

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 29th January 2023

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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 - Living God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches, of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit	374 O changeless Christ, for ever new
Gradual	372 Blessed are the pure in heart
Offertory	24 All hail the power of Jesus name
Dismissal	669 Lord, be my vision

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings today Sunday 29th January 2023

First Reading - Micah 6:1-8

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:18-end

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Joy and Marion

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 thousand 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-end

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 scribe? 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 our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand 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. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame

the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, 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 -Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Rosemary, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents in Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

Readings next Sunday 5th February 2023

First Reading - Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Epistle -1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Gospel - Matthew 5: 13-20

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Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Marion

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 31st	Selwyn Centre. Is in recess and will resume on Tuesday 7th February 2023.
Wednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion. This service will resume on Wednesday 8th February 2023
Thursday 2nd	Mainly Music. Is in recess and will resume on Thursday 9th February 2023.
Sunday 5th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

The Beatitudes

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for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

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