



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024*

### THE READINGS AT MASS

*FIRST READING • (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15). After being freed from slavery in Egypt, the people of Israel wandered in the desert. Hunger and thirst made them long to return. But the God who had brought them to freedom also sustains them with the gift of heavenly food.*

*PSALM • (Psalm 77 (78):3-4,23-25,54). The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

*SECOND READING • (Ephesians 4:17,20-24). Paul emphasizes to his converts deep change that has taken place in them since they began to follow Christ. At Baptism they were given a new life with the risen Christ. They must put aside the old and selfish self in order to live in imitation of the loving Christ.*

*GOSPEL • (John 6:24-35). On the day after the wondrous feeding on the lakeside, the crowd who are looking for another sign have failed to grasp the significance of the gift the Lord has given them.*

### *Jesus Is the Bread of Life*

The Word of God this Sunday tells us that, according to Jesus, the people are seeking Him not because of His miraculous signs but because they were physically satisfied with the bread He provided (John 6:24-35). Jesus urges them to seek the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man offers, a food that God Himself endorses.

When He was asked how the people can do God's work, Jesus emphasizes the need to believe in the one God has sent. When someone is sent by another, they usually bring something to deliver to the recipient, but Jesus did not bring anything except Himself. In Jesus, God is present in His fullness. Jesus has become and identified Himself as one of us – the Son of Man, but He is also One with God – the Son of God. Here, Jesus is no longer a figure to be interpreted; He is the reality that God had spoken through the prophets in previous ages.

In response to their request for a sign, Jesus clarifies that the true bread from heaven is given by His Father, not by Moses, and that this bread gives life to the world. Jesus declares that He Himself is the bread of life, promising that those who come to Him will never be hungry or thirsty, thus highlighting the spiritual sustenance and eternal life that belief in Him provides.

Fast forward to our time, today the faithful disciples of Jesus still believe that He is the bread of life and that He guarantees us food that endures to eternal life. Over the past two months, the Catholics in the Diocese of Christchurch, together with the good shepherd Bishop Michael, have walked a unique journey of faith and prayed for a new name for the new cathedral. The final decision has been – the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - *Te Hāhi Matua o te Hākarameta Tapu Rawa*. This name and the reality it signifies namely that the new cathedral belongs to the Blessed Sacrament and not vice versa illustrate the essence and centrality of the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life. In the Eucharist, we recognize Jesus as the bread of life that sustains and nourishes our faith pilgrimage until we arrive home in eternity. We exist for the Eucharist and vice versa. May the Holy Spirit sanctify our endeavors!

*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. An Old Name for a New Cathedral:** Bishop Michael has finally decided that the name of our future cathedral on Barbadoes Street will remain the same as before – the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Te Hāhi Matua o te Hākarameta Tapu Rawa. This name highlights several important aspects: (1) The obvious love and connection the people of our diocese have had to this patronal name. Over the months, people have consistently expressed to the bishop their deep love for the Eucharist. (2) Every church on the Barbadoes Street site, dating back to 1864, has been named after the Blessed Sacrament. (3) This is our whakapapa, our ongoing heritage. (4) The new cathedral will house our perpetual adoration chapel, a great gift and sign of our ongoing relationship with Jesus in His sacramental form - ever ancient, ever new.

**2. 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!

**3. John Paul II Centre For Life Race Night:** The JPII Race night is back in 2024. Join us on Friday, 6th September in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JPII Centre for Life. Tickets will be \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. Contact Matt on moconnell@cdoc.nz for more information.

**4. Royal Commission's Final Report:** The final report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care was published on 24th July. It shone a light on our country's failure to protect large numbers of children, including within Catholic settings. New Zealand's Bishops and Congregational Leaders acknowledge the abuse within the Church and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. They will now review the final report and consider its many recommendations. Significant progress has been made over the past 30 years to develop robust policies and procedures, but also to foster a culture of safeguarding. Find out more at: <https://safeguarding.catholic>

**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.

**6. 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."

*In Twizel:* There is a Rosary group that meets at Kathleen and Brian Carpenter's house every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Please join them in praying for the 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?

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Gerry Dauvin	Bronwen Dauvin	Elizabeth Higgins
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mary Murdoch	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

**Church set up for July 2024:** Carpenters

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Leonie Guiney	Neville Smith	Lisa Holden
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Cath Hanrahan	Abella family	Christine O'Connell

**Cleaners:** 26 Jul/2 Aug Christine & Terry O'Connell

**Aug. 4th Morning Tea:** Carmel & Fergus Daly