

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 1st September

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Sentence - All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14: 11

Collect - O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: Teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 - 6 I rejoiced to hear them say
Gradual - 4 Here in this place
Offertory - 619 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Dismissal - 317 At the name of Jesus

Readings for today Sunday 1st September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 2: 4-13
Epistle - Hebrew 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel - Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Marion Chiswell and Karen Stubbs

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me,

and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,

and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal,

and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory or something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly

desolate,

says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,

and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hebrew 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will

be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Readings for next Sunday 8th September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Epistle - Philemon 1-21

Gospel - Luke 14: 25-33

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers – Patrick Jackson and Megan Bowden

This Week

Tuesday 3rd - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 4th - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 5th - Mainly Music 10.00am

Sunday 8th September - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

Indaba - Continues for the third round this year. It is another opportunity for three parishes in the Auckland Diocese to experience worship, and meet together, at various churches. Five representatives from Holy Trinity Devonport and St Peter's Takapuna will join with us on the 8th September at the 9.30am service. The next gathering of the representatives will be at St Peter's Takapuna on the 29th September, and the Indaba process will conclude at Holy Trinity Devonport on the 3rd November.