

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 6th August 2023-

The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son



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Sentence - One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord and to seek you in your temple. Psalm 27: 4,5

Collect - **Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Introit 669 Lord, be my vision

Gradual 170 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Offertory 321 Crown him with many crowns

Dismissal 324 Name of all majesty

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 6th August 2023

First Reading - Exodus 24:12-18

Epistle - 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel - Luke 9: 28-36

Readers 8am - Colleen and Ricky

Readers 9.30am - Erika and Edward

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, John, Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, and Jeff.
Residents and parishioners in Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Stratford Avenue, Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 8th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 9th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 10th	Mainly Music 10am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 13th August 2023

First Reading - Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Epistle - Romans 10: 5-15

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-33

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick and Karen

Upcoming Events-

Vestry's fundraising dinner has been postponed slightly and will now be Saturday 16th September. We probably won't have a garage sale this year before Christmas so this is our "big" fundraiser for the year and we really hope you support it. We are planning a buffet style meal with nibbles beforehand followed by 3 courses and tea/ coffee (BYO wine/ drinks) and for catering purposes we will need numbers and payment by Sunday 3rd September. Cost is \$55-00 per person. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. If you are paying online just add "dinner" as your reference so we know who has paid, or pay Mary or Karen at either of the services.

Cleaner for the Parish required-

St Paul's is looking for a new cleaner to clean the church, foyer, toilets and hall area on a weekly basis (preferably Friday afternoons or Saturday). We are happy for this to be one person or a couple to share the work (and pay!) but it will be about 3 hours of light cleaning per week. Must be thorough and reliable. If you are interested or you may know someone please contact Mary Griffiths in the parish office. 486 0668 or 021 108 7973