

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

**Sunday 16th April 2023**

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**Sentence** - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

**Collect** - Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

<b>Introit</b>	554 Breathe on me, breath of God
<b>Gradual</b>	42 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
<b>Offertory</b>	466 For the bread which we have broken
<b>Dismissal</b>	398 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven

**8.00am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 16th April 2023**

**First Reading** - Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

**Epistle** - 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel** - John 20:19-31

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Megan and Karen

## **Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. ‘Fellow-Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## **1 Peter 1: 3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **John 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 and parishioners in Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent, Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Stafford Avenue.

## **NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 18th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 19th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 20th	Mainly Music in recess for school holidays. Resumes on the 27 <sup>th</sup> April.
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

### **Readings for next Sunday 23rd April 2023**

**First Reading** - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**Epistle** - 1 Peter 1:1-23

**Gospel** - Luke 24:13-35

**Readers 9.30am** - Liz and Gaylene

**Dates to put in your Diaries** - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Annual General Meeting. There will be only one service next Sunday at 9.30am. Take a copy of the A.G.M reports as you leave the church today. Please bring them with you next Sunday.

**High Tea** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Cost \$40.00. Tickets will be on sale after Easter. Please sign list at back of the church if you intend coming.