



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8th & 9th June 2024

He Was Out of His Mind

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. And when the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem to see him and to witness his work, they said, "Beelzebul was in him," and, "It was through the prince of devils that he cast devils" (Mk 3:20-35). In the midst of these insults and rejection, Jesus did not become overly reactive, and he was not threatened by their false accusations.

The phrase "out of your mind" normally contains a negative connotation. It illustrates that someone acts irrationally or crazily in a state of extreme anger or distress. They can be overwhelmed and not thinking clearly, temporarily insane or mentally disturbed. Their decision-making does not make sense. And so, for the relatives of Jesus to admit publicly that "he was out of his mind," he must have demonstrated unusual behavior publicly in a way that was humiliating to himself and his relatives. In today's terms, the relatives of Jesus might admit that Jesus had psychological and psychiatric problems. Here, the Gospel of Mark, with its authenticity, did not avoid recording this scandalous term that people said about Jesus. For many believers, the term "out of his mind" is not helpful for us to put our total trust in Jesus, or to give up everything to follow him, and certainly without God's grace, it is not worth suffering persecutions because of Jesus.

However, the term "he was out of his mind" can also have positive connotations, often indicating an extreme state of emotion or enthusiasm, happiness and joy, or in the case of Jesus, he was robed in majesty and fullness of power that dominated the power of the devil. Or theologically, as God who became Man and lived among us, the mind of Jesus operated at a higher level of existence that the already corrupted human mind cannot fully comprehend and grasp the full meaning of what he was doing in the world. Turning to the sacred Scripture may help us understand the mind of Jesus more holistically. Isaiah prophesied, "The Lord declared, 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts' (Is 55:8-9)." Therefore, Jesus told his relatives something that they must have never heard in their life, "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is his brother and sister and mother." St. Paul added, "Jews demand signs and Greeks search for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:22-24). St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) later said that "for those who believe, no evidence is needed, but for those who choose not to believe, no explanation is sufficient."

Finally, as believers in today's secular society, one has to make a conscious choice: choosing Jesus and allowing people around us to call us "out of our mind," as they called Jesus himself, or choosing the world and insulting the Lord, or simply keeping silent as the disciples of Christ when people accused him that "he was out of his mind." *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:

June 30, at 6:00 pm

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NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Last Call- 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, **the due date is June 9th**. A short-list will then be shared for consideration before Bishop Michael discerns the name, which he will announce in late July.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/patronalname> to submit your nomination or ask your parish team for a paper form.

2. A Vision Is A God Inspired Picture Of The Future That Produces Passion - Just a reminder of the big aspirational movement of your heart that you will try to verbalize and cascade to others.

Example 1: While he was still an unknown person, God promised Abraham in Genesis 12 that He would make Abraham the father of a great nation, that he would be blessed and his name would be great. God promised the land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants. He also promised that Abraham's descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, and that through Abraham's offspring, all nations on earth would be blessed.

Example 2: While they were still slaves, God promised Moses in Exodus to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He established a covenant with Moses and the Israelites, giving them the Ten Commandments and other laws to follow. God promised to bring the Israelites to a land flowing with milk and honey, the land of Canaan, and assured Moses that His presence would go with him and the Israelites, guiding and protecting them.

What Is A New Vision for the Mackenzie Catholic Parish?

➤ **Context:** Think about some of the things that inspired you to be at Church every Sunday. Why do you do the things in the Church that other people around you don't? What is your dreams and visions for parish?.....

➤ **Reflection:** What are your hopes and dreams for our parish? Try writing it down to begin formulating it into words, painting the picture of the future that produces hope and passion.

➤ **Conversations:** Have four Vision conversations with others around you – share your loves and crazies, ask them the same question.

3. Praying the Rosary for the Parish: "The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium" (St. John Paul II).

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

4. Please join us in praying for: The happy repose of Fr. Anton McLean, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning. A Vigil Mass will be held at the Pro-Cathedral at 6 pm on Monday, June 10th. Fr. Anton will then be transported to Oamaru for his Requiem Mass to be held at St. Kevin's Chapel, Taward St, at 2 pm on Tuesday, June 11th.

We also pray for Jane Coughlan, and those who have died due to recent natural disasters, especially in Papua New Guinea, and the victims of violence in Gaza and Ukraine.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
8 th June	Sharon Blanchard	Bronwen Dauvin	Elizabeth Higgins
15 th June	Elizabeth Higgins	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray

Church set up for June 2024: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
9 th June	Kevin O'Neill	Kevin O'Neill	Mary Calder	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden
16 th June	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Leonie Guiney	Kevin O'Neill	Christine O'Connell

Cleaners: 14 / 21 June Kelly Eason / Louise Anderson

July 7th Morning Tea: Abella Family