



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

17th & 18th August 2024

THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Proverbs 9:1-6). The Book of Proverbs uses the image of a banquet to show how important it is to find wisdom. None are turned away from her table. All she asks is that her guests be ready to learn from her.

PSALM • Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING • (Ephesians 5:15-20). The worship we begin at Sunday Mass continues daily. The words of the prayers and songs we sing will keep alive in us a remembrance of who we are.

GOSPEL • (John 6:51-58). Jesus promises us that unless we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man we can have no life in us. Receiving Holy Communion is relatively easy. It is more difficult to enter more deeply into the life of Jesus through imitating his self-giving love.

Jesus Says:

"All Who Eat My Flesh and Drink My Blood Live in Me, and I in Them."

The mystery of the Incarnation teaches us that Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, took on our human nature and shared in our humanity, except for sin. The Letter to the Hebrews reassures us: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16). In this, the power of God is revealed: Jesus unites Himself with our humanity so that we might be united with Him in His divinity. His holiness is not diminished by our lowliness; instead, His sacrifice purifies us, and we are nourished by His divine life. The same God who created us in Jesus remains with us always, guiding every moment of our lives.

At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood, making His real presence and power a perpetual reality among us. He invites all who are baptized to share in this mystery: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is My Body, which will be given up for you." Likewise, with the chalice: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me." This is the mystery of faith, realized in the context of our belief and our openness to God's grace. Every time we receive the Eucharist, let us pray: "Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that by offering what You have given, we may merit to receive Your very self." In this way, God truly makes us become what we eat.

When we receive the Eucharist, we enter into an eternal communion with Jesus. Jesus lives in us, and we live in Him, not just in time, but for eternity. As Jesus Himself says, "Whoever eats me will draw life from me" (John 6:51-58). Jesus lives forever, and through Him, so do we.

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. Mary Margaret Anne Gallen (Albury): Passed away peacefully after a short illness at Timaru Hospital on Thursday, August 15, 2024, on her 88th birthday – the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Assumption. May she too be assumed into heaven like our Mother Mary. We believe that Our Lady Mary recognises Mary Gallen in heaven as they usually communicate with each other by prayers, especially by the rosary. Mary Gallen was a dearly loved daughter of the late Johnny and Margaret. Dearly loved sister of Pat (deceased), and Rita. Treasured friend of the Divan family.

- A Requiem Mass for Mary will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 7 Gall Street, Fairlie on Tuesday 20th August at 1.00pm, followed by interment at the Albury Cemetery. This replaces our daily Mass at 9.15 am.
- A rosary will be held on Monday 19th August at the church at 5.30pm.
- Messages to the Gallen Family: C/- PO Box 772, Timaru 7940.

2. THANK YOU: A heartfelt thank you to Christine and Terry O’Connell, who organized a carload of parishioners to attend the Requiem Mass for Fr. Jim Nicholas at St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral in Christchurch on Wednesday, August 14. In his homily, Fr. Kevin Burns wrote: *"Today we prayerfully farewell one of our long-serving priests in the Diocese of Christchurch – Father James Nicholas. Throughout these past 60 years, Fr. Jim entered every parish he was appointed to by his bishop with a joyful, ever-fresh commitment to nourish and lead his people in their pursuit of holiness. His priesthood was modelled on Christ the Good Shepherd, who came to love, to protect, and to lead His flock."* Let us pray to the Lord for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese of Christchurch, that those called may be sent to lead, sanctify, and walk alongside us in our lives.

3. What Will Our Mackenzie Parish Look Like in 10 Years?

What is the Lord calling us to focus on right now?

- i. *Spiritual Growth*
- ii. *Community Building*
- iii. *Service and Outreach*
- iv. *Discipleship and Education*
- v. *Worship and Liturgy*
- vi. *Evangelization*
- vii. *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. Māori Chaplaincy Collection: Next Sunday, 25 August, is a special collection for the Māori Chaplaincy in the Christchurch Diocese. The Te Rangimārie Community relies on this collection to support the pastoral care of the members of the community and for the maintenance of the Te Rangimārie Centre. Please give generously to this special collection through the special envelope in your planned giving envelopes. Donations can also be made through internet banking to your parish bank account. Please use ‘Māori’ as the reference. Thank you for your support of this special collection in our diocese.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

| Date | Reader | OHP | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
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| 17 th Aug | Elizabeth Higgins | Kathleen Carpenter | Sandy Murray |
| 24 th Aug | Gerry Dauvin | Bronwen Dauvin | Kathleen Carpenter |

Church set up for July 2024: Carpenters

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

| Date | Reader | Prayers | Ex’Ord Minister | Collector | Greeter |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 18 th Aug | Lisa Holden | Lisa Holden | Rosemary Moran | Cath Hanrahan | Mary Calder |
| 25 th Aug | Terry O’Connell | Terry O’Connell | Christine O’Connell | Tony Hill | Tony Hill |

Cleaners: 23 Aug/30 Aug Ngaire Gallagher & Adele O’Conner

Sept.1st Morning Tea: Cath Hanrahan