

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

Sunday 14th May 2023

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Sentence - Those who love me will keep my word, Jesus promises, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14: 23

Collect - O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	663 Come down, O love divine,
Gradual	447 Gift of Christ from God our Father
Offertory	458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Dismissal	597 God, whose almighty word

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 14th May 2023

First Reading - Acts 17: 22-31

Epistle - 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Gospel - John 14: 15-21

Readers 8am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Denis and Gaylene

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘in him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if

suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14: 15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

We remember in our prayers - John, Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Par Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 16th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 17th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 18th	Mainly Music 10am. Mainly. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 21st	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 21st May 2023

First Reading - Acts 1: 6-14

Epistle - 1 Peter 4: 12-14

Gospel - John 17: 1-11

Readers 8am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Annual Receipts -

The annual tax receipts for donations are being finalised at the moment. We should have the receipts in the next two to three weeks.

Opportunity Shop Roster Coordinator needed –

We are looking for a volunteer with 5-6 available hours a month, to contact Op Shop workers by text, email or phone to fill gaps in the roster. You do not need to work in the Op Shop or be involved in the sorting on Mondays. Gaylene would love to hear from you. 021 876 186.

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Volunteer Opportunity Shop Roster Coordinator.



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If you are interested and would like some more information please phone Gaylene Hotchkiss on 021 876 186