

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 24th November - Christ the King

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Sentence - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9

Collect - Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy, and may worship and adore you forever; through 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 - 179 Love divine, all loves excelling
Gradual - 440 Rejoice the Lord is King
Offertory - 205 The king of love my shepherd is
Dismissal - 71 To God be the glory

Readings for next Sunday 24th November

1st Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Epistle - Colossians 1: 11-20
Gospel - Luke 23: 33-43
Readers - To be advised

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

We remember in our prayers - Lorna, Lyn, Tommy, Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent.

Readings for next Sunday 1st December First Sunday in Advent

1st Reading - Isaiah 2: 1-5

Epistle - Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel - Matthew 24: 36-44

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Liz Powell and Hotchkiss

This Week

Tuesday 26th November - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 27th November - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 28th November - 10.00am Mainly Music.

Sunday 1st December - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Parish Dinner - On Thursday night a group of 22 gathered at the Venice restaurant in Milford, lots of laughter, great conversation and great food was enjoyed by us all.

Recladding of the church - Vestry have read through David's letter about the increased costs (an approximate \$30 900) due to a number of council requirements. As you know, we had donations, and had raised the money required to meet David's first quote. With having to pay council, architect, and other fees, this meant that the \$50 000 initially raised is now down to \$32 500. Vestry has asked David to see what work may now be possible with the reduced funds.

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The good news is that on Friday we received a very generous donation of \$10,000 towards the building costs.