



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

Communion / Participation / Mission



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

27th & 28th July 2024

THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (2 Kings 4:42-44). The prophet Elisha is given a gift of 20 loaves and a sack of grain. With faith in the God who provides abundantly to his people, Elisha orders it to be set before 100 of his followers. It proves to be sufficient for all.

PSALM 144 (145):10-11,15-18 • The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

READING • (Ephesians 4:1-6). Paul, from prison, appeals to his community to live a life worthy of their vocation as Christians. He stresses the importance of tolerance and patience with others.

GOSPEL • (John 6:1-15). Jesus has only five loaves and two fish from the lunch box of a small boy. Not only will it provide food for more than 5,000 people, there will even be enough left over to fill twelve baskets from the fragments.

Jesus Leads by Feeding

Today's Gospel recounts Jesus feeding over five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15). St. John notes that this occurred shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, situating the event in the context of the Last Supper and the institution of the two Sacraments—the Eucharist and the Priesthood.

In feeding the enormous crowd of five thousand hungry men, along with women and children (Mt 14:21), Jesus demonstrated the power of His divinity. Though Jesus appeared as an ordinary man of His time, one among many others in Nazareth, He was God incarnate, living among His people. Jesus wants us to know and believe this so that our faith in Him is not shaken by doubt or uncertainties. In Jesus, God truly dwelt among His people to lead, feed, heal, and guide them, just as a good shepherd cares for his sheep by being with them, providing for them, and sheltering them. This fulfills the prophecy of Ezekiel (34:15-16), where God foretold, "I myself will be the Shepherd of my sheep and cause them to lie down in peace. I will seek my lost ones, those who strayed away, and bring them safely home again. I will put splints and bandages upon their broken limbs and heal the sick." As Psalm 145 also testifies, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs." In His divinity, Jesus is truly one with God the Father.

The image of Jesus feeding the multitude also calls to mind Moses, who helped God feed His people with manna from heaven. This illustrates that God always takes responsibility for His people seriously and is happy to be accountable for the welfare of those He has chosen to make His name known to all the world.

Finally, today's Gospel highlights that just as God created everything out of nothingness, the miracle of Jesus shows that God continues to create and provide for what is essential to our lives. The Lord invites us to keep coming to Him and be nurtured by His providence. In particular, in the Eucharist, God does not feed us with something made up, He feeds us with His own self—namely, the Body and Blood of Christ. In this way, we can become one with the Most Holy God and one with one another in baptism, in the creed we profess, and in love (Ephesians 4:1-6). *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:

July 28, at 6:00 pm

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: An annual celebration that began in 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for the 2024 celebration selected by the Pope is “Do not cast me off in my old age” (Psalm 71:9).

Let us for them: *Dear God, please bless my Grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life, they gave to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks. For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice. For the ways, they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy of life. Let them find peace and rest from their work. Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes your glory, and the love of the children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you. Amen.*

2. Royal Commission’s Final Report: The final report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care was published on 24th July. It shone a light on our country’s failure to protect large numbers of children, including within Catholic settings. New Zealand’s Bishops and Congregational Leaders acknowledge the abuse within the Church and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. They will now review the final report and consider its many recommendations. Significant progress has been made over the past 30 years to develop robust policies and procedures, but also to foster a culture of safeguarding. Find out more at: <https://safeguarding.catholic>

3. Traditional Latin Mass: The Traditional Latin Mass is being celebrated each Sunday at 11am at St Patrick’s church in Kaiapoi. This new mass follows Bishop Michael’s decrees removing the faculties of the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, as recommended by the Vatican. Bishop Michael would like to remind the faithful that any public masses celebrated by the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer are illicit – that is, outside the rules of the church. The decrees remain in effect regardless of any challenge. Any enquiries or concerns, including around the provision of the Latin Mass and the Sacraments, can be made by emailing tlmc@cdoc.nz or calling 03 244 0331.

4. 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?

5. Mary WARD (Fairlie): Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, in Timaru on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, aged 68+1. A beloved wife to Alan, cherished mother to Simon, Sophie, and Catherine, and proud nana to Bowie, and Otis, as well as "wicked" stepmother to Angela, David, Jarrod, and Chris, and 'Mary Nan' to their children. A passionate maths teacher, Mary Anne's love for numbers was evident in every aspect of her life and death. A celebration for Mary Anne's life will be held at the Fairlie Community Centre on Tuesday, July 30 at 1.00pm.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
27 th July	Elizbeth Higgins	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin
3 rd Aug	Gerry Dauvin	Bronwen Dauvin	Elizabeth Higgins

Church set up for July 2024: Carpenters

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
28 th July	Kevin O'Neill	Kevin O'Neill	Mary Calder	Kevin O'Neill	Tony Hill
4 th	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Leonie Guiney	Neville Smith	Lisa Holden

Cleaners: 26 Jul/2 Aug Christine & Terry O’Connell

Aug. 4th Morning Tea: Carmel & Fergus Daly