



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - YEAR B

1st & 2nd June 2024

Corpus Christi: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday, we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast highlights the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of every Christian, especially us Catholics. It is a moment to reflect deeply on the profound mystery and gift of the Eucharist, which Christ has left us.

Firstly, the Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love. It makes present the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, which removes sins and offers eternal redemption. Christ, our high priest, offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit. His blood purifies our inner selves from dead actions so that we can serve the living God, as we are reminded in the Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-15). At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the New and Eternal Covenant. It is the means that His redemption reaches all generations by which those who came before us and those who will come after us experience the fullness of Christ's original redemption. At every Mass, the liturgy of the Eucharist and the liturgy of the Word become one single act of worship to God, where God is praised, and we are continuously sanctified.

Secondly, the Eucharist is the food of eternal life. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever...those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life...they abide in me and I in them" (John 6). This solemnity teaches us that the Eucharist is not just symbolic, but it is the true bread from heaven that nourishes our faith, hope, and love in God. It sustains our intimate relationship with God and with one another, which is also called communion. To receive the Eucharist is to receive Holy Communion and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Moreover, it is to receive the Church and to be received by the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ in the world. Just as the Church lives and communicates with the world, so too does Christ live and communicate with the world in us and through us. Despite our differences and distances, the Eucharist is the living power of God in our midst, uniting us with God and with one another.

Let us internalize the teaching of St. Augustine: Christ desires to think with our minds, love with our hearts, and serve with our hands. In receiving the Eucharist, we are called to embody Christ's presence in the world, allowing Him to act through us in our thoughts, our love, and our actions.

Finally, the Eucharist gives us a glimpse of our future in the Kingdom of God. As prophesied by Isaiah, "on the mountain, the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines" (Isaiah 25:6). The Eucharist is a foretaste of this heavenly banquet. Through divine transubstantiation, the Eucharist is the richest food and drink that God has promised His people. To participate in the Eucharist is to partake in the living communion of those who are in heaven, namely God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints. *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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NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Naming Our Cathedral: Bishop Michael has initiated a process for choosing a patronal name for the new Cathedral. People are invited to nominate a patronal name, and offer a brief explanation why, **between now and 9th June**. A short-list will then be shared for consideration before Bishop Michael discerns the name, which he will announce in late July.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/patronalname> from Saturday evening to submit your nomination or ask your parish team for a paper form.

2. Senior Leadership Team (SLT) - What does the SLT do in the parish?

The Senior Leadership Team meets for 1.5 hours every 2nd Sunday to begin a process of forming a vision for our Mackenzie Parish.

Why a new Vision? - Talking about a new vision is always exciting and at the same time drives you crazy because we are not there yet. We want so much more for our parish and for our people. A new vision brings about the excitement in the heart of the believers, because it gives birth to new hopes and possibilities that God is about to act among us. A vision can be formed by asking the right question: What are your hopes and dreams for your parish?

We need a vision that sets us a clear direction that guides our behaviours. It is a mind picture of what we could be together as a parish. Then we begin working back from that to some specific areas of focus that will find us incorporating into our daily lives behaviours that lead us step by step to that place. Our human self can be prone to seeing why something is not possible when our thinking is dominated by existing circumstances. When we start with all the problems, all the reasons in a now secular society why our catholic faith and traditions 'can't' succeed, we obscure the picture of a potentially vibrant community with faith at its core. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, focusing on that picture opens up solutions.

3. A New Heating System at The Presbytery: Thanks to the great work of the parish Finance Committee and the Parish Council, new roof insulation and a ducted heating system have been installed in the presbytery. This is a wonderful gift for me as the priest in residence and for our visitors. I am so grateful for your care, and may God bless you too with the warmth of His divine fire of the Holy Spirit.

4. Praying the Rosary for the Parish: By praying the Rosary, Catholics seek Mother Mary's intercessions and guidance in our spiritual journey, asking for her help in living a life more closely aligned with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Rosary, with its repetition of prayers and meditation on various mysteries from the lives of Jesus and Mary, is considered a powerful tool for spiritual growth and reflection.

- *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.

5. Tax Receipts: Thank you for your financial contribution to the parish. Without your support, the parish cannot function. Please collect your tax receipts, and we encourage you to use Automatic Payment. May God bless you abundantly, as 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor 9:7).

6. Please join us in praying for: (1) the happy repose of Jane Coughlan, (2) those who have died due to recent natural disasters, especially in Papua New Guinea, and the victims of violence in Gaza and Ukraine.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
1 st June	Garry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Bronwen Dauvin
8 th June	Sharon Blanchard	Bronwen Dauvin	Elizabeth

Church set up for June 2024: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
2 nd June	Deborah O'Neill	Deborah O'Neill	Mercedes Abella	Tony Hill	Tony Hill
9 th June	Kevin O'Neill	Kevin O'Neill	Mary Calder	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden

Cleaners: 31 May/7 Jun Rosie Clark / Tessa Gallagher

June 2nd Morning Tea: Louise Wynn