

# St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

**Sunday 24th August 2025**

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**Sentence** - Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not set their minds on falsehood, or sworn a deceitful oath, shall receive blessing from the Lord and recompense from God their saviour.

Psalm 24: 4,5

**Collect** - Almighty God, you have built up your church through the love and devotion of your saints; we give thanks for your servant Bartholomew whom we commemorate today. Inspire us to follow his example that like him we may in our day rejoice in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<b>Introit</b>	376 Songs of thankfulness and praise
<b>Gradual</b>	380 All glory, praise and honour
<b>Offertory</b>	466 For the bread which you have broken
<b>Closing</b>	437 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

**9.30am** - NZPB 456

## **Readings for today Sunday 24th August**

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18: 15-18

Epistle - Revelations 21: 9b-14

Gospel - John: 35-51

Readers - Megan and Marion

### **Deuteronomy 18: 15-18**

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ Then the LORD replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.’”

### **Revelations 21: 9b-14**

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names that are the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites: on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

### **John: 1: 35-51**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It

was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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 Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent, Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road.

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## **Next Week**

Tuesday 26th		Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday	27th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 28th		Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 31st		Holy Communion 9.30am.

## **Dates for your diaries – more information to follow.**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz night in the parish hall.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 11.30am - Op Shop thank you

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - High tea 2.30pm.

## **Help required at Mainly Music -**

We need some help on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11.30am. As one of our helpers is away for 8 weeks. If you are able to help please let Grant know.

## **Readings for next Sunday 31st August**

First Reading - Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Epistle - Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel - Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Readers - Ulo and Liz