

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

Sunday 1st November

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Sentence - Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe.
Ephesians 1: 18-19

Collect - Almighty God, your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ; give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introit	76 You holy angels bright
Gradual	678 Take my life and let it be
Offertory	578 Let Saints on earth together sing
Dismissal	636 For all the Saints

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 1st November

1st Reading - Revelation 7: 9 to the end

Epistle - 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss and Karen Stubbs

Revelation 7: 9 to the end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

This Week

Tuesday 3rd November - Selwyn Centre 9.30 – 12.00.

Cost \$4.00. Join us for fun, friendship and a very happy morning.

Wednesday 4th November -10.00am Holy Communion.

Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 5th November - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 8th November - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Recladding Update

While we haven’t communicated progress since the AGM, many things have been occurring ‘behind the scenes’. Auckland Council has

granted an extension to our Building Consent so now work must commence before September 2021. We've also been working with the Diocesan Property Manager to refine the project and have now submitted an application to the Diocese for permission to undertake the repairs. We hope this will be approved before Christmas. The Diocesan Property Manager required us to upgrade the type of cladding as our chosen material would not be approved by the Faculties Committee, adding \$12,000 to the project price. You may not realize that although the Diocese has overall control of the buildings and what we can and cannot do –they do not contribute anything to the cost of the work.

The Quantity Surveyor's report indicates \$94,350 as the cost of the full project (gst exc). Over the past two years we have raised \$51,980 through donations from parishioners (\$41,180) and from High Teas and Mid-Winter dinners (\$10,800). Regular transfers from the Op Shop bank account boost the Cladding account every month. The various professional reports and the Building Consent have so far cost \$18,568. Currently we have \$44,700 in the Cladding account for the project. The Op Shop account could provide an additional \$12,000 and Vestry intends to apply to Foundation North for a grant. Assuming we receive around \$12,000 (although we will ask for more than that) from Foundation North, **there is a shortfall of approximately \$25,600**. If you have a stunning fundraising idea for this final hurdle please talk to Megan (phone 4105117 or email: meganbowden@xtra.co.nz).

Readings for next Sunday 8th November

1st Reading - Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel - Matthew 25: 1-13

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - To be advised