

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

Sunday 16th September

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Sentence – Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8: 35

Collect – God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 532 I'm not ashamed to name my Lord

Gradual 634 Will you come follow me?

Offertory 242 Be still

Dismissal 317 At the name of Jesus

Readings for today 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

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and

said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 18th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 19th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study group 11.30am to 12.30pm.
Thursday 20th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 21st	8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service.

Readings for next Sunday 23rd September

1st Reading - Proverbs 31: 10-31

Epistle – James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a

Gospel - Mark 9: 30-37

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Patrick Jackson and Priscilla Philip



**Wednesday 19th September Study Group -
This week is session 3**

Any queries please see Richard or Colleen Binns.

Parish Dinner - Great night, great food, with lots of conversation and laughter. If you haven't already been to a dinner please watch this space for the next one, all are welcome.

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.

Lectures - please see notice board for the **Sir Paul Reeves Memorial Lecture** and the **Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon's Lecture** on modern slavery and human trafficking today.