

MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

15th & 16th June 2024

The Kingdom of God According to Jesus

The Kingdom of God is not the result of our human making or finding, but a supernatural reality revealed to us with love by Jesus himself. He uses the two parables of the Sower and the Mustard Seed to illustrate that the glory of the Kingdom of God is present in each person, in the community of believers, and in the final banquet as a harvest (Mk 4:26-34).

Those who believe in God have already experienced an irresistible and undeniable foretaste of the glory of God within themselves. It is their inner peace and tranquillity, their joy and love that each believer regularly experiences. They are convinced that they cannot live without God and desire that everyone else should have the same loving experience. These believers also know that they have been the land in which the word of God has been sown. Just as the land is barren without seeds, so they believe that their lives will be barren without God. Day by day, they long to grow more deeply into the heavenly sweetness of God's love. They have already believed, lived, and testified that it is the Holy Spirit who has made them produce His fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, meekness, generosity, and more.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) regretfully cried out at the end of his life: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness, I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath, and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace" (Confessions, Book 10, Chapter 27). Here, the Kingdom of God is personally experienced, yet not private.

In 1971, Pope Paul VI emphasized the need for a society built on love and justice, where the dignity of every human being is respected and protected. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he coined the term "a civilization of love," calling for a transformation of societal structures to reflect the principles of the Gospel, promoting a culture where love, compassion, and mutual respect are the foundation of all human relationships and institutions. Thus, the Kingdom of God is also experienced mutually by the community of believers in Christ who live and cherish the values taught by Christ Himself.

Finally, the fullness of God's Kingdom will come as the final banquet of love and union in heaven. The parables in the Gospel of Mark demonstrate that the Holy Spirit is secretly present in our lives and society, and whether we are aware of it or not, His power is at work in those who believe. Believing in God is to equally believe in the Word – *the Logos*, through whom God created all things out of love.

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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. Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace: The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace is dedicated to promoting the knowledge and practice of Catholic Social Teaching within our diocese https://cdoc.nz/what-we-do/ccjp We support the Bishop in his efforts to engage with the Catholic community, offering education through various means such as publications and the Justice and Peace Competition. We are actively seeking new members to join our mission. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact us at ccjpchch@gmail.com
- **2. A Vision:** Today the parables in the Gospel of Mark demonstrate that the Holy Spirit is secretly present in our lives and society, and whether we are aware of it or not, His power is at work in those who believe. Believing in God is to equally believe in the Word the Logos, through whom God created all things out of love.

Example: 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.

What is your belief for our 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, those whose anniversaries occur during this time and those who have died due to recent natural disasters, especially in Papua New Guinea, and the victims of violence in Gaza and Ukraine.
- **5. Naming Our Cathedral:** Thank you to the approximately 700 people who submitted suggestions for the patronal name for our new cathedral. A short-list of names will be shared later this month, and people invited to indicate their preferences, from which three final options will emerge. Bishop Michael, assisted by lay, religious and clergy advisers, will then prayerfully discern the name of the cathedral. The patronal name will be announced by the end of July. More information will be shared in parish notices in coming weeks.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER								
Date Reader		OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister					
15 th June	Elizabeth Higgins	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray					
22 nd June	Mary Murdoch	Lenise Kearns	Kathleen Carpenter					

Church set up for June 2024: Lenise Kearns

ST. PA	ATRICK'S	CHURCH	FAIRLIE	ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
16 th June	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Leonie Guiney	Kevin O'Neill	Christine O'Connell
23 rd June	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Cath Hanrahan	Neville Smith	Mary Calder

Cleaners: 14 / 21 June Kelly Eason / Louise Anderson

July 7th Morning Tea: Abella Family