can also make up teams, and welcome any suggestions you may have in regards to the teams. We will have a silent auction and there will be prizes for the winning table. Any further enquiries please have a chat to either Mary or Grant