

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

Sunday 1st September 2024

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Sentence - Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1: 17

Collect - Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit 525 All my hope on God is founded
Gradual 372 Blessed are the pure in heart
Offertory 678 Take my life and let it be
Closing 96 Sing praise to the Lord

8.00am - NZPB 404

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 1st September

First Reading - Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Epistle - James 1: 17-27

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Sarah and Edward

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Hearing and Doing the Word you must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines. You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'"

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Seine Road, Trevone Place, Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent, Dodson Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

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| Tuesday 3 rd September | Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00. |
| Wednesday 4 th | 10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea. |
| Thursday 5 th | 10am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family. |
| Sunday 8 th | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion |

Readings for next Sunday 8th September

First Reading - Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Epistle - James 2: 1-10, 14-17

Gospel - Mark 7: 24-37

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Gaylene

Sanctuary Windows –

The lead light windows have now been removed and have been sent to Kerikeri for some repairs and reframing before they are installed in the sanctuary behind the altar. The windows in the hall have now been replaced with plain glass and have let in so much more light into the hall.

These windows were originally given in memory of Francis Gee and her son, Sergeant A R Gee, killed in 1943. These were brought from the Muritai Road Church.

A date for your diary –

You are all invited to attend a catered Parish fundraising dinner on Saturday 5th October 2024 at 6.30pm. More details to come closer to the time!