

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

Sunday 2nd October 2022

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Sentence: 'Who is the greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.'
Luke 22: 27

Collect: Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit	497 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Gradual	605 Once to every generation
Offertory	469 I come with joy, a child of God
Dismissal	75 You servants of God, your master proclaim

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 2nd October 2022

First Reading - Lamentations 3: 19-26

Epistle1 - 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel - Luke 17: 5-10

Readers - 8.00am - Shadrak and Florence

Readers - 9.30am - Gaylene will advise

Lamentations 3: 19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

We remember in our prayers - Hunter, Donna, Julie, Rosemary, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Taumata Road, Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent, Catalina Crescent.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 4th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 5th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 6th	School Holidays NO Mainly Music 10.00am.
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 9th October 2022

First Reading - Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Epistle - 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel - Luke 17: 11-19

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Gaylene will advise

BUY-A- PLANK

For just \$95 you can purchase a plank of Stria which is our church's new cladding. Why not help us to finish the wonderful job that Marty and Platinum Pacific Group have done of rebuilding our church? It will be almost brand new!

Contact Liz Powell 0210597290 or 09 4864308 or

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Seasons North Shore & Hibiscus Coast

A big congratulations to Erika on becoming an accredited Companion for the Seasons programme! Well done, and thank you for the great work you continue to do working alongside children dealing with issues of grief and loss.

Quiz Night - It's time for a fun fund raising evening. We will have a quiz night on Friday 11th November in the parish hall. Please put this date in your diary. If you would like to make up a team of six that would be great. Teams can also be made up from those names on the list, which will be available in the next couple of weeks. Watch this space for further details.