

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

Sunday 12th February 2017
6th Sunday Ordinary Time

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Sentence: Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.
Deuteronomy 30:20

Collect:

God of compassion and mercy, you give us laws to guide our lives. Grant that we may live in peace and respect with our sisters and brothers. Help us to treat each other in a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation so that we may approach your altar in peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00 am – NZPB 404

9.30 am – NZPB 404

Introit 53 O God beyond all praising
Gradual 591 Christ is the world's light
Offertory 4 Here in this place
Dismissal 93 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Readings for today Sunday 12th February

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1st Reading – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Gospel – Matthew 5: 21-37

Readers 8.00 am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30 am – Priscilla Philip and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is

anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5: 21-37

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

We remember in our prayers today – Kelvin, Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

Readings for next Sunday 19th February

7th Sunday Ordinary Time

1st Reading – Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

Gospel – Matthew 5: 38-48

Readers 8.00 am – Rosemary Maire and Jack Weir

Readers 9.30 am – Tania Manuel and Liz Powell

This Week - February

Tuesday 14th	Selwyn Centre 9.30 am - 12.00. Come and join us for friendship, fun and good conversation.
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 16th	10.00 am Mainly Music. Parish Dinner 7pm Royal Garden Chinese restaurant in Shakespeare Road Milford. Pay your own food and drinks.
Sunday 19th	Services 8.00 am and 9.30 am Holy Communion

Annual General Meeting - Will be held **during** the 9.30am service on Sunday 26th March. There will be **NO** 8.00am service on that Sunday. If you need to write a report to present to this meeting please have them to Mary by Sunday the 12th March. Reports are needed from the Vicar, Wardens, Building and Maintenance, Treasurer, Mainly Music, Op Shop, Selwyn Centre.

Garage Sale – Our next Garage Sale is planned for Saturday April 29th. For storage purposes please encourage people to bring their contributions down to the church as near to this date as possible