



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

10th & 11th August 2024

THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (1 Kings 19:4-8). The prophet Elijah was forced to flee from his homeland. When he lay down preparing to die, God granted him restful sleep and provided him with food for the journey.

PSALM 33 • Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING • (Ephesians 4:30-5:2). We received the gift of the Spirit in baptism. That gift enables us to live a life of joy in Christ's service.

GOSPEL • (John 6:41-51). Through the gift of the Eucharist, the Lord constantly draws us into deeper unity with him and with each other.

Jesus Said: "Everyone Who Eats This Bread Will Live Forever"

The Word of God this Sunday invites us to deepen our understanding and strengthen our faith in Jesus as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven (John 6:41-51). Unlike any earthly bread, this heavenly bread is not made by human hands but by God Himself. It requires a leap of faith to believe that receiving this bread brings us into eternal life. Faith in Jesus, born of our relationship with God, nourished by prayer and the Eucharist, is the key to embracing this divine gift.

The Jews murmured when Jesus proclaimed, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." Despite their deep religious roots, they struggled to accept this truth. Spirituality and religiosity alone do not guarantee belief in Jesus with one's whole heart, soul, and strength. Jesus recognized this when He said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day." This highlights that our faith is a gift from God, chosen not by our merit but by His grace. As Catholics, we are called to be witnesses of this profound mystery in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.

An Invitation for Those Who Have Stopped Coming to Mass in the Mackenzie Catholic Parish - *"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I warmly invite you to come back to Mass and experience the joy of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is our most precious gift, the Bread of Life that nourishes us and strengthens us on our journey. No matter how long it has been, you are always welcome. Our community is incomplete without you. Join us in celebrating God's love and mercy, and let us grow together in faith and unity as we receive the grace of the Sacraments. I look forward to welcoming you back with open arms."*

Finally, the first reading from 1 Kings 19:4-8 recounts the struggles of the prophet Elijah, a great man of God who faced deep despair. In his moment of weakness, Elijah wished for death, but the angel of the Lord encouraged him, saying, "Get up and eat." Inspired by this, even when we face unwanted situations, exhaustion, busy schedules, fears of judgment, and moments of despair, we are reminded to continually partake in the Eucharist, especially at Sunday Mass. For our journey of faith is long, and our belief in Christ as the Bread of Life must be sustained. As we receive the Eucharist, may we be transformed into what we have received - the Body of Christ.

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:

August 25 at 6:00 pm

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) will be celebrated on this Thursday August 15th. It is a significant solemnity, honoring the moment when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heaven. In Aotearoa New Zealand, this day holds special importance as it is the Patronal Feast of our nation, a time when Catholics across the country unite in prayer and reflection, seeking Mary's intercession and guidance. This celebration invites us to contemplate the glory that awaits all who are faithful to God and to reaffirm our devotion to Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Mother of all believers.

Mass in Fairlie at 9:15 am (Thursday August 15th) – Followed by adoration & praying the rosary for Fr. Jim Nicholas for one hour

Evening Mass at Twizel at 5:00 pm (Thursday August 15th) – Proceeded by adoration & praying the rosary for Fr. Jim Nicholas from 4:00 – 5:00 pm

2. Fr. Jim Nicholas passed away this morning at 9:00 a.m on August 10th 2024. Funeral details will follow. May he rest in peace. Fr. Jim Nicholas was appointed to the Mackenzie Parish twice (1970-1975, 2007-2013). He was sent to Fairlie in February 1970 as an administrator and then, in 1971, as parish priest. He introduced a number of Vatican II pastoral and liturgical initiatives, including an elected parish council and the now-familiar practices of families taking up the gifts at Mass, the sign of peace, and the prayers of the faithful. Fr. Jim is remembered as a gentle man, a kind and quiet witness, a cyclist with an amazing memory for names, and a gardener.

3. Praying the Rosary for the Parish's Vision: St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin."

Due to the weather conditions and illness: The Rosary group that meets at Kathleen and Brian Carpenter's house every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. will be cancelled. However, it is encouraged that everyone in our parish pray the rosary everyday for our parish's vision:

What is the Lord calling OUR Mackenzie Catholic Parish to focus on right now? Spiritual Growth - Community Building - Service and Outreach - Discipleship and Education - Worship and Liturgy – Evangelization – Stewardship?

4. Cathedral Precinct Outdoor Mass: Bishop Michael invites you to a Mass of thanksgiving for the precinct of our future Cathedral. Sunday, 24th November 2024, 11am – on the Feast of Christ the King. Barbadoes Street site. All are welcome to come and share in this celebration. More details will follow. Save the date!

5. Traditional Latin Mass: The Traditional Latin Mass is being celebrated each Sunday at 11am at St Patrick's church in Kaiapoi. This new mass follows Bishop Michael's decrees removing the faculties of the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, as recommended by the Vatican. Bishop Michael would like to remind the faithful that any public masses celebrated by the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer are illicit – that is, outside the rules of the church. The decrees remain in effect regardless of any challenge. Any enquiries or concerns, including around the provision of the Latin Mass and the Sacraments, can be made by emailing tlmc@cdoc.nz or calling 03 244 0331.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

| Date | Reader | OHP | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 10 th Aug | Mary Murdoch | Lenise Kearns | Bronwen Dauvin |
| 17 th Aug | Elizabeth Higgins | Kathleen Carpenter | Sandy Murray |

Church set up for July 2024: Carpenters

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

| Date | Reader | Prayers | Ex'Ord Minister | Collector | Greeter |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 11 th Aug | Tony Hill | Tony Hill | Cath Hanrahan | Abella family | Christine O'Connell |
| 18 th Aug | Lisa Holden | Lisa Holden | Rosemary Moran | Cath Hanrahan | Mary Calder |

Cleaners: 9 Aug/16 Aug Cindy Sheehan & Cath Hanrahan

Sept.1st Morning Tea: Cath Hanrahan