

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

Sunday 22nd October 2023

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Sentence - Give to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are Gods. Matthew 22:21

Collect - O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend; show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can hear, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introit 59 Praise to the Lord, the almighty
Gradual 39 Great is your faithfulness
Offertory 669 Lord, be my vision
Closing 53 O God beyond all praising

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 22nd October 2023

First Reading - Exodus 33: 12-23

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-22

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick and Marion

Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message

of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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, and Jeff. Residents and parishioners in Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue, Inga Road, Keldale Place.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 24th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 25th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 26th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 29 th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 29th October 2023

First Reading - Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-46

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Crochet bedspread - We have been given a beautiful handmade crochet double bedspread. It would make a lovely Christmas gift. We are going to sell raffle tickets at \$5.00 a ticket or three tickets for \$10.00. It will be on show at our morning services and the other groups that meet at the church. See Megan for tickets it will be drawn on November 30th 2023.