

PARISH OF MILFORD

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

Sunday 18th October

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Sentence - This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Collect - Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit 55 O for a thousand tongues to sing
Gradual 53 O God beyond all praising
Offertory 669 Lord, be my vision
Dismissal 59 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 18th October

1st Reading - Exodus 33: 12-23

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-22

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said,

"you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our

message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

We remember in our prayers – Bob, Scott, Ray, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

This Week

Tuesday 20th October - Selwyn Centre 9.30 – 12.00.
Cost \$4.00. Join us for fun, friendship and a very happy morning.

Wednesday 21st October - 10.00am Holy Communion.
Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 22nd October - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 25th October - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 25th October

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-46

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick Jackson and Erika Halliday