

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

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**Sentence** - Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1: 17

**Collect** - Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

**Introit**                507 Just as I am, without one plea  
**Gradual**              298 For the beauty of the earth  
**Offertory**            645 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said  
**Dismissal**            93 Praise, my soul the king of heaven

**Readings for today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

**Epistle** - James 1: 17-27

**Gospel** - Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Song of Solomon 2: 8-13**

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

**James 1: 17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with

meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

We remember in our prayers – Tex, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Shadrak, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Dodson Avenue, Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service.

**Readings for next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

**Epistle** - James 2: 1-10, 14-17

**Gospel** - Mark 7: 24-37

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

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

**Parish Dinner** - at Athena on Roma Milford Road Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Please sign list at back of church if you will be attending. A great night of friendship and good conversation.

**Fund Raising High Tea** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the parish hall. Starting with a complimentary glass of champagne. Hats and gloves optional !!!!! Cost \$30.00.

**Wednesday Study Group** - See details below. This group will start on the 5<sup>th</sup> September after Wednesday communion service. Any queries please see Richard or Colleen Binns.



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