

3PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 5th November 2023

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Sentence - Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe.
Ephesians 1: 18,19

Collect - Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ; give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit 24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual 626 Light of the minds that know him
Offertory 675 Rejoice in God's saints
Closing 636 For all the saints

8am - All Saints Liturgy
9.30am - All Saints Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 5th November 2023

First Reading - Revelation 7: 9-17
Epistle - 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12
Readers 8am - To be advised

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, and Jeff. Residents and parishioners in Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue, Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 7th

Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for

	friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 8th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 9th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 12th November 2023

First Reading - Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Epistle -1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel - Matthew 25: 1-13

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Liz Powell and Sarah

Parish dinner Sunday 26th November at 7pm – Before the end of the year it would be great to have another parish dinner at a restaurant. We haven't been to the Anokha Indian Restaurant in Milford for some time, it's affordable and serves great food, even better when you don't have to cook it! It's on the corner of Dodson Avenue and Kitchener Road. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you will be attending. We pay for our own meals and drinks. It's a great time to get to know other parishioners as we sit around a table and share table fellowship together.

Crochet bedspread - We have been given a beautiful handmade crochet double bedspread. It would make a lovely Christmas gift. We are going to sell raffle tickets at \$5.00 a ticket or three tickets for \$10.00. It will be on show at our morning services and the other groups that meet at the church. See Megan for tickets it will be drawn on November 30th 2023.