

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 6th December - Second Sunday in Advent



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Sentence - Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. Luke 3: 4, Isaiah 40: 5a

Collect - Merciful God, you send your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit 331 We have a gospel to proclaim
Gradual 335 Come, O long expected Jesus
Offertory 339 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry
Dismissal 324 Name of all majesty

8.00am and 9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday in Advent

1st Reading - Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle - 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Gospel - Mark 1: 1-8

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made
low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a
plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows
upon it; surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand
forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is
like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord
is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient
with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But
the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass
away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and
the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all
these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought
you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and
hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens
will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with
fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and
a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

We remember in our prayers - Bob, Ray, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent.

This Week

Tuesday 8th December - Selwyn Centre 9.30 – 12.00.

Cost \$4.00. Join us for fun, friendship and a very happy time.

Wednesday 9th December -10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 10th December - **Final** Mainly Music for the year 10.00am.

Sunday 13th December - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 13th December
Third Sunday in Advent

1st Reading - Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel - John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

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Combined Carol Service at St. Peters Takapuna on Sunday 13th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas services at St Paul's



**Nine lessons and carols Sunday 20th December at 9.30am
(No 8am service)**

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve 2020

5.00 pm Christingle and Family Communion

11.00 pm Carols, Candles and Communion

Friday 25th 2020 – Christmas Day

8.00 am and 9.30 am Holy Communion and Carols