



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **The Spirit of Truth Who Issues from the Father, He Will Be My Witness**

Jesus helps us know the origin of the Holy Spirit, who issues from God the Father. He added, "everything the Father has is mine," and "All he [the Holy Spirit] tells you will be taken from what is mine." From what Jesus explains, we believe and understand that the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and Jesus. For this reason, to believe in God is to believe in Jesus and in the Holy Spirit, and to believe in Jesus is to believe in God and in the Holy Spirit, and to believe in the Holy Spirit is to believe in God and in Jesus. In the world, the Holy Spirit is present in many cultures, languages, and religions, and there are people who know the Holy Spirit and know that the Holy Spirit is God. However, not everyone who knows the Holy Spirit knows Jesus as God.

As St. Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said to the Athenians, "I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'" (Acts 17:22-28).

St. Paul was anointed with the Holy Spirit and his speech fulfills the teaching of Christ about the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit who abides fully in Jesus and in those that Jesus chose for himself. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." In today's world too, the Holy Spirit abides in anyone who believes in Jesus and allows His Spirit to kindle in them the power of his love. *Fr. Tien Cao*

### **"Invoking the Holy Spirit: A Prayer for Parish Transformation and Growth"**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

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### **PARISH MASS TIMES**

#### **FAIRLIE - ST. PATRICK'S**

Sunday 9:30 am

Tue – Fri

Adoration: 8:00 – 9:00 am

Mass: 9:15 am

Reconciliation every day during adoration

#### **TWIZEL – All Saints'**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

#### **TEKAPO - Good Shepherd Church**

**Last Sunday of the Month: May 26, at 6:00 pm**

Reconciliation by appointment

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### 1. Senior Leadership Team (SLT) - What is it?

*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together"* Ancient Proverb. The typical church model is one in which the Parish Priest is responsible for everything. In some parishes priests have been able to delegate tasks to individuals, committees or teams. However, the delegation of tasks is not the same as the delegation of leadership. Leadership means assuming responsibility rather than completing tasks. We can understand it in terms of a co-responsibility for the mission of the church that is rooted in our baptismal vocation. In charity, please pray for our parish for a formation of a senior leadership team who will complement the skills of the parish priest to ensure the parish is led effectively. They are not part of a team led by the parish priest but leaders through whom he can lead more effectively. So instead of the parish priest leading a team, we can genuinely say that the parish priest is 'leading out of a team'.

*"Co-responsibility demands a change in mindset especially concerning the role of lay people in the Church. They should not be regarded as "collaborators" of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really "co-responsible" for the Church's being and acting. It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity be consolidated, which can make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church and always in cordial communion with the bishops"* Pope Benedict XVI, Message to the Sixth Ordinary Assembly of the International Forum of Catholic Action, 10/08/2012.

**2. Pray Before Every Sunday Mass:** We have been excited to reintroduce this ancient prayer that we believe encapsulates our shared aspirations for our community: *'Invoking the Holy Spirit: A Prayer for Parish Transformation and Growth.'* In this prayer, we call upon the Holy Spirit to reignite our hearts with love, to renew our spirits with courage, and to guide us with clarity in our journey of transformation and growth as a parish.

**3. Praying the Rosary for the Parish:** By praying the Rosary, Catholics seek Mother Mary's intercessions and guidance in our spiritual journey, asking for her help in living a life more closely aligned with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Rosary, with its repetition of prayers and meditation on various mysteries from the lives of Jesus and Mary, is considered a powerful tool for spiritual growth and reflection.

- **In Twizel:** There is a New Rosary group that will start meeting at Kathleen and Brian Carpenter's house every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Please join them in praying for the parish.

**4. Tax Receipts:** Thank you for your financial contribution to the parish. Without your support, the parish cannot function. Please collect your tax receipts, and we encourage you to use Automatic Payment. May God bless you abundantly, as 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor 9:7).

**5. Fr. Tien Cao is away:** This week Fr. Tien will be in Australia for a conference on Catholic Education and some work regarding vocations. Fr. Chris O'Neil will look after the Sunday Masses.

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary Murdock	Lenise Kearns	Elizabeth Higgins
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Elizabeth Higgins	Kathleen Carpenter	Sandy Murray

**Church set up for May 2024:** Sandy Murray

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Terry O'Connell	Terry O'Connell	Christine O'Connell	Abella family	Mary Calder
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ava Gamleth	Ava Gamleth	Neville Smith	Cath Hanrahan	Christine O'Connell

**Cleaners:** 17 May/24 May                      Claire Guiney /                      Kellie Cassie

**June 2nd Morning Tea:** Louise Wynn