



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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## **THE LORD IS RISEN - ALLELUIA!**

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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY- YEAR B**

#### **Jesus is the Good Shepherd**

The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the most beloved images of Jesus—carrying a lamb over his shoulders. The Gospel of John 10:11-18 on this Good Shepherd Sunday tells us about the love of Jesus for us, his sheep, his flock. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus describes who he is and what he does for us, his beloved sheep. He knows us intimately; he has counted the very hairs on our heads; he knows us by name; he leads us, walks with us, carries us, and protects us from wolves. He searches for us when we are lost and brings us home, restoring us to life. He loves us so much, with an everlasting love, that he lays down his life for us.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls and trains good shepherds too. He promises us, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer. 3:15). In these words from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them: "I will set shepherds over my sheep who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed" (Jer. 23:4). With our total trust in God's promise, the Church will never completely lack sacred ministers. Therefore, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we direct our prayers even more fervently to God for priests and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Christchurch. This invitation was first given by Jesus himself: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest" (Lk 10:2).

Jesus invites us to pray for those who are willing to become his shepherds. Do you know someone whom God might be calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life? Have you asked them to consider the possibility? Do not be afraid—God plants the seeds, but we have a role to play in helping that seed mature and grow—invite, invite people you see. You might like to remember this acronym ICNU: "John, I see in you (ICNU) the qualities that would make a good priest, and I want to encourage you to pray about it." It is a non-invasive way to encourage openness to a religious vocation. "Don't be afraid to directly suggest it to a person you know - it is an act of esteem and confidence. It can be a moment of light and grace.

Finally, "Please pray for me, not against me," the universal shepherd, Pope Francis, regularly asks those he meets. Let us, too, pray for our priests, not against them. Let us pray for and encourage vocations so that we have priests who care for us, minister to us, and support us in living and preaching the Gospel. Every time we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood, we pray for ourselves as well.

*Vocations Office – Diocese of Christchurch*  
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*Matt O'Connell*

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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**

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6:00 pm**

Reconciliation by appointment

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

**1. A Big Thank You** to Terri & Christine O’Connell for organizing a van for 11 people from our parish to attend the Golden Catholic event in Timaru. And thanks to those participants, it has been such a joyful experience for both the organizers and the attendees.

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

**3. Parish AGM:** We are proposing that this year's Parish AGM take place in Twizel before Mass on Saturday 4th May. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend so please book this date and we look forward to seeing you there.

**4. Thinking About A Vocation To The Priesthood Or Religious Life?** The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. On this Vocations Sunday are you being called to Shepherd others as a Priest or Religious? Hearing that divine call”, Pope Francis writes, is the “surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness”. Contact the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao on [petercaochitien@yahoo.com](mailto:petercaochitien@yahoo.com) or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O’Connell on 366-9869 or [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz) if you want more information or to talk about a possible vocation.

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

**5. Diocesan Office Move:** The Diocesan offices are moving to new premises at 391 Moorhouse Ave. The offices will be closed on Monday, April 29 to complete the relocation process. They will reopen at the new premises on Tuesday, April 30. Anyone visiting the Diocesan office after April 30 must report to Reception at the primary entry point at 391 Moorhouse Ave. Please call 03 366 9869 if you have any queries. Please note: The CDF remains available on April 29, either via email or CDF Online. If you need to contact the CDF on that day, please email [cdf@cdoc.nz](mailto:cdf@cdoc.nz)

**6. Bishops Create Special Webpage for Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope:** The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

**7. The Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith** has published a new Declaration on the theme of human dignity, addressing a range contemporary moral and social issues. The document, Declaration Dignitas Infinita, on Human Dignity, addresses such issues as poverty, war, the travail of migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia/assisted suicide, the marginalising of people with disabilities, gender theory, sex change and digital violence.

You can download a copy here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Dignitas-Infinita-Ingleso-.pdf> A Vatican News article on the Declaration is here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-04/human-dignity-ddf-document-migration-gender-surrogacy-war-theolo.html>

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Murdock	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Sandy Murray

**Church set up for April 2024:** Elizabeth Higgins

### ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Mary Calder	Tony Hill	Tony Hill
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Leonie Guiney	Lisa Holden	Mary Calder

**Cleaners:** 19 Apr/26 Apr

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