



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

24th & 25th August 2024

THE READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Joshua 24:1-2.15-18). When they have settled in the land God promised to give them Joshua who gathered the people and invited them to follow his example and to remain faithful to the covenant with the God who rescued them from slavery.

PSALM • (Psalm 33). Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING • (Ephesians 5:21-32). Christians look to Christ as the model to follow in our relations with others. Wives and husbands especially will find in him a model for unselfish love.

GOSPEL • (John 6:60-69). Many of those who heard Jesus speaking about the Bread of Life turn away, Jesus gives those who remain a stark choice: to go or to stay with him. Peter answers for them and for us: 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the message of eternal life.'

Christ Loves the Church, Because It Is His Body

St. Paul reminds us to follow Christ by loving one another as He loves us (Eph 5:21-32). In particular, St. Paul exhorts Christian spouses to love each other just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed Himself for her to make her holy. Our human love, as imperfect as it is, mirrors the love of Christ for the Church—His Mystical Body. Christ is present in the Church, and the Church is alive in Christ. St. Augustine once said, "Where there is a Christian, there is Christ." Through baptism, Christ has become one with those who believe in Him. Christ does this in obedience to the will of the Father, because no one can come to Him unless the Father draws them. Thus, Christ never abandons His Church, even though at times she is stained by the sinfulness of her members, because Christ's holiness is not threatened by our lowliness, and He loves us with an unbreakable and eternal love.

Moreover, Christ loves the Church by nourishing and nurturing each and every member through the Eucharist. He invites all who are baptized to share in Holy Communion, saying: "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." As Christ is sustained by the Father's oneness with Him, so when a baptized Christian receives the Eucharist, they enter directly into an eternal communion with Jesus. Jesus lives in them, and they live in Him—not just in time, but for eternity. As He promises, "I who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me... anyone who eats this bread will live forever." Jesus lives forever, and through Him, so do we.

Finally, receiving the Eucharist regularly, may we be conscious of the oneness of Christ in us and may God bestow graciously on us the gifts of unity and peace in his Church.

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. 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.

2. St. Joseph's Primary School Joins Us for Mass: Next Sunday, Sept 1, we are delighted to welcome the students, staff, and families of St. Joseph's Primary School as they join our parish community 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!

3. Fr. Tien is away for doing a retreat for young men who explore the vocations to the priesthood. Fr. Michael Mahoney and Fr. Lito are helping us with Sunday Masses this week, please make them feel welcomed.

4. What Will Our Mackenzie Parish Look Like in 10 Years? 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. Māori Chaplaincy Collection: Sunday, 25 August is a special collection for the Māori Chaplaincy in the Christchurch Diocese. 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.

7. 24/7 Prayer Room at Moreh - Fairlie: Join us for a unique prayer experience at Moreh's 24/7 Prayer Room, open from 7pm Friday, September 6, to 7am Sunday, September 8. Come any time, day or night, to pray in your own way—whether through art, music, meditation, or conversation with God. Post your prayer requests or reflect on answered prayers, and join us for a shared lunch at 12pm on Sunday, September 8. Sign up here: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/725deb> For more information, contact John at 027 688 5353 or Yvonne at 027 292 9542.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

| Date | Reader | OHP | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
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| 24 th Aug | Gerry Dauvin | Bronwen Dauvin | Kathleen Carpenter |
| 31 st | Chris Grant | Lenise Kearns | Elizabeth Higgins |

Church set up for August: Elizabeth Higgins

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

| Date | Reader | Prayers | Ex'Ord Minister | Collector | Greeter |
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| 25 th Aug | Terry O'Connell | Terry O'Connell | Christine O'Connell | Tony Hill | Tony Hill |
| 1 st Sept | St. Joseph's School | St. Joseph's | St. Joseph's | St. Joseph's | St. Joseph's |

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

Sept.1st Morning Tea: St. Joseph School