

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 2nd March 2025

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Sentence - 'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it'. Isaiah 55:11

Collect - Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and freed us from bondage and sin: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	537 My hope is built on nothing less
Gradual	188 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Offertory	680 When I survey the wondrous cross
Closing	44 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 2nd March

First Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-13

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Gospel - Luke 6: 39-49

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Ulo and Liz

Isaiah 55: 10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Luke 6: 39-49

He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but every disciple who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house.”

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 4th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 5th	Ash Wednesday - and Holy Communion, including the imposition of ashes at 10.00am.
Thursday 6th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 9th	8.00am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 9th March

First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Epistle - Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Sarah and Edward

We remember in our prayers - Those people in our parish in need of prayer we remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue, Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At this stage Sunday 23rd March will be the last 8am service at St Paul's. This service will go into recess until further notice. This is due to the decline in numbers and there being no organist available to play at this service.

St Paul's AGM - Sunday 30th March

Our AGM will take place during the 9.30am Service.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March 2025

“I Made You Wonderfully”

A service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee
from the Cook Islands.

Place - St Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna.

Time - 11.00am