

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

Sunday 7th May 2023

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Sentence - I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14: 6

Collect - Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Introit	591 Christ is the world's Light, he and none other
Gradual	635 Fight the good fight with all your might
Offertory	626 Light of the minds that know him
Dismissal	71 To God be the glory!

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 7th May 2023

First Reading - Acts 7: 55-60

Epistle - 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel - John 14: 1-14

Readers 8am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Joy and Erika

Acts 7: 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like new born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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 Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Heathcote Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 10th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 11th	Mainly Music 10am. Mainly. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 14th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 14th May 2023

First Reading - Acts 17: 22-31

Epistle - 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Gospel - John 14: 15-21

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Denis and Gaylene

Annual Receipts -

The annual tax receipts for donations are being finalized at the moment. We should have the receipts in the next two to three weeks.

Opportunity Shop Roster Co-Ordinator Needed -

We are looking for a volunteer, with 5-6 available hours a month, to contact Op Shop workers by text, email or phone to fill gaps in the roster. You do not need to work in the Op Shop or be involved in the sorting on Mondays. Gaylene would love to hear from you. Phone 021 876 186

High Tea -

A very big thank you to Karen and Natalie for all the hard work of baking, and time spent making this year's high tea such a great success. Thanks also to all those who helped getting the hall sorted for such a very Royal occasion, and for those who supported with donations and by coming to the very successful high tea.