

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

**Sunday 3rd September 2023**

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**Sentence** - If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew: 24,25

**Collect** - O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

<b>Introit</b>	626 Light of the minds know him
<b>Gradual</b>	645 'Take up your cross,' the saviour said
<b>Offertory</b>	634 Will you come and follow me?
<b>Dismissal</b>	298 For the beauty of the earth

**8am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**First Reading** - Exodus 3: 1-15

**Epistle** - Romans 12: 9-21

**Gospel** - Matthew 16: 21-28

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Ulo and Liz

### **Exodus 3: 1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

### **Romans 12: 9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the

saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Matthew 16: 21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, John, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, and Jeff. Residents and parishioners in Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 7th	Mainly Music 10am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

## Readings for next Sunday 10th September 2023

**First Reading** - Exodus 12: 1-14

**Epistle** - Romans 13: 8-14

**Gospel** - Matthew 18: 15-20

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Marion and Sarah

## Vestry's fundraising dinner Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Thanks to all those who have already signed up to come. As we are catering this, we need firm numbers so today is your last chance to sign up. If you are coming and haven't yet paid we'd appreciate that as well. Those of you who have committed will be sent a menu within the next week and details of start time etc., but we are looking at 5-30pm for pre-dinner nibbles and dinner starting around 6-00pm. It's buffet style and BYO if you wish, although we will have some wine and juice available to purchase by the glass if you'd like to do that. Coffee and tea are included.

We will have a silent auction too.