

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 28th April**

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**Sentence** - Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20:27

**Collect** - **Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked: draw us beyond our doubts, till we see Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**8.00am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

**Introit**            - 2 First of the week and finest day  
**Gradual**        - 42 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
**Offertory**       - 321 Crown him with many crowns  
**Dismissal**      - 398 Alleluia, alleluia! hearts to heaven

**Readings for today Sunday 28th April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Acts 5: 27-32

**Epistle** - Revelation 1: 4-8

**Gospel** - John 20: 19-31

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

**Readers** - 9.30am – Liz Powell and Karen Stubbs

### **Acts 5: 27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

### **Revelation 1: 4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### **John 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace

be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue.

### **Readings for next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Acts 9: 1-6**

**Epistle** - Revelation 5: 11-14

**Gospel** - John 21: 1-19

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

**Readers** - 9.30am – Megan Bowden and Maureen Christensen

### **This Week**

**Tuesday 30th April** - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - No Mainly Music. School holidays.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

**Notice of A.G.M** – Parish A.G.M. is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am. Please note there is only one service on this day. Nomination forms for Vestry, wardens and synod representatives are available at the back of the church.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May (the day before Mother's Day). Please book this into your diary, more details to follow. List is at the back of the church to sign if you will be attending. Tickets on sale at \$35.00 please see Mary.

**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.