



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

*Communion / Participation / Mission*



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**A Cathedral Patron  
to Shepherd Us in  
This Age**



In today's readings and psalm, we encounter the comforting and familiar image of the shepherd. This image, deeply resonant with New Zealanders, cautions us against misleading shepherds and directs us towards Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Mark's Gospel emphasizes Jesus as the Shepherd who knows and is known by his sheep. This imagery has a rich history, with early Christian art from the second century depicting Jesus as the Good Shepherd, holding or embracing sheep.

Pope Francis, on a Good Shepherd Sunday, highlighted that Christians find our identity in Jesus' embrace, urging us to place ourselves in his presence to be uplifted. Similarly, cathedrals serve as focal points of spiritual strength, offering welcome, comfort, new birth, refuge, and healing. As Bishop Michael noted, a cathedral is the spiritual home of the local Church, symbolizing the Church's Apostolic lineage and connection to the Good Shepherd.

Recently, the faithful of the Christchurch Diocese have reflected on the significance of a cathedral. We have shared sentiments such as the cathedral being a divine sanctuary, a city icon leading people to God, and a welcoming place of mercy. Guided by these reflections and supported by a diverse advisory group, Bishop Michael has been discerning a patronal name for the new cathedral. The initial list of seven names has been narrowed down to three: The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, or The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Michael, in the tradition of the Apostles, is taking time for prayer and contemplation, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in this decision. We, who are the faithful of the diocese, have been invited to join in an Hour of Prayer, aligning our prayers with the bishop's for a patron who can shepherd us in this age. The chosen name for the new cathedral will be announced early next month.

*Fr. Tien Cao (from Bishop Michael's notes)*

### THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • *(Jeremiah 23:1-6). Jeremiah promises that God cares for those who have been scattered abroad through carelessness of their leaders.*

SECOND READING • *(Ephesians 2:13-18). The death of Jesus has forged unity between God and humanity, bringing members of the human race nearer to God and to each other.*

GOSPEL • *(Mark 6:30-34). Jesus looks with pity on the listless crowd and begins to teach them, although he had been imposed upon to such an extent that he did not have time to eat.*

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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. A New Name for A New Cathedral:** Bishop Michael would like to thank the people of our Diocese who have responded generously to the invitation to prayerfully consider a name for our new cathedral. After prayer and discernment with a group of advisers representing laity, religious and priests a shortlist of three names has emerged. Today we announce the final three names that Bishop Michael will now take to prayer. They are:

- a. The Cathedral of St Francis of Assisi
- b. The Cathedral of St John the Baptist
- c. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Bishop Michael thanks you for your prayerful accompaniment on this journey. The final name will be announced early next month. May the Lord continue to guide us to a patronal name for our new cathedral.

**2. Hour Of Prayer in Adoration – This Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024:** Bishop Michael is inviting the people of the Diocese to join him in prayer from 2-3 pm on Sunday, July 21. During this hour, people are asked to pray for the specific intention of Bishop Michael’s discernment of the name for our new cathedral.

- *Our Mackenzie Parish* will hold the hour of prayer at All Saints’ Church in Twizel from 4.00 - 5.00 pm on Saturday, July 20, and at St. Patrick’s Church in Fairlie from 2.00 – 3.00 pm on Sunday, July 21. If you are unable to attend, please consider how you might pray on that day for this intention.

**3. Royal Commission’s Final Report:** The final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will be published on 24 July. The Catholic Church supported the Royal Commission’s efforts to examine abuse that took place in our society, including in our Catholic institutions. The report will contain difficult material, but the report will help the Church to strengthen its commitment to ensuring safe environments for all people. The New Zealand Bishops and Leaders of Religious Congregations have written a letter to the Catholic community that is being read at Masses this weekend. We invite you to pray for those affected by abuse and for a culture of care and safety within and without the Church.

**4. Invest in Your Young Children or Grandchildren:** Last January, I participated in ‘Hearts Aflame,’ and I am convinced that it 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. I really encourage you to forward this message to your children or grandchildren to join the camp this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 3rd-12th January 2025! If you are able, please sponsor them with registrations, which open on 14th July at 2 pm: they sell out fast, so be quick! Visit <https://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/> to register or find out more.

**5. Praying the Rosary for the Parish’s Vision:** St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin."

*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?

**ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER**

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Mary Murdoch	Kathleen Carpenter	Sandy Murray
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Elizabeth Higgins	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

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

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER**

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Deborah O’Neill	Deborah O’Neill	Mercedes Abella	Lisa Holden	Mary Calder
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Kevin O’Neill	Kevin O’Neill	Mary Calder	Kevin O’Neill	Tony Hill

**Cleaners:** 12 Jul/19 Jul Gary & Mary Brosnahan

**Aug. 4th Morning Tea:** Carmel & Fergus Daly