

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 31st January**

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**Sentence** - Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9: 35

**Collect** - God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen

<b>Introit</b>	597 God, whose almighty word
<b>Gradual</b>	490 We cannot measure how you heal
<b>Offertory</b>	176 Immortal love forever full
<b>Dismissal</b>	55 O for a thousand tongues to sing

8.00am - Blue Book  
9.30am - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 31st January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

**Gospel** - Mark 1: 21-28

**Readers** 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

## **Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

## **1 Corinthians 8: 1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if

others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

### **Mark 1: 21-28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

We remember in our prayers - Noeline, Bob, Ray, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road,

## **Readings for next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Isaiah 40: 21-31

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

**Gospel** - Mark 1: 29-39

**Readers** 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Patrick and Erika

**Wednesday midweek Holy Communion service** - will resume this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Selwyn Centre** - will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**Mainly Music** - will resume on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## **Date to put in your diaries –**

Vestry has planned a High Tea for **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

Please keep this Saturday free for an afternoon of friendship and fun.

