

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 6th June

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Sentence - [Here are my mother and my brothers!] Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. Mark3: 34-35

Collect - Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an insurance of your love and power that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	4 Here in this place
Gradual	173 He lives in us, the Christ of God
Offertory	575 In Christ there is no east or west
Dismissal	596 Go forth and tell!

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 6th June

1st Reading -1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

Gospel - Mark 3: 20-35

Readers 8.00am -To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Marion and Liz

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture “I believed, and so I spoke” we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is

destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3: 20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit .” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

We remember in our prayers - Noeline, Bob, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob, Debbie and Jeff. And residents and parishioners Heathcote Road, Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace.

Readings for next Sunday 13th June

1st Reading - 1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion. 8.00am and 9.30am.

Offertory - At the AGM we spoke about having little cards for parishioners who make their offerings through automatic payment to place in the collection bag, so the sidesperson can happily pass the bag to everyone rather than having to guess who gives via envelope or cash. These cards are now available, in a basket on the Welcome table. Special thanks to Rev'd Colleen Binns who created the cards, chose the various verses on their reverse side, and laminated them for us.

Patronal Festival - Please note in your diaries Sunday 27th June. We will celebrate our Patronal Festival. There will be one service at 9.30am. Followed by a shared brunch.