

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 27th March 2022



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Sentence: While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
Luke 15:21

Collect: God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit 26 Amazing grace
Gradual 205 The king of love my shepherd
Offertory 65 The day you gave us, Lord is ended
Dismissal 91 Praise him, praise him

8.00am and 9.30am Lenten Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 27th March 2022

1st Reading - Joshua 5: 9-12
Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Gospel - Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
Readers - 8.00am - To be advised
Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Joshua 5: 9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went

and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue.

Readings for next 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

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 29th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 30th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 31st	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00
	Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour at 2am Sunday 3rd April . It's a good idea to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night.
Sunday 3 rd April	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.