

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

St Paul's-by-the-3rd February

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Sentence - Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:14

Collect - Righteous God, you confound the worlds wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and the pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Introit 335 Come, O long expected Jesus
Gradual 336 Jesus, hope of every nation
Offertory 359 Once in royal David's city
Dismissal 64 Thanks be to God for all his saints

Readings for today Sunday 3rd February

1st Reading - Malachi 3: 1-4
Epistle - Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel - Luke 2: 22-40

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Liz Powell and Karen Stubbs

Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first born male shall be

designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people
Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

We remember in our prayers - Peter, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place, Prospect Terrace.



Audrey's family have asked us to let you know that next Saturday the 9th of February at 1.00pm they are holding a memorial service at St Paul's to remember Audrey's life. All are welcome.

Readings for next Sunday 10th February

1st Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-8,

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss and Marion Chiswell

Dates to remember

Selwyn Centre resumes this Tuesday 5th February. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.

Mid week Holy Communion service resumes **next week** on Wednesday 13th of February.

Mainly resumes this Thursday 7th February at 10.00am.



Saturday, 16th February

8.00am – 11am
St. Paul's Parish Hall
Cnr. Fenwick Ave. & Otakau Rd.

Cladding of Church

Quotes are due to go out shortly for tender as we would like to get this underway as soon as possible. This is only possible due to your generosity, thank you.