



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

*Communion / Participation / Mission*



## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024*

### THE READINGS AT MASS

*FIRST READING • (Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8). We believe that God is very near to us. This calls on us to live in accordance with the commandments God has given us to lead us on the path of true wisdom.*

*SECOND READING • (James 1:17-18.21-22.27). Our response to God is shown by our responsibility for all God's people, especially for those most in need.*

*GOSPEL • (Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23). Keeping of external laws does not in itself lead to God; our hearts have to be truly converted if we are to follow the way of Jesus*

### The Father Gave Us Birth by His Message of Truth

**(Jas 1:18)**

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, we are reminded of the centrality that fathers play in our lives. Fatherhood extends beyond biology; it encompasses a spiritual and holistic dimension that shapes us deeply. Above all, Jesus teaches us that God is our Father - a loving, intentional, and deeply personal relationship that He desires with each of us.

To be a father is not just about biological ties; it is about being present in the life of the child - providing protection, guidance, and most importantly, love. A true father is not only one who *does* things for his child but *is* someone who is there, embodying the presence of love and security that reflects God's fatherhood.

In today's world, the meaning of fatherhood can sometimes become blurred. While many men are wonderful fathers, there are others who struggle to live up to this calling. Some may become distracted by careers, hobbies, or other pursuits, neglecting their role in their family. Others may even abandon their responsibilities altogether, seeking fulfillment elsewhere, even in religious practice. This is not right.

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us: "You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions" (Mk 7:8). As fathers and as Christians, we must discern what truly comes from God and what is merely human law. The virtues that God teaches us are - love, sacrifice, and faithfulness, they are eternal truths that guide us in our roles as fathers and men. St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the adoptive father of Jesus, is a powerful model of fatherhood. He cared for and protected his family with humility and without complaint, embodying the very essence of God's fatherhood. A father's love extends beyond physical needs to include spiritual guidance and emotional support, not just for his own children, but also for others who may need a father's care.

Ultimately, all forms of fatherhood are rooted in God. A Christian man learns how to be a good father by contemplating how God loves His sons and daughters. God loved the world so much that He gave us His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:16).

Happy Father's Day! May God sanctify your fatherhood and manhood!

*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:**

**Sept 29 at 6:00 pm**

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**PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES**

**1. St. Joseph's Primary School Joins Us for Mass:** This Sunday, we are delighted to welcome the students, staff, and families of St. Joseph's Primary School for Mass. In celebration of Father's Day, the parents of St. Joseph's will be serving a cup of tea after Mass in the school. Please join us in giving thanks for our fathers and in sharing this special time of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**2. Welcoming Catholic University Students for a Retreat – Next Weekend:** Next weekend, we are blessed to host a group of Catholic university students who will be coming to our parish for a spiritual retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their faith, grow in fellowship, and encounter Christ in a special way. Let us warmly welcome them and keep them in our prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them during their time with us. Sunday Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Philip Suelzer.

**3. Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – September 8<sup>th</sup> -** This coming Sunday, we joyfully celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. We honor her role in the divine plan of salvation and her example of perfect faith and obedience to God's will. In her our girls and women learn how to become a good woman and mother. Let us gather in prayer and thanksgiving, asking for Mary's intercession in our lives, and striving to follow her example of humility, love, and trust in the Lord.

**4. We Are the Custodians of the Mackenzie Parish?** At the parish council's meeting last week, I reported that 'For my understanding, most people in our parish are waiting and expecting something to happen so that our parish community can grow in number, members become more active, and bring a sense of newness in our faith, hope and love. Together with a few members of our Senior Leadership Team, let us pray and discern together: What is the Lord calling us to focus on right now?

*Spiritual Growth - Community Building - Service and Outreach - Discipleship and Education  
Worship and Liturgy - Evangelization - Stewardship*

**5. 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!

**6. Mercy Past Pupils Annual Mass and Luncheon** will be held at St Thomas' Church on Sunday 15th September at 10.30am. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased by Friday 6th September. Bank A/c 03 1369 0392918 00 or available from Maree in the Parish Office. Margaret Cosgrove 6860694 or 0211475576 or Maree Lowen 0272566766

**7. Support for the Fairlie Food Bank:** The Fairlie Food Bank plays a crucial role in supporting families within our local community, and we are committed to assisting in this valuable work. We kindly ask all parishioners to remember to bring contributions with you to Mass each week. Your charitable support is greatly appreciated. The collected items will be shared with our local Fairlie Resource Centre and distributed to families and individuals in need. The most desired items by these families include canned goods, cereals, rice and pasta, sugar, tea and coffee. Thank you for your generosity. May God return your favour.

Also, if you are aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving support from the Food Bank please let us or the Resource Centre know.

**ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER**

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
31 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Chris Grant	Lenise Kearns	Elizabeth Higgins
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mary Murdoch	Kathleen Carpenter	Bronwen Dauvin

**Church set up for August:** Elizabeth Higgins

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER**

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	St. Joseph's School	St. Joseph's	St. Joseph's	St. Joseph's	St. Joseph's
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Deborah O'Neill	Deborah O'Neill	Mercedes Abella	Kevin O'Neill	Christine O'Connell

**Cleaners:** 6 Sep/13 Sep Claire Guiney / Kellie Cassie

**Sept.1st Morning Tea:** St. Joseph School