



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel  
*Communion / Participation / Mission*



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024*

### READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Daniel 12:1-3). Life does not end with death. Beyond the grave we shall live with God.

SECOND READING • (Hebrews 10:11-14.18). Christ's perfect sacrifice has brought the sacrificial system to an end, and has sanctified all those who believe in him.

GOSPEL • (Mark 13:24-32). The Gospel looks to the return of Christ as Judge. No one can predict when the Lord will come, but that he will come is certain.

### The Unveiling of God's Full Glory in Christ

The great power and glory of God is the daily language of faith. It is manifested in all things and in every person, both seen and unseen. Every visible sign of life and existence is an illustration of God's glory and power. Every invisible reality, such as angels and unseen forces, also manifests His glory. Yet, Jesus Christ is the supreme manifestation of God's glory and power. He is the visible face of the invisible God, the embodiment of divine love and glory. Through participation in His life and communion, we too become vessels of God's glory and power.

We recognize the glory of God in the miracles Jesus performed and in the lives of those who fully abide in Him—such as the saints and those living righteously in our world today.

The Gospel this Sunday (Mk 13:24–32) points us to the fullness of God's glory at the Second Coming of Christ. This moment will mark the accountability of wickedness and evil and the complete unveiling of God's glory and power. Jesus reminds us that all creation has an appointed time, and only that which belongs to Him will endure forever.

Christ describes the cosmic signs that will herald His return: "The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." (Mk 13:24–25). These signs signal that the transient light of the cosmos will give way to the eternal light of Christ's glory. For Christians, the custodians of God's glory, this is a day of hope and fulfillment—a day to look forward to with joyful anticipation.

Pope Francis likens our waiting for the Lord's coming to the expectancy of a pregnant mother waiting to meet her child. Though mother and child have not yet seen each other, a profound relationship already exists. Similarly, God eagerly looks forward to meeting us face to face. Just as parents lovingly prepare for their child's arrival, God has prepared everything for us in eternity.

To sum up, this image underscores how deeply God loves us. The Second Coming is not a moment of fear but of profound love—a time when we will be born into eternal life. Today's Gospel encourages us to prepare for this encounter. God knows the appointed time and is ready to welcome us. Are we preparing ourselves to meet Him?

When we stand before the Lord, we will see Him face to face, and His name, written on our foreheads at baptism, will mark us as His own. This indelible sign of His ownership assures us that we belong to Him, 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:

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

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## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

**1. Robin Keenan:** On November 13, 2024, at Lister Home, Waimate, in his 84th year. Loved husband of Colleen, loved father and father-in-law of Evan and Debbie, Kim and Theresa, Stephen and Nadine, Jolene and Allan and the late Riki, and Nicole RSM, loved Poppy of his 14 grandchildren and great-grandfather of his 14 great-grandchildren. A Requiem Mass for Robin will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, 7 Gall Street, Fairlie, on Monday, November 18 at 1.00pm, followed by interment at the Fairlie Cemetery. Messages to 25 Smith Street, Waimate 7924.

**2. Christchurch Diocese Clergy Retreat:** From November 24th to 29th, the clergy of the Diocese of Christchurch will be on retreat. Fr. Tien Cao will be away, and there will be no daily Mass during this time. In case of an emergency, please contact Fr. Michael Welsh (027 531 1086) or Fr. Chris Friel (021 474 308). We kindly ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may continue to sanctify us, His servants, in our ministry to God and His people.

**3. Thank You:** On behalf of the entire parish, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has volunteered for the new rosters and become involved in parish and school activities. Your generosity and participation are vital to the well-being of our community. These efforts reflect our belonging to the parish and our commitment to good works.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Paul & Craig Gallagher, Gary Brosnahan and Terri O'Connell for their hard work in cutting down the large tree at St. Patrick's. Your time, effort, and dedication are truly appreciated. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our parish grounds safe and well-maintained!

**4. Working Bee:** A working bee is needed to take place today, Sunday November 17th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please contact Gary Brosnahan at 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. Columban Calendars** are on sale from the office during office hours. They are selling for \$13.00 this year.

**6. Prayer Box:** During November, Mass offerings will be dedicated to praying for the souls of the deceased. Please write the names of your departed loved ones and place them in the prayer box provided in our church. We also encourage you to offer personal prayers and attend Masses for them each day. Praying for the dead is a longstanding tradition in the Church and one of the seven spiritual works of mercy.

We are visiting the **Albury Cemetery** after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th November.

**7. Pastoral Letter:** In this week of recognition and apology, the New Zealand Bishops have asked that a pastoral letter be read at all Masses this weekend. The letter will take the place of the homily, and be followed by a litany of lament. Their message is directed to the Catholic faithful who have felt the impact of abuse. The message will reference the apology for the Church's past response, and though the serious issues addressed may be distressing, they are part of our journey of building a strong safeguarding culture within our Church community.

**8. Fifth Gospel Living:** Fr John O'Connor has collated inspiring reflections on experience of God from ninety people across Aotearoa and further afield. These are now shared in an attractive volume entitled FIFTH GOSPEL LIVING - \$35.00. Available from THE Copy Press in Nelson or (to save postage costs and for bulk orders) directly from John [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz).

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Elizabeth Higgins	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Chris Grant	Lenise Kearns	Kathleen Carpenter

**Church set up for Oct:** Carpenters

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Amanda O'Brien	Amanda O'Brien	Mary Calder	Tony Hill	Christine O'Connell
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Rosemary Moran	Abella	Amanda O'Brien

**Cleaners:** 15 Nov/22 Nov Christine O'Connell & Terry O'Connell

**Light-hearted Laughter:** *By the time Johnny arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long" said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."* 🙄