

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 1st June 2025

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Sentence - Believe i

n the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Acts 16: 31

Collect - Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

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| Introit | 170 Christ whose glory fills the skies |
| Gradual | 188 There's a wideness in God's mercy |
| Offertory | 440 Rejoice, the Lord is king! |
| Closing | 434 Hail the day that sees him rise |

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 1st June

First Reading - Acts 16: 16-34

Epistle - Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17

Gospel - John 17: 20-26

Readers - Patrick and Karen

Acts 16: 16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

John 17: 20-26

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Next Week

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On Tuesday 3rd June at St Joseph's Catholic Church Takapuna, there will be a combined service for the week of prayer for Christian unity.

All are invited to come for a light meal in St Joseph's church hall at 6pm, with the service starting in the church at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend.

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| Tuesday 3rd | Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00. |
| Wednesday 4th | Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea. |
| Thursday 5th | 10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family. |
| Sunday 8th June | Pentecost Sunday - Holy Communion 9.30am. |

We remember in our prayers – those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Madison Place, Mayfair Place, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue, Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 8th June

First Reading - Acts 2: 1-21

Epistle - Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel - John 14:8-17

Readers - Sarah and Edward