

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

Sunday 21st May 2023

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Sentence - This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Collect - O God, whose Son Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen

Introit	555 Come, Holy Ghost, our soul's inspire
Gradual	442 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Offertory	31 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice
Dismissal	577 Lord of the church

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 21st May 2023

First Reading - Acts 1: 6-14

Epistle - 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Gospel - John 17: 1-11

Readers 8am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him,

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teadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17: 1-11

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 Seaview Road, Taumata Road, Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 23rd	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 24th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 25th	Mainly Music 10am. Mainly. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 28th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 28th May 2023

First Reading - Acts 2: 1-21

Epistle -1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gospel - John 20: 19-23

Readers 8am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Liz and Marion

Annual Receipts -

The annual tax receipts for donations are available for collection on the table at the back of the church.

Opportunity Shop Roster Coordinator 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. 021 876 186.