



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

*Communion / Participation / Mission*



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Jesus: The Ultimate Prophet and Fulfillment of God's Promise

A prophet, or a prophetess, is an individual regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God. The mission of a prophet is to communicate God's will to His people. This mission is not measured by popularity or acceptance but by faithfulness to God's message. A true prophet proclaims the divine will regardless of whether the message is received or rejected. In today's Gospel reading from Mark, we see that the people in Jesus' hometown did not accept Him as a prophet because of their lack of faith (Mark 6:1-6). Despite His wisdom and miraculous works, they were unable to see beyond their familiarity with Him as the carpenter, the son of Mary.

Throughout history, God has communicated with humanity in various ways, including voices, visions, and extraordinary phenomena like the burning bush. Ultimately, God spoke to us through His Son. As the Letter to the Hebrews states, "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 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" (Hebrews 1:1-3).

Indeed, Jesus is God's glory, the exact imprint of God's very being, the Word of God that became flesh and lived among us, the 'Emmanuel' – God with us. In Jesus, God humbled Himself to speak to us directly, live among us as one of us, teach us wisdom as our Head, die for us as Savior, and rise again from the dead for our sake. This assures us that God always keeps His promises that He had spoken through His prophets and ambassadors. In Jesus Christ, God has come in person not to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill them (Matthew 5:17).

Today, we are reminded that everyone who has been baptized and knows the Word of God is also a prophet. As foretold by the prophet Joel, "I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28-29). So, let us remember our noble prophetic mission entrusted to us by God: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18). *Fr. Tien Cao*

### THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Ezekiel 2:2-5). *The prophet is filled with the power of the Spirit and is commissioned to take a forthright stand in speaking to a troublesome nation.*

SECOND READING • (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). *Paul discloses some of the anguish that plagued him in his personal life under the figure of the thorn in the flesh. After his struggle he is assured of the power of God working in weakness.*

GOSPEL • (Mark 6:1-6). *The life of Jesus had its disappointments, as his own people refused to entertain the possibility that he had something to say to them*

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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:

July 28, at 6:00 pm

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## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

**1. Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:** Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 3rd-12th January 2025! Registrations open 14th July at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit <https://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/> to register or find out more.

**2. St Vincent De Paul - Urgent Needs:** Due to a mammoth increase in welfare demands, Vinnies are in desperate need of:

- Bedding & Linen – Blankets, Sheets and Towels
- Children’s winter clothing

Donations can be dropped to a Vinnies Shop at Stanmore Road, Hornby, or Papanui. Or drop into the Blue Vinnie Bin at one of the Parish Churches <https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/cha> ... or Donate by linking to SVdP give a little page St Vincent De Paul, Christchurch City Area - Givealittle to “Help Us to Help Others”

**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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> June, Noureen Benzie 17<sup>th</sup> June, Julie Higgins 26<sup>th</sup> June, Robert Benzie 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccjpchch@gmail.com)

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sharon Blanchard	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Kathleen Carpenter	Lenise Kearns	Elizabeth Higgins

**Church set up for June 2024:** Carpenters

### ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Terry O’Connell	Terry O’Connell	Christine O’Connell	Cath Hanrahan	Lisa Holden
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine O’Connell	Christine O’Connell	Neville Smith	Tony Hill	Christine O’Connell

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

**July 7th Morning Tea:** Abella Family