

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 8th April
Second Sunday of Easter

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Sentence - 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'. John 20. 21

Collect - Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence fills us with hope: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe, that we may be raised with you, to whom belong honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen

8.00am – Blue Book
9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 2 First of the week and finest day
Gradual 227 How sure the scriptures are!
Offertory 466 For the bread which you have broken
Dismissal 321 Crown him with many crowns

Readings for today Sunday 8th April

1st Reading – Acts 4: 32-35

Epistle – 1 John 1: 1-2: 2

Gospel – John 20: 19-31

Readers - 8.00am – Rosemary Maire

Readers - 9.30am – Liz Powell and Maureen Christensen

Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 – Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Barbara, Ken, Doreen, Kelvin, Louie, Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Carol, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

Readings for next Sunday 15th April

1st Reading – Acts 3: 12-19

Epistle – 1 John 3: 1-7

Gospel – Luke 24: 36b - 48

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Maureen Christensen and Gaylene Hotchkiss

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00,
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 12th	10.00am Mainly Music.

Garage Sale - Saturday 21st April. Help required on Friday 20th from 9.00am. Please sign list at back of church if you are able to help Friday or Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR A.G.M

The Parish A.G.M will be held during the 9.30am service on **Sunday 29th April**. There will be **NO** 8.00am service that day.

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.