

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 2nd February 2020



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Sentence - What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Collect - Living God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 456

Introit - 64 Thanks be to God for his saints

Gradual - 335 Come, O long expected Jesus

Offertory - 375 New light has dawned

Dismissal - 437 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

Readings for today Sunday 2nd 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 – Patrick Jackson 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 firstborn 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 - 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 Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

Readings for next Sunday 9th February

1st Reading - Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Gospel - Matthew 5: 13-20

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick Jackson and Megan Bowden

Selwyn Centre - resumes this Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday Service - resumes this Wednesday 5th February

Mainly Music - resumes Thursday 13th February 2020

Job Vacancy

Part time retail position offered 2 days per week at our hardware store Takapuna.

We are seeking a reliable people person with some computer skills and willingness to learn more. May suit a mature person.

Please email mgales@slingshot.co.nz.