



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

22nd & 23rd June 2024

Even The Wind and The Sea Obey Jesus

This Sunday, the Gospel of Mark testifies that Jesus has power over the forces of nature, such as the wind and the sea (Mk 4:35-41). The wind and the sea obey Jesus because they were made in and through Jesus - *the Logos*. St. John tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (Jn 1:1-3). Understanding the supernatural power of Jesus' divinity regarding nature, St. Paul also wrote to the Colossians, "The Son [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Col 1:15-17). Additionally, the Letter to the Hebrews explains, "In these last days he [God] has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word" (Heb 1:2-3).

In the ancient world, various cultures and religions often personified natural elements such as the sea and the wind, worshiping them as gods or attributing divine characteristics to them. However, today's Gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus has authority and power over and above all these gods. This demonstrates that Christians should have no fear or anxiety; we should live with true freedom of heart. Because to have the privilege to hear the Word of God is to hear God himself, and to believe in the Word is to believe in Jesus and vice versa. Therefore, we can pray for ourselves as well as for others who are suffering from extreme natural disasters, whether caused by the force of nature or by our human irresponsible exploitation of nature.

Symbolically, the storm in the Gospel of Mark can be seen as a metaphor for the trials and tribulations in life. The historical event of Jesus calming the storm symbolizes the peace and security that faith in him can bring. It invites believers to be reassured that no matter how turbulent our lives may become, Jesus has the power to bring peace and hope. As this Sunday's entrance antiphon cites, Psalm 27 reminds people of faith that "the Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed" (Ps 27:8).

Finally, another symbol that comes from today's Gospel is the Church community where Jesus is present. It is the boat being tossed in the tumultuous waves of the world, and Jesus is present in her. Jesus is not asleep; he wants us to know that he is waiting for us to repetitively call on him 'in prayer' just as his disciples cried out, "Lord, we are going down!" When he hears our voice, cried out in humility and trust, all will be calm for us again.

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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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Adoration: Praise & Worship on Friday, 28th June: We warmly invite you to join us for an evening of adoration and worship at St. Patrick's Church, led by a vibrant group of 30 young adults from Christchurch. This special event will take place **from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** and promises to be a wonderful time of bonding, prayer, and praise.

Whether you are a young adult yourself or know someone who might be interested, please come and experience the powerful presence of the Eucharist and the uplifting spirit of our youth. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage you to bring friends and family to share in this inspiring evening. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect and grow in faith together!

2. Diocesan Year Of Prayer Conference: Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a Year of Prayer as a lead up to the Jubilee Year in 2025. The Christchurch Diocese is holding a Conference on Saturday July 27th to mark this year. The theme of the conference is "Lord, teach us to pray" and will involve Mass, Prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. The Conference is being held in Ashburton at the Holy Name Catholic Church and the Sinclair Centre. The cost \$59 includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. All are invited to join with Bishop Michael. For more information and to register go to <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/pr> or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

3. Praying the Rosary for the Parish: St. Francis de Sales: "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." St. Padre Pio was known for his deep devotion to the Rosary, he famously said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." He would often pray multiple Rosaries a day and encouraged others to do the same for spiritual strength and protection.

- *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, especially James Higgins 13th June, Noureen Benzie 17th June, Julie Higgins 26th June, Robert Benzie 5th Oct, and those who have died due to recent natural disasters, and the victims of violence in Gaza and Ukraine.

5. Naming Our Cathedral: In recent weeks, the Catholic community in the Christchurch Diocese has helped Bishop Michael refine his thinking on a worthy patronal name for the new cathedral. After prayer and discernment with a group of advisers, a shortlist of seven names has emerged. Flyers with profiles of each candidate are available after Mass and on the Diocesan website. Parishioners are encouraged to pray and use the online form to select up to three names by July 7, with the final name to be announced by the end of July.

6. 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 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

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
22 nd June	Mary Murdoch	Lenise Kearns	Kathleen Carpenter
29 th June	Gerry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for June 2024: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
23 rd June	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Cath Hanrahan	Neville Smith	Mary Calder
30 th June	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Rosemary Moran	Abella family	Tony Hill

Cleaners: 28 Jun/ 5 Jul Jo O'Neill & Mary Harris

July 7th Morning Tea: Abella Family