



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

Communion / Participation / Mission



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

28th & 29th Sept 2024

FIRST READING • (Numbers 11:25-29). Moses is growing weary of carrying all the responsibility for the people. He is told to choose 70 elders on whom the Lord will place a share of his spirit.

SECOND READING • (James 5:1-9). James warns the rich members of the Church not to trust in their wealth for they are responsible for ensuring that their poorer brothers and sisters receive fair play.

GOSPEL • (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48). Jesus warns of the dangers of leading astray the weak members of the community, especially the children.

**Jesus Said, You Must Not Stop Them:
'Anyone Who Is Not Against Us Is for Us'**

In Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, Jesus teaches us to resist jealousy and envy, as they stem from evil and cause division, disharmony, and an inability to appreciate God's unique gifts to each person. Envy occurs when we desire what others possess, while jealousy arises when we fear losing what we have to someone else. Both are destructive emotions, igniting insecurity and fear, and blinding us to joy and love. Envy is particularly harmful, as moral theology defines it as sorrow over the blessings others receive that differ from or surpass our own. The antidote to envy and jealousy is fraternal charity, which involves gratitude for others' gifts and a sincere wish for everyone to reach their full potential.

Envy is not limited to human relationships; it exists between Satan and God as well. In the Bible, Satan's envy leads to disobedience and betrayal, as seen in the story of Adam and Eve being tricked into eating the forbidden fruit in an attempt to become like God (Genesis 3:4-5). Cain's jealousy of Abel's favored offering leads him to murder his brother (Genesis 4). Similarly, King Saul's jealousy of David's popularity drives him to attempt to kill David (1 Samuel 19). Even Joshua, in Numbers 11:25-29, shows jealousy when he reports Eldad and Medad for prophesying without Moses' direct approval.

Fighting envy and jealousy is difficult because it requires confronting our own feelings and presumption. Jesus advises us to accept and encourage others who do good, stating, "You must not stop them." His message extends beyond acceptance, calling us to view those doing good as friends, saying, "Anyone who is not against us is for us." Jesus teaches us that love is the antidote to jealousy, as it conquers all, even death. Pope Francis echoes this, reminding us that "what unites us is greater than what divides us," referring to the unity provided by the Holy Spirit, our common sonship in Christ, and the acknowledgment of the Holy Communion of God. As St. Paul emphasizes, "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

Vatican II's teachings further reinforce the idea of unity and salvation, proclaiming that God's salvation is available even to those who do not explicitly know Christ or the Church but sincerely seek God and follow their conscience (Lumen Gentium 16). The Holy Spirit offers everyone the chance to be connected to Christ's Paschal Mystery, leading to salvation. This inclusiveness reflects God's infinite generosity and desire that "all people be saved" (1 Timothy 2:4), offering hope and liberation for all humanity. *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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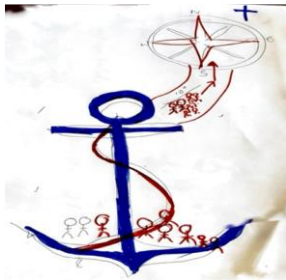
PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW (Revelation 21:5)

The First Reading from the Book of Numbers (11:25-29) speaks of a profound moment when Moses, feeling the weight of leading the people, is instructed to appoint 70 elders to share in the Lord's spirit. Today, this same Spirit lives within each of us through our baptism, sending us out on mission to live and spread the Gospel. In our Mackenzie Parish, we are called to be intentional and deliberate in this mission, bringing the Gospel to life in our everyday actions.

Over the past two Sundays in Fairlie and Twizel, we've witnessed this very spirit alive in our community through the presentations of members of our senior leadership team. There is a strong, heartfelt desire to serve God in a meaningful and transformative way. As St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta beautifully reminds us, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

We are the "NOW" of God: Without your presence and participation today, there is no future for our community's mission. We invite you to spend time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal a symbol that resonates with your heart - a symbol that sparks your imagination and inspires you. Perhaps it could be:



AN ANCHOR



AN OPEN WINDOW



A PILGRIMAGE



A SMALL SPARK

Share with us what God is revealing to you. Our greatest joy is to make JESUS known through: *Spiritual Growth - Community Building - Service and Outreach - Discipleship and Education - Worship and Liturgy - Evangelization - Stewardship*

2. Golden Catholics will be held on Friday, October 18th, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru. Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass, followed by a talk about his vocational journey and a luncheon in the Parish Centre. Our parish will travel together by van, so please RSVP to Christine O'Connell by Friday, October 11th, or let Fr. Tien Cao know.

3. Working Bee & Dumping Tree Branches: We are looking for a place to dispose of tree branches following some working bees at St. Patrick's Church in Fairlie in the near future. If you, or anyone you know, can help with this, please contact Garry Brosnahan. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

4. Margaret Rose - Fairlie, aged 72, passed away peacefully at home on September 24, 2024. A Requiem Mass at The Immaculate Conception Church in Geraldine on September 30 at 1:00 p.m.

5. Cathedral Precinct Outdoor Mass: Please be advised the Mass planned for the precinct of our future Cathedral on Sunday 24th November 2024 **has been postponed to 2025.**

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
28 th Sept	Gerry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Elizabeth Higgins
5 th Oct	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray

Church set up for Oct: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
29 th Sept	Garry Brosnahan	Garry Brosnahan	Cath Hanrahan	Cath Hanrahan	Garry Brosnahan
6 th Oct	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Rosemary Moran	Lisa Holden	Mary Calder

Cleaners: 4 Oct/11 Oct Kelly Eason / Louise Anderson

Oct 6th Morning Tea: Lisa Holden