



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR B

25th & 26th May 2024

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God loves the world so much that He has sent us His only begotten Son to share with us His name, His nature, and His eternal life.

First of all, the invocation of ‘in the name of the Father’ is not about a title or a position of the One God, but it is about both a recognition of God as the Creator and Origin of all things and a statement of His nature as Father. The Fatherhood of God is fully revealed to us when Christ was sent into the world. Through Christ, the Fatherhood of God indicates the intimate relationship between God and us. The truth Christ has made known to us is that we are first of all God’s sons and daughters, and not His subjects to be ruled or controlled. Christ teaches us to pray ‘The Our Father.’ Here, Christ has made known the will of God to us, that God prefers us to call and relate to Him as Father. He likes to call us beloved sons and daughters, as He called Christ ‘my beloved’ at His baptism in the river Jordan and at His transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. So, through the invocation of ‘in the name of the Father,’ the Fatherhood of God is lovingly known and honored.

Again, the invocation of ‘in the name of the Son’ is not about a title or a position neither, but it refers to the nature of Sonship between Christ and the Father that is relational. In the name of the Son, the Father loves each one of us personally as He loves Christ Himself, and in the name of the Son, we can love the Father as Christ loves Him.

Similarly, the invocation of ‘in the name of the Holy Spirit,’ we celebrate the beauty of God’s Holiness and universal Spirituality. In many nations, the Holiness and the Spirit of God have already been known as a ‘god’ or a ‘goddess,’ but the people may not have known God as being Father and Son. Thus, as Christians, it is our both privilege and responsibility to spread the Good News to people of all nations that God is our Father who is full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.

Finally, our celebration of Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to ask the Triune God to bring us all into harmony and into a communion of love with one another. As St. John has taught us, God is Love, and the nature of love is communicative and relational; love is not self-sufficient, so may we learn from the model of love of the Trinity to become good receivers and sharers of God’s love. By receiving the fullness of God’s love, may we also become loving instruments in the world ‘in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’

Fr. Tien Cao

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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

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NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Naming Our Cathedral: Bishop Michael has initiated a process for choosing a patronal name for the new Cathedral. People are invited to nominate a patronal name, and offer a brief explanation why, between now and 9th June. A short-list will then be shared for consideration before Bishop Michael discerns the name, which he will announce in late July.

Visit www.cdcc.nz from Saturday evening to submit your nomination or ask your parish team for a paper form.

2. Senior Leadership Team (SLT) - What does the SLT do in the parish?

The Senior Leadership Team meets for 1.5 hours every 2nd Sunday to begin a process of forming a vision for our Mackenzie Parish.

Why a new Vision? - Talking about a new vision is always exciting and at the same time drives you crazy because we are not there yet. We want so much more for our parish and for our people. A new vision brings about the excitement in the heart of the believers, because it gives birth to new hopes and possibilities that God is about to act among us. A vision can be formed by asking the right question: What are your hopes and dreams for your parish?

We need a vision that sets us a clear direction that guides our behaviours. It is a mind picture of what we could be together as a parish. Then we begin working back from that to some specific areas of focus that will find us incorporating into our daily lives behaviours that lead us step by step to that place. Our human self can be prone to seeing why something is not possible when our thinking is dominated by existing circumstances. When we start with all the problems, all the reasons in a now secular society why our catholic faith and traditions 'can't' succeed, we obscure the picture of a potentially vibrant community with faith at its core. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, focusing on that picture opens up solutions.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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).

6. Thank You: In my absence, I am grateful to our priests, Fr. Michael Welsh and Fr. Chris O'Neil, for looking after our Sunday Masses over the last two weeks. I also want to thank those who have helped ensure the ministries of the Mass and other functions in the parish run smoothly. May God bless you greatly for your service.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
25 th May	Elizabeth Higgins	Kathleen Carpenter	Sandy Murray
1 st June	Garry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for May 2024: Sandy Murray

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
26 th May	Ava Gamleth	Ava Gamleth	Neville Smith	Cath Hanrahan	Christine O'Connell
2 nd June	Deborah O'Neill	Deborah O'Neill	Mercedes Abella	Tony Hill	Tony Hill

Cleaners: 31 May/7 Jun Rosie Clark / Tessa Gallagher

June 2nd Morning Tea: Louise Wynn