

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

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TODAY

8.00 am – NZPB 404
9.30 am – NZPB 404

Sentence – From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 1:11

Collect – Almighty God, govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and mercifully grant that the peoples of the world, divided and torn apart by sin, may be brought together under the gentle rule of Christ. Amen

Introit 201 Jesus, lover of my soul
Gradual 188 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Offertory 150 Rock of ages
Dismissal 646 What a friend we have in Jesus

Readings for today Sunday 23rd October

1st Reading – Joel 2: 23-32

Epistle – 2 Timothy 4: 6-8,16-18

Gospel – Luke 18: 9-14

Readers 8.00 am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30 am – Graeme Thomas and Tex Riley

Joel 2: 23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8,16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

We remember in our prayers today – Louie (Hilary's grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Ocean View Road, Otakau Road, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place.

This Week

Tuesday 25	Selwyn Centre 9.30 am – 12.00. Join us for friendship, fellowship, fun and good conversation. 7pm Vestry meeting.
Wednesday 26	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 27	10.00 am Mainly Music.
Sunday 30	Services at 8.00 am and 9.30 am.

Readings for next Sunday 30th October

1st Reading – Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2:1-4

Epistle – 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Gospel – Luke 19: 1-10

Readers 8.00 am – Mary Griffiths, Rosemary Maire

Readers 9.30 am – Tania Manuel, Maureen Christensen

Defibrillator-

Vestry has purchased a defibrillator. If there are any parishioners who would like to contribute to the purchase of the defibrillator could you please put your donation in an envelope marked for this purpose and place in offertory collection on a Sunday. Please also put your name on the envelope so your contribution can be included in your giving's for the year for tax purposes.

Parish Dinner –

On Thursday night 22 of us went to Monthien Tai Restaurant in Milford for a parish dinner. Although we had a bit of a long wait for our meals, the company was excellent. There was a lot of talking and laughing this made it a very pleasant evening.