



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

*Communion / Participation / Mission*



## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024*

**FIRST READING** • (Wisdom 7:7-11). There is a sense of measure in the life of a wise person. The wise know what is possible and what is not.

**SECOND READING** • (Hebrews 4:12-13). The Word of God is the truth of things and there is no hiding from it. The truth is not there to condemn or make one feel bad. Jesus said that the truth will make us free. The Word of God expands our horizons to see the grace and love which is at the heart of all.

**GOSPEL** • (Mark 10:17-30). Security is not found in things. As they pass, their limitations become evident. The ultimate security is found in surrender to God's presence. From youth to old age, his love is the constant in our lives

### **There Is One Thing You Lack**

The one thing we all lack is not earthly riches or possessions but treasure in heaven - eternal life, which we receive as a gift from God. Eternal life is not manufactured or created by medical advancement or technology. It is a participation in the very life of God Himself. Jesus reminds us that while eternal life is impossible for humans to attain on our own, everything is possible with God (Mark 10:27).

Eternal life has already begun in our human life and it is so precious to God that Jesus Christ willingly laid down His life for us to restore and renew our life both now and forever. Jesus loves each life unconditionally, defending human dignity and life beyond what we could ever deserve. He said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). The teaching and good works of Jesus have shown us that no matter the gravity of a person's sins or moral failures, their dignity remains intact because they are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27). In God's infinite mercy, no one is beyond redemption. As the saying goes, "Every Saint has a past, and every sinner has a future."

On this Support Life Sunday, we are called to do everything in our power to protect the infinite dignity of every human being. Every life matters... always!

*He mea nui te ora o ngā tāngata katoa... i ngā wā katoa!*

Supporting life, as Jesus teaches, must be rooted in the understanding that each person receives their dignity from God, no matter their mental or physical condition, health, or perceived "usefulness" in society. It is on this foundation that we stand to defend and promote the sanctity of life. We proclaim that every human person possesses an inalienable, infinite dignity—one that exists in and beyond every circumstance. This truth, grounded in our very being, is confirmed by both reason and divine revelation. Every life, at every stage and in every condition, is to be cherished and safeguarded, no matter the challenges faced.

Finally, this Sunday's Gospel, along with the recent COVID-19 pandemic, has taught us how fragile and fleeting earthly riches are. Many had wealth but were unable to buy health or extend life. This lesson reminds us that both life on earth and eternal life are gifts, not entitlements. We have no right to take anyone's life because life itself is a gift that only God can give and sustain. The one thing we all lack is the eternal life that is hidden in Christ, who tells us, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). May our faith in Christ enlighten us to see and participate in God's life now and forever.

*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:**

**Oct 27 at 6:00 pm**

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**PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES**

**1. Volunteers Wanted in Fairlie. Can You Help?**

i) **St. Joseph's School** would gladly welcome anyone who can spare some time to assist the children with various activities. This could be - Learning their prayers, Reading, Crafts, Board games, Sports or anything with which you would be able to assist. Please consider if you are able to offer time either regularly or occasionally to support our Parish School

ii) **The next roster for Sunday Mass Ministries at St. Patrick's** is currently being compiled. We would love to hear from any parishioner who feels they could assist with Reading, Collection/Offertory, Greeting or Morning Tea. Please contact Tony Hill if you are willing to support our parish in this way.

Thank you for giving your consideration to this invitation to serve our Parish.

**2. October is Mission Month:** Pope Francis, *'I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission ad gentes that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth'* (Message: World Mission Day 2024).

With this year's theme; "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet" (Mt 22:9), Jesus calls us to be deliberate, intentional, and active in living out our Christian faith and mission. He reminds us, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (Jn 20:21).

In our parish context, we are the "NOW" of God: without our presence and participation today, our community's mission has no future. WE are invited to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal a symbol that resonates with your heart — a symbol that sparks your imagination and inspires you in our mission. 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*

**3. 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, so please RSVP to Fr. Tien Cao.

**4. Working Bee:** We are looking for a place to dispose of tree branches following some working bees at St. Patrick's church this Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 9 -11.00 am in Fairlie. Please contact Garry Brosnahan: 022 073 6933 for more details. You can bring; trailers, loppers, hedge trimmers, weed eaters, shovels, rakes, gardening tools, etc. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

**5. Support Life Sunday 2024:** This Sunday, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Support Life Sunday. Inspired by the recent Vatican document, Dignitas Infinita, the theme for 2024 is the nature of human dignity. The document reaffirms the Church's central belief that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an infinite dignity. Read more and access Support Life Sunday resources at: <https://bit.ly/SupportLife2024>

**ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER**

| Date  | Reader            | OHP                | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct                        | Elizabeth Higgins | Lenise Kearns      | Bronwen Dauvin          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct                        | Chris Grant       | Kathleen Carpenter | Elizabeth Higgins       |
| <b>Church set up for Oct:</b> Lenise Kearns |                   |                    |                         |

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

| Date                 | Reader              | Prayers             | Ex'Ord Minister     | Collector    | Greeter     |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Terry O'Connell     | Terry O'Connell     | Christine O'Connell | Lisa Holden  | Mary Calder |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Christine O'Connell | Christine O'Connell | Neville Smith       | Kevin O'Neil | Tony Hill   |

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

**Light-hearted Laughter:** *How do you know Jesus likes coffee? Hebrews!!!!*