

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea
Sunday 9th September

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Sentence - So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. James 2: 13

Collect - Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

8.00am - NZPB 476

9.30am - NZPB 476

Introit 294 All things bright and beautiful
Gradual 531 I do not know tomorrow's way
Offertory 474 My God, now is your table spread
Dismissal 55 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Readings for today Sunday 9th September

1st 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

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks

daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7: 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 Gordon Avenue, Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study group 11.30am to 12.30pm.
Thursday 13th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 16th	8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service.

Readings for next Sunday 16th September

1st Reading - Proverbs 1: 20-33

Epistle - James 3: 1-12

Gospel - Mark 8: 27-38

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Margaret McLaren and Gaylene Hotchkiss



Wednesday 12th September Study Group - This week session 2 – Equality.

Jesus taught that each individual had inherent value – they were loved by God and worthy of love and consideration from other people. This became the central doctrine of western thought. Any queries please see Richard or Colleen Binns.

Parish Dinner - at Athena on Roma Milford Road Thursday 13th 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 6th October at 2pm in the parish hall. Starting with a complimentary glass of champagne. Hats and gloves optional !!!!! Cost \$30.00.