

MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

13th & 14th April 2024

THE LORD IS RISEN - ALLELUIA!

How Is Our Mackenzie Catholic Parish?

Q 1: What is the ONE THING that you love most about the Mackenzie Catholic Parish?

Twizel - Summary of the Positives(10 responses)

Twizel is praised for its welcoming the atmosphere and hospitality extended to visitors during Mass. Members appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in a small, close-knit community that is characterized by simplicity community friendliness. The cherished for fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie, where peace and tranquility are found in the intimacy of its services.

Fairlie - Summary of the Positives (17 responses)

Fairlie is praised for its sense of community, with members appreciating the commitment of its people to serve and the opportunity it provides to express and share faith in a formal setting. Additionally, its atmosphere of quietness, close family ties, and welcoming nature contribute and supportive warm environment, further strengthened by the presence of a new priest, who has injected life into the church community. Overall, the community is cherished for its long history of faith and its ability to foster a small yet personal atmosphere akin to a large family.

Q 2: What is the ONE HOLY DISCONTENTMENT that we can improve in the Mackenzie Catholic Parish?

Twizel - Summary of the Holy Discontentments

(8 responses)

The Twizel community expresses the need for a prayer group and gatherings to foster occasional connections among members. They also highlight the importance of inclusivity in parish communications and activities, particularly involving Twizel. Additionally, there is a desire to strengthen ties with neighboring Catholic districts while considering logistical challenges and encouraging lapsed members to return to church, with an emphasis on engaging younger families.

Fairlie - Summary of the Holy Discontentments

(16 responses)

The Fairlie community discusses various issues including the need to address clericalism and foster inclusivity without judgment. They seek support for youth engagement from the Diocese and recognize the importance of reconnecting with the local secular and lapsed Catholic community. Additionally, there's a call for making Mass and community activities more lively, improving enhancing pastoral care. communication, and inviting younger members to participate in parish duties to ensure the future vitality of the community.

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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

Parish Council

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NEWS AND NOTICES

- **1. 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.
- **2. Mass Offerings:** For Ian Munro, sister Dieu, Maurice Reese-Jones, and those whose death anniversaries occur during this time.
- **3. Surprising Generosity:** Last Monday, an American visitor named Brad (a non-Christian) handed me \$1000 USD and said, "Father, I want to donate this to your church." He added, "Wherever I go, I want to make the place better when I leave." We thank God for Brad, and please pray for him and his family.
- **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. Priests' Exchange:** This 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.
- **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.
- A PDF copy is attached. You can also download a copy here: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Dignitas-Infinita-Inglese-.pdf A Vatican News article on the Declaration is here: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Dignitas-Infinita-Inglese-.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
- **8. 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.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER					
Date	Reader	OHP		Extra-Ordinary Minister	
13 th April	Sharon Blanchard	Kathleen Carpenter		Elizabeth Higgins	
20 th April	Mary Murdock	Bronwen Dauvin		Kathleen Carpenter	
Church set up for April 2024: Elizabeth Higgins					
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER					
Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
14 th April	Kevin O'Neill	Kevin O'Neill	Neville Smith	Cath Hanrahan	Christine O'Connell
21 st April	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Mary Calder	Tony Hill	Tony Hill
Cleaners: 1	9 Apr/26 Apr	Cindy Sheehan / Cath Hanrahan			