

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

Sunday 2nd July 2023

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Sentence - The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6: 23

Collect - O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual	669 Lord, be my vision
Offertory	69 There's a spirit in the air
Dismissal	62 Tell out, my soul

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 2nd July 2023

First Reading - Genesis 22: 1-14

Epistle - Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel - Matthew 10: 40-42

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Megan and Liz Ogbonno

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10: 40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

We remember in our prayers - John, Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 4th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 5th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 6th	Mainly Music 10am. Cost \$5.00. Mainly Music is in recess until 20th July.
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 9th July 2023

First Reading - Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Epistle - Romans 7: 15-25a

Gospel - Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Joy and Olo Ogbonna

Upcoming Events - Vestry is organising a Quiz night on Friday 21st July at 7.00pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. We will provide a light supper half way through the evening. If you can make up your own team of six people that would be great, if not, then we can mix and match to make up a team. Cost per person is \$40.00. Please sign the form at the back of the church if you will be attending.

A fundraising dinner is being organised for Saturday 2nd September. Watch this space for further details.