

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 9th February 2020

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A very warm welcome to the Rev'd Daniel and Catherine Sahayam. Daniel is studying at St John's Theological College. We look forward to them joining in with us this year.

Sentence - Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5: 16

Collect - Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the 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 - 4 Here in this place
Gradual - 226 Help us, O Lord, to learn
Offertory - 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Dismissal - 592 Church of God, elect and glorious

Readings for today 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

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5: 13-20

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever break one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue, Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive.

Readings for next Sunday 16th February

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Gospel - Matthew 5: 21-37

Readers 8.00am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Megan Bowden and Chris Maud

This Week

Tuesday 11th February - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 12th February - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am.
Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 13th February - Mainly Music resumes 10.00am

Sunday 16th February- 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

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.

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