



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel

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EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR C - BE HAPPY JESUS IS ALIVE

19th & 20th April 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Acts 10:34,37-43*. We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.
- *Colossians 3:1-4*. In Baptism we have, in principle, died to sin. We are to look to the risen Lord to find the source of true life.
- *John 20:1-9*. The teaching of the scriptures is that he must rise from the dead.

Christ is Alive

The fact that our faith community here and everywhere has gathered together to celebrate Easter is not because of our successful pastoral plans and projects, but because Jesus is alive. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus has called us, mobilized and animated us by instilling, implanting, and nurturing in us the seed of faith to believe in his resurrection, which is why we celebrate Easter with hope.

“Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. Amen!”
(*Christus Vivit* No. 124)

‘Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not in the tomb, he has risen. Remember what he told us when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?’ (Luke 24:1–12). According to St. Luke, the resurrection of Jesus is first reported by the women. They were the first people to hear about the resurrection—that death was not the final destination of the life of Jesus, but life was. These women reported their witness to the Eleven Apostles, who were amazed. In the book of the *Acts of the Apostles*, Peter addressed Cornelius and his family, saying: ‘You must have heard about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree. Yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses—we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead—and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people’ (Acts 10:34, 37–43).

Finally, the Opening Prayer of the Easter Mass reminds us: ‘The Only Begotten Son of God has conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity.’ In Christ, the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, so that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. For those who belong to the Lord, life is changed, not ended. When our earthly dwellings turn to dust, an eternal dwelling is prepared for us in heaven. For Christ has promised us, “I am the resurrection and the life. They who believe in me will live, even though they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” (Jn 11:25–26). *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

Easter Sunday 20th April

& Last Sunday of the Month

Mass 27th April at **6:00 pm**

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday: There will be an hour of Adoration before Mass to celebrate Divine Mercy:

Twizel: Saturday, 26th April, from 4:00–5:00 pm.

Fairlie: Sunday, 27th April, from 8:30–9:30 pm.

During the hour, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary. Let us immerse ourselves in the ocean of Divine Mercy and be filled with His eternal, extravagant love.

2. Thank You for Your Generous Service: We extend our sincere thanks to all who generously gave their time and talents to support the parish ministries during Lent and Holy Week. Your dedication in preparing liturgies, music, church environment, and all forms of service has helped our community enter deeply into the Paschal Mystery. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families abundantly now and for all eternity!

3. Priests Retirement Villas Update: A Heartfelt Thank You – We’re Nearly There! We are delighted to share that, through the generosity of our community, \$2.7 million has now been pledged toward the Priest Retirement Villas Campaign, nearly 80% of our overall target. This is a tremendous milestone and a testament to the love and appreciation so many people have for the priests who have faithfully served. The vision for the Priest Retirement Villas has always been about providing our retired priests with a comfortable place to live, offering both community and independence. While this is a great achievement, we still need support to reach our \$3.5 million goal. Bishop Michael is confident that we have the momentum to get there and begin construction later this year. If you haven’t yet pledged your support, you can do so by visiting: <https://cdoc.nz/support/donate...> Bishop Michael and our Diocesan Priests would like to thank everyone who has offered prayers and support.

4. Alpha: Alpha has started for 11 weeks (April – June 2025). You will have the chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. Bring along family members who don’t attend Mass anymore or maybe workmates and friends who have shown an interest in your faith. Any questions? Please phone Fr. Tien Cao. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. We start with a meal, followed by a short video and discussion in small groups. It’s relaxed and informal, and everyone is welcome. No charge, no pressure!

- **In Twizel:** Started on Tuesday 1st April, from 5:00pm – 6.30 pm at Bronwen and Gerry Dauvin’s House

- **In Fairlie:** Started on Monday 31st March from 6.00 – 7.30 pm at the presbytery.

5. Support of Lent Appeal is an ‘act of generosity’: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa NZ asks Caritas to run a six-week fundraising campaign on their behalf called the Bishop’s Lent Appeal. The money raised during this time is essential to the mission of Caritas. It provides much of the funding necessary for them to continue their life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific and beyond. This year’s appeal is even more urgent than usual. The US government recently stopped almost all foreign aid, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany & UK have also cut their overseas budgets. Your support is needed so Caritas can step in across the Pacific as donor governments withdraw.

LENTEN ENVELOPES are available to be picked up in the foyer of both Churches.

6. Holy Week Liturgy Times: Are you travelling during Easter? Are you looking for Holy Week times including Reconciliation? Parish Holy Week and Liturgy times can be found on the diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/easter>

7. Easter Office Hours: Please note that our office will be closed over the Easter and ANZAC period from Thursday 17 April, and will reopen on Monday 28 April. Thank you for your continued support.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
19 th April	Elizabeth Higgins	Carolina Aldabe	Sandy Murray
26 th Apr	Christ Grant	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter

Church set up for April 2025: Elizabeth Higgins

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
20 th April	Amanda O’Brien	Amanda O’Brien	Christine O’Connell	Abella Family	Mary Calder
27 th Apr	Christine O’Connell	Christine O’	Rosemary Moran	Cath Hanrahan	Tony Hill

Cleaners: 25 Apr/2 May Claire Guiney / Kellie Cassie