

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 22nd January 2023**

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**Sentence** - Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23

**Collect** - Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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8.00am - Blue Book  
9.30am - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 22nd January 2023**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 9:1-4  
**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
**Gospel** - Matthew 4:12-23  
**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised  
**Readers** - 9.30am - Megan and Erika

## **Isaiah 9:1-4**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

We remember in our prayers -Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Rosemary, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents in Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Heathcote Road, Katui Street, Midway Avenue.

## Readings next Sunday 29th January 2023

**First Reading** - Micah 6:1-8

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1:18-end

**Gospel** - Matthew 5:1-12

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Joy and Marion

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 24th	Selwyn Centre. Is in <b>recess</b> and will resume on <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b>
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion. This service will <b>resume</b> on <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
Thursday 26th	Mainly Music. Is in <b>recess</b> and will <b>resume</b> on <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b>
Sunday 29th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

## House wanted to rent –

A parishioner is requiring a property that is available for rent in the Milford or Forrest Hill area that has two to three bedrooms, and is dog friendly. If you know of a property please speak to Shelly.