

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 4th March
3rd Sunday in Lent

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Sentence -

God spoke these words and said, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1

Collect –

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8.00am – Lenten Liturgy

9.30am – Lenten Liturgy

Introit 621 Come to us, creative spirit
Gradual 489 O Christ, the Healer, we have come
Offertory 183 Oh, the deep love of Jesus!
Dismissal 95 Sing to God new songs of worship

Readings for today Sunday 4th March

1st Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle -1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Gospel - John 2: 13-22

Readers - 8.00am – Richard and Colleen Binns

Readers - 9.30am - Megan Bowden and Karen Stubbs

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2: 13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

We remember in our prayers – Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Barbara, Ken, Doreen, Kelvin, Louie, Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Carol, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners Raines Avenue, Regal Place, Seine Road, Trevone Place.

This week

Tuesday 6th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00,
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 8th	10.00am Mainly Music.

Request from Mainly Music

Would anyone have a **baby door barrier** that they would be willing to give to Mainly Music. Please see Megan Bowden who would willingly take it off your hands. Thank you.

Parish Dinner

It is time for us to have another parish dinner.

We will meet at the Italian restaurant, Venice on Kitchener Road opposite Harcourts on Thursday 19th April at 7pm.

Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to come. The more the merrier.

Readings for next Sunday 11th March

1st Reading - Numbers 21: 4-9

Epistle - Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel - John 3: 14-21

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell