

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

Sunday 1st February

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Sentence: What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Collect: Teach us Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit; for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Introit	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual	374 O changeless Christ, for ever new
Offertory	669 Lord, be my vision
Closing	54 Now thank we all our God

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 1st February

First Reading - Micah 6:1-8

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message of 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; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,

and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

We remember in our prayers –Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent, Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Strafford Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 8th February

First Reading - Isaiah 58:1-9a
Epistle - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20
Readers - Sarah and Edward

Next Week

Tuesday 3rd	Selwyn Centre resumes today at 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00
Wednesday 4th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion Resumes today.
Thursday 5th	Mainly Music resumes Thursday 12th February 2026.
Sunday 8 th	9.30am Holy Communion.

Inorganic collections - You could help us out

The Op Shop sorters meet every Monday and do a great job sorting out saleable and non-saleable items and we are lucky to have them, and a community which is generous with donated goods. Unfortunately, from time to time we do get items which are not saleable for some reason and which we can't recycle or put in the ordinary rubbish bins. We have to pay to dump these.

As ratepayers you can book a free inorganic collection and we are asking if maybe some of you who are entitled to use this service, could "share" your inorganic pickup with St Paul's. It's easy to book online or by phone and you will get a booking number and an indication of when the collection is likely to be. Then Council notifies you a few days before the pickup is scheduled for your street. If you could tell us, once you have that date, we could then perhaps bring a few things to add to your own pile, that we would otherwise pay to take to the tip, that would be a great help.

If you can help with this then please make your booking and then email the office to let us know which week the collection is likely to be so that we can make a note of it in our system. Thanks.

WHATS ON AT ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAY -

9.30am - Family Eucharist - Children's Programme.

TUESDAY-

9.30AM -12.00 Selwyn Centre. Fun, friendship for the over 65's. Lovely morning tea. Cost \$5.00 per morning.

WEDNESDAY -

10.00AM - Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.

THURSDAY - During Term Time -

10.00am - Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.

*See weekly newsletter in the foyer for further details.

*Baptism, Marriage and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar.

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