

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 23rd February 2020**

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**Sentence** - You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Leviticus 19: 2

**Collect** - Hidden God, whose wisdom compels our love and unsettles all our values: fill us with desire to search for her truth, that we may transform the world, becoming fools for her sake, through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom made flesh, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

**8.00am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 456

**Introit** - 44 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
**Gradual** - 663 Come down, O Love divine  
**Offertory** - 149 O for a heart to praise my God  
**Dismissal** - 53 O God beyond all praising

**Readings for today Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

**Epistle** -1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

**Gospel** - Matthew 5: 38-48

**Readers** 8.00am -To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Erica Halliday and Marion Chiswell

## **Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

## **1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23**

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on

the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

### **Matthew 5: 38-48**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children

of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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 Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road.

### **Readings for next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

**Epistle** - Romans 5: 12-19

**Gospel** - Matthew 4: 1-11

**Readers** 8.00am -To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Karen Stubbs and Priscilla Philip

### **This Week**

**Tuesday 25th February Shrove Tuesday** - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$4.00.

**Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday** -

Holy Communion and Imposition of ashes 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

**Thursday 27th February** - Mainly Music resumes 10.00am

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.