

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

Sunday 28th January 2024

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Sentence - Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, curing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9: 35

Collect - God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Introit	55 O for thousand tongues to sing
Gradual	170 Christ whose glory fills the skies
Offertory	440 Rejoice, the Lord is king!
Closing	494 This is the truth which we proclaim

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 28th January 2024

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Epistle -1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Gospel - Mark 1: 21-28

Readers 9.30am - Liz Powell and Patrick

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire anymore, lest I die. Then the LORD replied to me, ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’”

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a

weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Mark 1: 21-28

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street.

Readings for next Sunday 4th February

First Reading - Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Gospel - Mark 1: 29-39

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Gaylene will advise

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 30th	Selwyn Centre in recess until the 13 th February 2024.
Wednesday 31st	10am Holy Communion. Resumes Wednesday 7 th February 2024.
Thursday 1 st February	Mainly Music. In recess until Thursday 8 th February 2024.
Sunday 4th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

NOTICE FROM THE VESTRY OF ST. PAUL'S

**THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

THIS IS DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS.

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VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES, PLEASE PHONE
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