

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

**Sunday 23rd April 2017 - Low Sunday**

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**Sentence:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

**Collect:** God of mystery, you affirm our right to question what we find hard to know. Grant us the maturity of faith that knows when to question and when to trust – in the power of the Holy Spirit who with the Father and the Son, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00 am – Blue Book  
9.30 am – 404 NZPB

**Introit**                321 Crown him many crowns  
**Gradual**             438 Jesus comes with clouds descending  
**Offertory**            466 For the bread which you have broken  
**Dismissal**          405 Glory to Jesus! risen, conquering Son

**Readings for today Sunday 23rd April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

**Epistle** – 1 Peter 1: 3-9

**Gospel** – John 20: 19-31

Readers 8.00 am – Rosemary Maire and Mary Griffiths

Readers 9.30 am – Maureen Christensen and Gaylene Hotchkiss

## **Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## **1 Peter 1: 3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **John 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### **Readings for next Sunday 30th April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

**Epistle** – 1 Peter 1: 17-23

**Gospel** – Luke 24: 13-35

Readers 8.00 am – Millie McHattie and Ian Turner

Readers 9.30 am – Priscilla Philip and Pam Martin

**Garage Sale this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – Please sign list at back of the church showing the days you are able to help. Please take flyers and

deliver in your street or those houses close to you.

**For your Diary - Parish Pot Luck Dinner** at Liz and David Douglas Brown home 6 Dodson Avenue on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. Please sign list at the back of the church if you will be attending. Liz will be in touch as to what you will need to bring.

## This Week - April

<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am Holy Communion for the week
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 am Holy Communion for the week
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7pm help needed in preparation for Garage Sale.
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9am help needed for setting up stalls for Garage Sale.
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	8am to 11am. If you are working on a stall 7.30am please.
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Services 8.00am and 9.30am</b>

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- 67 years or older, 55 years or older for Maori and Pacific people
- Live alone or with one other person
- Limited or no cooking skills
- Lost the motivation or confidence to cook
- Can stand for at least an hour for food preparation

**Dates:** Fridays from May 19<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10.00am – 1.00pm

**Venue:** St Paul's Anglican Church, Otakau Rd, Milford

**Bookings:** Complete the form at back of church. Limited to 12 people.

**Registration is essential to secure your place and attendance is required at all four sessions. For further information please see Mary Griffiths**