



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR C

14th & 15th June 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Proverbs 8:22-31*. Wisdom was born before the earth was made.
- *Rom 5:1-5*. To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.
- *John 16: 12-15*. Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus, Source of Our Unity

The Most Holy Trinity Solemnity invites us to model our Christian way of life on the divine harmony of the Trinity. The Three Persons in One God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are united in perfect oneness, equal in glory, in power, and in majesty. This reminds us of the vitality of unity and equality, not only in our personal lives but also in the life of society.

Interestingly, Jesus did not speak of ‘unity’ as such, but rather of ‘oneness,’ a term even more powerful. In his prayer Jesus said: “That they may all be *one*, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us” (John 17:21). The oneness of the Three Persons in One God calls us to contemplate the strength that comes from being part of something greater than ourselves. For example, a diamond is beautiful and valuable not only because of its outward appearance, but because of its inner unity and structure that makes it so difficult to break. Its inner cohesion is what gives it value. A peaceful person is someone who, deep within, lives in harmony with the will of God. “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you” (Isaiah 26:3). Similarly, a community or organization is strong when its members share a common vision and purpose. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Prov 29:18). How wonderful it will be for our Mackenzie Parish when the Holy Spirit deepens God’s oneness in us and among us.

Moreover, contemplating the mystery of the Trinity, where the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are equal, helps us to appreciate the inherent dignity of every person. As Christians, we understand that human dignity is not earned; it is given by God and therefore deserves our full respect. “God created mankind in his own image... male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27). Each one of us is equal in dignity, despite our differences in culture, skin colour, language, background, or personal achievements. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that diversity is not accidental but God’s design. God understands all languages and rejoices in our diversity. These differences should never be the cause of division. In the eyes of God, we are all equal, “God shows no partiality” (Romans 2:11).

Finally, let us welcome and give thanks to the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, who today leads us to contemplate the fullness of truth: the power of unity and the equality that comes from the inner life of God – The Trinity. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, let us slow down and remember that it is the sacred sign that unites us to God and to one another. In the Eucharist, Jesus unites us into oneness with God too, because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread (1 Cor 10:17).

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PARISH MASS TIMES

FAIRLIE - ST. PATRICK’S

Sunday 9:30 am

Tue – Fri (in house chapel)

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 29th June at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

1. Holy Hour of Adoration Before Mass: Next Sunday is **Corpus Christi** – the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We will have one **Holy Hour of Adoration** before Mass to honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is source and summit of our faith, *the Most Holy Sacrament – the Most Divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine*. Moreover, as the saying goes, “*Muddy water is best left alone,*” when we spend time in holy silent adoration, our hearts and minds are settled. The Holy Spirit fills us with fortitude, peace and love, and we become deeply connected with God, who is all-loving and all-powerful. Let us remember that the primary calling of our human vocation is to worship God.

Times for Adoration:

- **Twizel** – Saturday, 4:00–5:00 PM – *Mass at 5:00 PM*
- **Fairlie** – Sunday, 8:30–9:30 AM – *Mass at 9:30 AM*

2. Gratitude for Pentecost Sunday: To the Twizel Community: Due to road closures and severe weather last Saturday, I was sadly unable to join you for the Pentecost celebration. I had truly been looking forward to it. But I trust that the Holy Spirit does far greater work than I ever could 😊.

I have heard that everything went well, and that the community was happy. I am deeply grateful to those who organized the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Your initiative and faithfulness are a true testament to your love for Christ and the parish. Thank you for your unwavering commitment. May God bless you abundantly.

To the Fairlie Community: I was deeply moved by so many of you who came forward to receive a Pentecost blessing after Mass. It was the first time I offered this as a parish priest, and like many of you, I was brought to tears by the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the line, one of you turned and offered me a blessing in return. I am grateful. Thank you for opening your hearts to the Spirit of God.

3. Alpha Update: Our parish Alpha groups in Twizel and Fairlie had a retreat together at Tekapo yesterday. We prayed together and for one another, and we shared in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It was deeply meaningful to hear each person’s testimony, shared in trust and openness. These stories of faith and encounter touched us all and reminded us of God’s ongoing work in our lives through Alpha. I am especially grateful to Angela Marshall, who generously allowed us to use her home in Tekapo for the retreat. Thank you also to those who helped prepare the food; and most of all, thank you to each of you who made the sacrifice to step away from work and other commitments to be there.

4. Special Prayer Intentions: Let us remember in our prayers some members of our parish communities in Fairlie and Twizel who have been unwell.

We ask that the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord remove all fear and anxiety from their hearts. May he bring healing, strength, and deep peace to them, and to those who lovingly care for them. May they be restored to health and feel the comforting presence of Christ in their time of need.

We also pray for Juliette from Twizel, who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit enlighten her with his gifts and fruits, and confirm her in faith, hope, and love as a joyful disciple of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit.

5. Thank You – St. Patrick’s Church Cleaning Team: *Phew!!!* A heartfelt thank you to all who have helped with cleaning the clustered flies at St. Patrick’s Church during the autumn season. Your quiet work and dedication have kept the sanctuary of God clean, reverent, and beautiful. May God bless you abundantly for your time, care, and sacrifice.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
14 th June	Chris Grant	Lenise Kearns	Sandy Murray
21 st June	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter

Church set up for June 2025: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
15 th June	Rose Struthers	Rose Struthers	Rosary Moran	Cath Hanrahan	Tony Hill
22 nd June	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Christine O’Connell	Tony Hill	Lisa Holden

Cleaners: 30 May/6 Jun Jo O’Neill Mary Harris