

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

Sunday 8th August

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Sentence - Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us. Ephesians 5: 1-2

Collect - Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit 24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual 469 I come with joy, a child of God
Offertory 507 Just as I am, without one plea
Dismissal 23 All creatures of our God and king

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 8th August

1st Reading - 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

Epistle - Ephesians 4: 25 - 5:2

Gospel - John 6: 35, 41-51

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Marion and Liz

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

We remember in our prayers - Noeline, Bob, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob, Debbie and Jeff. And residents and parishioners in Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 15th August

1st Reading - 1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14

Epistle - Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel - John 6: 51-58

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

WEEK

Tuesday 10th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 12th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 15th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Parish Dinner - Apart from trying to find a car park, the dinner on Thursday night at El Greco in Campbells Bay was a great success. Lots of laughter, good food and great company was enjoyed by the 22 people who attended. If you have been to a local restaurant that has great food, talk to one of the Vestry members, for our next dinner out, and watch this space to see when it is!