

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

**Sunday 26th February 2017**  
**8th Sunday Ordinary Time**

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**Sentence:**

For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Isaiah 49:13

**Collect:**

**God of life, you have created this world with great care. As we wonder at Creation around us help us to discern your great care for each one of us. Free us from anxiety about worldly things that we may concentrate on your kingdom. 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** Morning has broken (see sheet)  
**Gradual** Joyful, Joyful we adore you (see sheet)  
**Offertory** 7 Be still, for the presence of the Lord  
**Dismissal** 23 All creatures of our God and king

## Readings for today Sunday 26th February

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**1st Reading** – Isaiah 49: 8-16a

**Epistle** – 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Gospel** – Matthew 6: 24-34

Readers 8.00 am – Jack Weir

Readers 9.30 am – Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

### Isaiah 49: 8-16a

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favour I have answered you,  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;

I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages;  
saying to the prisoners, “Come out,”

to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.”

They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be  
their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst,

neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,

for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water  
will guide them. And I will turn all my mountains into a road,

and my highways shall be raised up.

Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north  
and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion  
on his suffering ones. But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me,  
my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are continually before me.

## **1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

## **Matthew 6: 24-34**

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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 Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

### Readings for next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

**Epistle** – Romans 5: 12-19

**Gospel** – Matthew 4: 1-11

Readers 8.00 am – Chris and Christine Maud

Readers 9.30 am – Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

### This Week - February

<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Selwyn Centre Come and join us for friendship, fun and fellowship. Cost \$3.00. 7.00 pm Vestry meeting in the vicarage.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Ash Wednesday - 10.00 am Holy Communion and imposition of ashes. Followed by morning tea. 7.00 pm – Ash Wednesday service at St Vincent de Paul. All are welcome to attend.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	10.00 am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

### Parish Dinner -

**On Thursday night 19 parishioners had dinner together. A pleasant evening of friendship and conversation was had by all. We will arrange another dinner in the next couple of months.**

### Dates to put in your diary

- ❖ **A.G.M Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.** To be held **during** 9.30am service. Followed by shared morning tea. No 8.00 am service this Sunday.
- ❖ **Garage Sale Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.** For storage purposes please encourage people to bring their contributions down to the church as near to this date as

possible.