

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 27th November 2022 -First Sunday in Advent**



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**Sentence** - Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; they may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2:3a

**Collect** – Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

<b>Introit</b>	435 Hark the glad sound! - the saviour comes
<b>Gradual</b>	261 For the healing of the nation
<b>Offertory</b>	438 Jesus comes with clouds descending
<b>Dismissal</b>	338 O come, O come, Emanuel

**8.00am** - Advent Liturgy  
**9.30am** - Advent Liturgy

**Readings for today Sunday 27th November 2022**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 2:1-5  
**Epistle** - Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel** - Matthew 24:36-44  
**Readers 8am** - To be advised  
**Readers 9.30am** - Joy and Liz

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and

Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### **Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Matthew 24:36-44**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what

day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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 Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive, Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Madison Place.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 29th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 30th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 4th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

**Readings for next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Second Sunday in Advent**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 11: 1-10

**Epistle** - Romans 15: 4-13

**Gospel** - Matthew 3: 1-12

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Gaylene will advise

## **St Paul's by the Sea Anglican Church Milford Christmas Services**



### **Sunday 18th December**

9.30am - Nine Lessons and Carols

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm - Family and Children Christingle Service

11.00 pm - Carols, Candles, and Communion

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

9.30 am - Carols and Holy Communion

Presider and Preacher

The Right Reverend Ross Bay

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