



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR B

30th & 31st March 2024

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia! God be Praised

Easter Sunday is the day when Christ rose again from the dead. We give praise and thanks to God for the victory of Christ over sin and death. We commend those who have died before us to God's tender mercy and compassion. We seek strength in the proclamation of the Paschal mystery of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, our communities are joined together in faith as one body in Christ to reaffirm, in signs and symbols, words, and gestures, that each believer, through baptism, shares in the death and resurrection of Christ. We are invited to look forward to the day when all of us will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace.

The Opening Prayer of the Easter Mass reminds us that 'the Only Begotten Son of God has conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity.' In Christ, the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, so that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. For the faithful of the Lord, life is changed not ended. When earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for us in heaven. The Scripture tells us that on Easter Sunday, the tomb of Christ was empty; Jesus was not there. He had risen. The empty tomb of Christ reminded the early disciples that Christ had, in fact, already revealed beforehand that "I am the resurrection and the life. They who believe in me will live, even though they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25-26).

As we celebrate Easter, 'let our thoughts be on heavenly things, and not on the things that are on the earth, because through baptism our little faith reassures us that the life we have is hidden with Christ in God' (Colossians 3:3). The invisible Risen Lord is hidden in us and among us in a special way so that by his Holy Spirit, he spurs us to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, true peace, and openness. As the beloved disciples of the Risen Lord, we are commissioned to go out into the whole world and spread this great message of joy to those who don't have this hope. Finally, when Christ is revealed, we too will be revealed in all our glory with him (Colossians 3:4). *Christ is alive! Alleluia! Happy Easter to you and your family! By the blessings of the risen Christ, may this joyous occasion fill your hearts with hope & renewal.*

Fr. Tien Cao

READINGS TODAY

Acts 10:34,37-43. We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Ps. 117. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Col 3:1-4. Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Jn 20:1-9. The teaching of the Scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY: Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April 2024.

Acts 4:32-35. Ps. 117. 1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31.

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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

Easter Sunday Mass 31st Mar 2024 at 6:00 pm

Reconciliation by appointment

Parish Council

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NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Congratulations to Micah Purton: Micah received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Palm Sunday Vigil in Twizel. Please keep him in your prayers. Let us continue to live in the Tradition of the Church, seeking God's blessings, just as the early Christians devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.... As they spent much time together in the temple and shared meals with glad and generous hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people, the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

2. Thank You: Many thanks to those parishioners who take care of all the varied liturgical celebrations over these days.

3. 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.

4. Good Friday Collection: Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. "This is an initiative of the Pope "to maintain a strong bond between the faithful around the world and the Holy Places."

5. Praying for Our Seminarians: Tung Tran, our fourth-year seminarian has returned to our parish for the Holy Week. Please welcome him into your homes for a cuppa. We also ask you to pray for the other seminarians: Linh Cao – 5th 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. Day Light Saving finishes next Sunday 7th April. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

8. The Reception of The Three Oils – After the Sacred Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral last Monday 25th, our parish has received the Sacred Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of Catechumens – symbolize and signify the Holy Spirit's presence, healing during illness, and readiness for initiation into the Church. These oils are essential components of Sacraments like Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
30 th Mar	Sue Atkinson	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter
6 th April	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for April 2024: Elizabeth Higgins

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
31 st Mar	Terry O'Connell	Terry O'Connell	Christine O'Connell	Neville Smith	Tony Hill
7 th April	Deborah O'Neill	Deborah O'Neill	Mercedes Abella	Abella family	Lisa Holden

Morning Tea - April 7th: Tony Hill

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