

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 7TH April

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Sentence - Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
Psalm 126:6

Collect - O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

8.00am - Lenten Liturgy

9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Introit 42 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Gradual 689 Lord, I come to you

Offertory 385 O sacred head surrounded

Dismissal 96 Sing praise to the Lord

Readings for today Sunday 7th April
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1st Reading - Isaiah 43: 16-21

Epistle - Philemon 3: 4b-14

Gospel - John 12: 1-8

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Megan Bowden and Marion Chiswell

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed
for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philemon 3: 4b-14

I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your
faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that
we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints
have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you
to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of
love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner
of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he
was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to
me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted
to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your
place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do

nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

We remember in our prayers – Jessica, Peter, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

Lenten study continues - Wednesdays 11:30am -12:30pm using the Visual Bible presentation. Study consists of a 30 minute dvd portrayal of the word for word text of Matthews gospel followed by 30 minute discussion. The study has been scheduled to allow for the accounts of Palm Sunday; Holy Week and Easter to coincide with the actual calendar events this year. Notes are provided.

Enquiries to Colleen and Richard Binns.

**Readings for next Sunday 14th April
Passion - Palm Sunday Sunday in Lent**

Dramatic Reading

Readers - 8.00am - Jack Weir and Nicky Roper

Readers - 9.30am - To be advised

This Week

Tuesday 9th April - Selwyn Centre 9.30am Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.

Wednesday 10th April - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am.
Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 11th April - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 14th April - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Thank You - Colleen for the Simnel cakes you made for both services last Sunday. They were very delicious and a nice way to remember Mothering Sunday.

High Tea - Given the great success of our last high tea, and the number of requests from those who attended, the next high tea will be on Saturday 11th May (the day before Mother's Day). Please book this into your diary, more details to follow.

Annual General Meeting of Seasons North Shore & Hibiscus Coast To be held 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th April at St Paul's – by – the – Sea 10 Otakau Road Milford. See notice board or speak with Megan if you require any more information.

Parish Monthly mission giving - From January to April the mission givings will go to the Auckland City Mission; from May to August it will go to the North Shore hospital chaplaincy; from

September to December it will go to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

First Aid Box - Is now in the cupboard above the kettles in the kitchen. Please do not remove this from the cupboard. If you use anything, please record this in the notebook.