

Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 6th April 2025



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Sentence - Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126:6

Collect – Christ, whose feet were anointed with perfume, you humbly took a basin and towel and washed the feet of others: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your mercy, we may continue to follow your loving example.

Introit	669 Lord, be my vision
Gradual	585 How good a thing it is
Offertory	535 Jesus, priceless treasure
Closing	680 When I survey the wondrous cross

9.30am Lenten Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 6th April

First Reading - Isaiah 43: 16-21

Epistle - Philippians 3: 4b-14

Gospel - John 12:1-8

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

We remember in our prayers - those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road, Otakau Road, Penning Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 8th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 9th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 13th	9.30am - Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 13th

First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Epistle - Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel Reading - (for the liturgy of the palms)



Dates for your diaries

Sunday - 13th April

Palm Sunday

Thursday - 17th April

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Extinguishing the light and Communion.

Friday - 18th April

Good Friday Service - 9am assemble at St Paul's Anglican Church, Milford, to process the cross to the Milford Baptist Church (3 Dodson Avenue Milford).

The church service will commence at Milford Baptist Church at 9.30am.

Sunday - 20th April

Easter Day - Holy Communion 9.30am.