

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

Sunday 3rd March 2024

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Sentence - God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'. Exodus 20:1

Collect - Lord our God by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introit	621 Come to us, creative spirit
Gradual	627 Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice
Offertory	537 My hope is built on nothing less
Closing	572 Christ is made the sure foundation

8.00am - Lenten Liturgy

9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Readings for next Sunday 3rd March

First Reading - Exodus 20: 1-17

Epistle -1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Gospel - John 2: 13-22

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Liz Powell and Gaylene

Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the

world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road, Raines Avenue, Regal Place, Regent Street.

Readings for next Sunday 10th March

First Reading - Numbers 21: 4-9

Epistle - Ephesians 2: 1-10

Gospel - John 3: 14-21

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 10th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Dates for your diaries –

Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Extinguishing the light and Communion.

Friday 22nd March - 7pm

Parish Quiz night Join us for a night of fun and friendship. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. We will provide a light supper at half time. Cost \$20.00 per person. Make up your own table of 6, or we can put you into a group. Please sign the list at the back of the church ASAP, thank you.

Friday 29th March - Time to be advised

Good Friday - Combined service will be held at the Catholic church of St Vincent De Paul. Corner of Fenwick and Kitchener Road.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Sunday 7th April - 9.30am

Parish AGM. There will be only one service this Sunday.