



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

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



6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

15th & 16th Feb 2025

READINGS AT MASS

FIRST READING • (Jer 17:5-8). Jeremiah places two images before us. Which attracts us more, placing our trust in human strength or divine help?

SECOND READING • (1 Cor 15:12,16-20). The resurrection of Jesus is absolutely fundamental to our faith. Paul moves quickly to correct any doubts which undermine our faith.

GOSPEL • (Lk 6:17,20-26). The disciples are blessed because the Kingdom belongs to them.



Happy Are Those Who Hope in the Lord

The theme of the Word of God this Sunday coincides with the theme of this year's Jubilee – *Pilgrims of Hope 2025*. The Lord blesses those who put their trust in Him, while a curse falls upon those who rely solely on themselves or on mortals. Jeremiah compares the one who hopes in the Lord to a tree planted by the waterside (17:5-8). This tree sends its roots toward the stream; when the heat comes, it feels no alarm, its foliage remains green, it has no worries in times of drought, and it never ceases to bear fruit. Conversely, the prophet likens the person who turns away from the Lord, placing their trust in mortals and relying on worldly things, to dry scrub in the wastelands. If good comes, they do not see it; they dwell in parched lands, a salt land, uninhabited.

Similarly, Jesus affirms this teaching in Jeremiah by instructing His disciples through the Beatitudes (Lk 6:17,20-26). He encourages the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the persecuted not to complain or fall into self-pity but to place their hope in God's promises, especially the rewards reserved for them in heaven. At the same time, Jesus teaches those who are rich not to rely on their wealth or status according to worldly standards but to be moderate and humble before God, for they too are called to the kingdom of heaven.

To sum up, the motto of this year's Jubilee reminds us that we are *Pilgrims of Hope*. As we journey through life, let nothing and no one hinder our trust in the eternal rewards that come from God. As St. Paul reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint" (Rm 5:5). Pope Francis beautifully reflects on Christian hope, saying: "*Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love: 'Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord'* (Rm 8:35, 37-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life." 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

Mass 23rd Feb at 6:00 pm

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Hymn For The Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri. English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello. Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6xoPAInr_8

*Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.
Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.*

Chorus

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Chorus

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

Chorus

2. Faith Formation – Want to grow in your faith? For you and family throughout the year. **FORMED** is an online Catholic media platform filled with over 4,000 programs about the bible, faith and parenting, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. It is an amazing resource to enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. This material is free for all parishioners. You can gain access to all of FORMED's content by following these simple steps:

- (1) Go to <https://signup.formed.org/> (2) • Enter your parish name: **Mackenzie Parish** (3) • Enter your name: ... and your email address:

3. Lent Men's Program – Exodus 40: Brothers, do you have a hole in your heart you cannot satisfy? Is there a habit you want to be rid of? Are you isolated? Are you frequently distracted? Do you want more time in your life for reflection? Do you feel not present enough for your loved ones? Are you approaching this Lent either with no plan or unsure of what to "give up"? Well, we have something that will transform your life and give your lent this year structure like nothing you've done before. Join us this lent on Exodus 40 for men! These structured challenges are a path to gaining true Christian freedom from the things shackling us based on three pillars; prayer, brotherhood and a set of physical disciplines. These challenges are designed to make your Lent journey with our Lord more fruitful and deliberate. We know this will be a blessing to you like no other. What are you waiting for?

Join us. Register your interest online on the diocesan website or contact Mike Stopforthmstopforth@cdoc.nz 3669869. A "tips and tricks" night for those undertaking Exodus will be held on Thursday 27th February, 7.30pm, Assisi Lounge, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral to hear from those who have done Exodus in previous years.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
15 th Feb	Chris Grant	Kathleen Carpenter	Elizabeth Higgins
22 nd Feb	Sue Atkinson	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter

Church set up for Feb: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
16 th Feb	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Leonie Guiney	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden
23 rd Feb	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Cath Hanrahan	Kevin O'Neil	Tony Hill

Cleaners: 14 Feb/21 Feb Jo O'Neill Mary Harris