

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

Sunday 3rd April 2022



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Sentence: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126: 6

Collect: Christ whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair, you humbly took a basin and towel and washed the feet of your friends: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage. In your name we pray. Amen.

Introit 669 Lord, be my vision
Gradual 535 Jesus, priceless treasure
Offertory On sheet. All to Jesus I surrender
Dismissal 680 When I survey the wondrous cross

8.00am and 9.30am Lenten Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 3rd April 2022

1st Reading - Isaiah 43: 16-21
Epistle - Philippians 3: 4b-14
Gospel - John 12: 1-8
Readers - 8.00am - To be advised
Readers - 9.30am - Denis and Megan

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

We remember in our prayers - Ayrton, Megan, Jane, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. And parishioners in Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road, Raines Road.

Readings for next Sunday 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday

1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Epistle - Psalm 31:10-18

Gospel for the Liturgy of the Palms - Luke 19:28-40

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Karen.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am 

Sunday Morning Help during the service -

It would be great to have some extra help with the welcoming of people when they arrive at church. If this is one of your ministry gifts have a chat to Grant who can talk to you about what this role entails.

Hope Project -

If you would like to be involved in delivering Easter pamphlets for the Hope Project near where you live, please check out their Website www.hopeproject.co.nz. The Hope Project is seeking to bring an awareness of Christ back to the public square in connection with our cultural festivals that were purposed to celebrate Christianity, in view of its significance in the formation of our cultural values and freedoms. Our strategic suggestion has been THREE annual media efforts. This is suggested in view of the way that public perspectives affect the tone of EVERY conversation the Christian community engages in this nation. The value of engaging with these perspectives cannot be underestimated.