



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

29th & 30th June 2024

Have Solid Faith in Jesus Despite Being Discouraged

This Sunday's Gospel illustrates two remarkable testimonies of faith in the power of Jesus (Mk 5:21-43). The first is about an elderly woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for 12 years. It must have been a long time of suffering and discomfort for her. However, according to divine wisdom and providence, her suffering was not in vain but served as a means to manifest her faith. As St. Paul explained to the Romans, we also glory in our sufferings because we realize that suffering develops perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. Such hope will not be doomed to disappointment because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Rom 5:3-5). For this elderly woman, who had interiorly believed in Jesus before she touched Him and was cured, Jesus confirmed her faith by saying, "My daughter, your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint." Similarly, the father of the little 12 years old girl believed in Jesus's power despite being told by those close to him not to believe any longer because his daughter had already died. To him, Jesus responded, "Do not be afraid; only have faith."

To help us, God does not count on our worthiness or achievements, God counts on our childlike trust. These testimonies aim to empower us in our faith, hope, and love of God despite our secular living environment. By hearing about the miracles and seeing the good works that Jesus did, hopefully, our faith is awakened so that we realize there is nothing impossible for God. Even when our faith in God is as small as a mustard seed, God's miracles can still be at work.

Fr. Tien Cao

READINGS AT MASS THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING • (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24). *Spiritual death by sin causes separation from God, a separation which God does not desire.*

SECOND READING • (2 Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15). *Those who have a surplus of this world's goods should give generously to those in need.*

GOSPEL • (Mark 5:21-43). *Jesus, on the way to bring life to a young girl, is touched by an older woman who also needs healing.*

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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. Matariki: May God bless those who celebrate Matariki – remembering the past with gratitude, living the present moment with enthusiasm, and looking toward the future with hope in the power of God, who has created all things, visible and invisible. It is also an occasion to thank God for the gifts of His creation, as Psalm 148:3-4 cites: *“Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens.”*

2. 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 takes 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!

3. Diocesan Year of Prayer Conference: 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

4. Praying the Rosary for the Parish’s Vision: 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: *What is the Lord calling OUR Mackenzie Catholic Parish to focus on right now?* Spiritual Growth - Community Building - Service and Outreach - Discipleship and Education - Worship and Liturgy – Evangelization – Stewardship?

5. 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.

6. Naming Our Cathedral: After prayer and discernment with a group of advisers, a shortlist of seven names has emerged. 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. Complete online: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>

7. 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
29 th June	Gerry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Bronwen Dauvin
6 th July	Sharon Blanchard	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter

Church set up for June 2024: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
30 th June	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Rosemary Moran	Abella family	Tony Hill
7 th July	Terry O’Connell	Terry O’Connell	Christine O’Connell	Cath Hanrahan	Lisa Holden

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

July 7th Morning Tea: Abella Family