



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

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



34th SUNDAY - YEAR B

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - KING OF UNIVERSE

23rd & 24th Nov 2024

READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Daniel 7:13-14). Through the power of God, a son of man will establish a kingdom that will be universal and everlasting.

SECOND READING • (Revelation 1:5-8). Through shedding his blood Christ sanctified those who believe in him and formed them into his own priestly people.

GOSPEL • (John 18:33-37). The members of Christ's kingdom manifest their allegiance to their king by living according to the truth he has revealed.

Christ the King: The Key to Unity in a Divided World

Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe. He gave His life for the common good of all, including His enemies and those who do not know Him. This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, proclaiming Jesus as the eternal ruler of all creation. On this feast, we are reminded of His words to Pilate: "Yes, I am a king. For this, I was born... to bear witness to the truth." These words not only affirm Christ's kingship but also reveal its essence, a reign of truth, love, and unity that transcends earthly power.

Unlike earthly rulers, who often rely on control or presumption, Christ's kingship is rooted in righteousness. He rules not through force but through the truth that liberates and the love that unites. His kingdom is not of this world, as He explained to Pilate, but one that transforms hearts and minds, calling all who listen to His voice into communion with Him and with one another. In a world fractured by division; political, cultural and social, Christ's kingship offers a profound vision of unity. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians, "When all things are subjected to him... God will be all in all." This is the promise of Christ's reign: a cosmic harmony where heaven and earth are united, and all people are reconciled in love.

But this unity is not automatic; it requires our active participation. As members of His kingdom, we are called to embody His love in our lives. When His command to "love one another as I have loved you" takes root in our hearts, it dissolves barriers and creates bonds of understanding and peace. Christ's kingship is not limited to a particular nation or group, it is universal. His truth and love are meant for all, and His reign invites every person to enter a relationship with Him. Under His rule, unity is not a distant ideal but a reality that has already begun, as we allow His love to permeate our families, communities, and the wider world.

On this solemnity, let us honor Christ the King by living as ambassadors of His kingdom. Let us work for reconciliation, stand firm in truth, and spread His love, so that one day, all things will be subject to Him, and God will indeed be "all in all." As we pray the Gloria: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen," may Christ, the King of the Universe, reign in our hearts and guide us toward the Oneness He came to bring.

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 24th at 6:00 pm

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. **Priests Retirement Villas:** Bishop Michael has this weekend launched a campaign to support the development of retirement villas for priests in the Christchurch Diocese. The villas will allow for modest but comfortable accommodation for the men who has served our Diocese faithfully for decades. About 25 per cent of the \$3.5 million fundraising target has already been raised, including through contributions from clergy. Members of the Catholic community are invited to prayerfully consider how they can support this initiative. Find out more at <https://cdoc.nz/>
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. **A Heartfelt Thank You:** On behalf of the entire parish, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who volunteered during last Sunday afternoon's working bee. Your generosity and hard work are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and your families abundantly for your selfless contributions to our parish community!
.... I also want to let everyone in the parish and beyond know that I am available for a chat about anything. Please don't hesitate if you or someone you know needs a listening ear - I am here for you, and I will pray for your intentions. Whether it's at the presbytery, your place, or even at a café, I'd be honored to spend time with you. I am your priest, and I am here for you. Please don't be shy.
4. **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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2024 – A NEW ADVENT IN FAITH IN CHRIST

Advent is a season of preparation and hope as we await the coming of Jesus Christ. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and it reminds us that Christ comes into our lives in three ways: in history, as He was born in Bethlehem; in mystery, through the Sacraments and daily encounters; and in majesty, when He will come again at the end of time. This Advent, let us embrace the sacred time with greater devotion:

1. **Come to at least one daily Mass per Week:** The Eucharist is the heart of our faith and the most profound way to encounter Christ. Attending Mass during Advent helps us stay focused on the true meaning of the season and nourishes our souls with His presence.
2. **Read the Bible:** The Word of God reveals His promises and prepares us for His coming. Spend time reading the Gospels and the prophecies that point to Christ's birth. Let the Scriptures guide your reflection and prayer.
3. **Pray Daily:** Prayer opens our hearts to Christ and deepens our relationship with Him. Consider praying the Rosary, especially the Joyful Mysteries, or setting aside time for quiet prayer to reflect on God's love and mercy.

Advent is a season of waiting, but it is also a time of action, spiritual action. Let us not merely count the days until Christmas but make these days count by drawing closer to Christ. May this Advent be a time of renewal for you and your loved ones, as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord with joy.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

| Date | Reader | OHP | Extra-Ordinary Minister |
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| 23 rd Nov | Chris Grant | Lenise Kearns | Kathleen Carpenter |
| 30 th Nov | Sue Atkinson | Kathleen Carpenter | Bronwen Dauvin |

Church set up for Nov: Carpenters

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

| Date | Reader | Prayers | Ex'Ord Minister | Collector | Greeter |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 24 th Nov 2024 | Lisa Holden | Lisa Holden | Rosemary Moran | Abella | Amanda O'Brien |
| 1 st Dec 2025 | Terry O'Connell | Terry O'Connell | Cath Hanrahan | Kevin O'Neil | Mary Calder |

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

Light-hearted Laughter: A reason God made Eve - *As the Keeper of the Garden, since Adam didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, he would never remember where he left his tools.* 🤪