

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

**Sunday 25th June**

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**Sentence:** Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus sake will find it. Matthew 10:39

**Collect:** Caring God, even a sparrow is protected by you. Imprint upon our hearts, that because we belong to you, no one can pluck us from your hand. For this we ask in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**8.00 am** – Blue Book  
**9.30 am** – NZPB 476

**Introit** 39 Great is your faithfulness  
**Gradual** Praise with joy (sheet)  
**Offertory** 475 Now let us from this table rise  
**Dismissal** 305 Let us sing the God of glory

## Readings for Today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Genesis 21: 8-21

**Epistle** – Romans 6: 1b - 11

**Gospel** – Matthew 10: 24-39

**Readers** 8.00 am – To be advised

**Readers** 9.30 am – Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell

### Genesis 21: 8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### Romans 6: 1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 10: 24-39**

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it”.

We remember in our prayers today – Kelvin, Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, Carol, Pauline and Lynette. And we remember parishioners and residents in Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive, Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue.

### **This Week**

<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, fellowship and good conversation. Cost \$3.00
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 29th</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Patronal Festival. One Service <u>9.00am</u>. Followed by shared brunch.</b>

### **Readings for next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Patronal Festival**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14

**Epistle** – Acts 12:1-11

**Gospel** – Matthew 16: 13-19

**Readers** – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

### **Date for your diary**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 7pm.** Parish dinner at Kashmir Indian Restaurant in Kitchener Road Milford. Join us for a social evening together. Nearer the date there will be a list at the back of the church for you to sign and also note if you need transport.