



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR B

6th & 7th April 2024

Eight Days Later, The Risen Lord Came Again And Stood Among the Apostles

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Risen Lord has appeared again to the Apostles to give them peace by showing God's mercy and tolerance to those who were uncertain about the resurrection (Jn 20:19-31). In particular, Thomas was not only uncertain about the resurrection of Christ, but he also refused to believe in the testimonies of the other disciples.

Thomas is a typical example of those who undergo a crisis of faith. It is not that they don't want to believe in God or trust in their potential, or in the capability of others to help them, but they are paralyzed by their own doubt and uncertainty. They can be like people who live in the shadow of darkness. And in the end, it leads to a crisis of trust, and the person can become despaired.

Sometimes, a leap of faith, or an act of taking the risk to believe in God, helps us regain our strength of hope, of new possibilities that God is not dead and He is still at work in our midst. An act of faith also brings about a spark of love that sets our lives ablaze with enthusiasm, with good works, and with the vibrancy of life. Our community of faith can only pray and continuously accompany those who have gone through the crisis of faith like Thomas. If we are willing to help them, we have to be patient and always be ready to offer them assistance when needed.

Pope Francis suggests questioning one's faith is natural because it can happen to everyone who believes in God as a test of faith. With humility, it can also lead us to a deeper understanding of God's mysteries of love.

Ultimately, let us admit that it is not our capability to deal with people's crises of faith. Only Jesus can address and alleviate crises of faith by offering mercy and removing doubts as he once showed himself to the Apostles, especially Thomas. Hopefully, with God's grace, we might cry out in God's everlasting mercy – 'Jesus My Lord, My God, My All.'

Fr. Tien Cao

READINGS TODAY

Acts 4:32-35. The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul.

Ps. 117. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1 Jn 5:1-6. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world.

Jn 20:19-31. Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday of Easter– 14th April 2024.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps. 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48.

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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass

28th April 2024 at 6:00 pm

Reconciliation by appointment

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NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Thank You: Thank you very much to those parishioners who take care of all the varied liturgical celebrations during Holy Week and these days, including providing online support for the website and Facebook page.

2. Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7th, 2024: Join us for Adoration & Reconciliation one hour before Mass at Twizel from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and at Fairlie from 8:30 to 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend. Psalm 27:4 states, *"One thing I asked of the Lord that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."* Let us remember that our greatest time spent on earth is in the presence of the Lord.

3. Mass Offerings: For Ian Munro, sister Dieu, Maurice Reese-Jones, and those whose death anniversaries occur during this time.

4. Planned Giving Envelopes: Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish using the Planned Giving Envelopes. Could you always check that you fill in the details boxes with the date and your Planned Giving Number.

A number of people gave to our Special Giving collection for Easter and The Holy Places but didn't give their Planned Giving Number. If you think this might be you, please contact Christine on 0272778344 to clarify.

5. Praying for Our Seminarians: We ask you to pray for our seminarians: Linh Cao – 5th year, Tung Tran - 4th year, Tuong Duong & Matthew Clark – 1st year, and two English students: Pho Vo and Thang Pham.

6. Golden Catholics in Timaru - Towards Priesthood: Join us to hear from Bishop Michael Gielen as he shares his journey towards priesthood and his life as a Bishop. The event will commence with Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael, followed by his personal narrative of his journey to priesthood, concluding with fellowship and food.

Date: Friday, 19 April 2024

Time: 11:00 am Mass. Talk and Fellowship to follow

Location: Holy Family Parish, Sacred Heart Basilica, 7 Craigie Ave, Timaru

Transportation: We will be traveling together in a van from Fairlie. For further details and transportation arrangements, please contact: Terri O'Connell (Mobile: 027 277 8344) or Fr. Tien Cao. We look forward to your presence and participation.

7. Cathedral Feedback Survey: A big thank you to the approximately 1,600 respondents to the Cathedral location survey. Along with other advice he has received, Bishop Michael is now considering the survey responses before making a decision. An announcement on the location of our new Cathedral will be made later this month. Please continue to pray for this important period of discernment.

8. Priests' Exchange: Next weekend, Saturday the 13th, and Sunday the 14th, due to a wedding celebration in Christchurch, Fr. Tien Cao will be away. Fr. Philip Suelzer from the Community of St. John will be conducting our Sunday Masses in the parish. Please make him feel welcome. Thank you very much.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
6 th April	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin
13 th April	Sharon Blanchard	Kathleen Carpenter	Elizabeth Higgins

Church set up for April 2024: Elizabeth Higgins

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
7 th April	Deborah O'Neill	Deborah O'Neill	Mercedes Abella	Abella family	Lisa Holden
14 th April	Kevin O'Neill	Kevin O'Neill	Neville Smith	Cath Hanrahan	Christine O'Connell

Morning Tea - April 7th: Tony Hill

Cleaners: 5 Apr/12 Apr Christine O'Connell & Terry O'Connell