



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel  
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## **CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - YEAR C** **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

*21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025*

### READINGS AT MASS

- *Gen 14:18-20*. Melchizedek brought bread and wine.
- *1 Cor*. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.
- *Lk 9:11-17*. They all ate and were filled.

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood because he loves us and wants to perpetuate his presence in us and with us. In the Eucharist, Jesus fulfils his promise: "I am with you always, even until the end of the world" (Mt 28:20). Through the Priesthood, Jesus continues forgiving, anointing, blessing, and shepherding His disciples. 'O how great is the priest! If he realized what he is, he would die... God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host' St. John Vianney. Jesus is the Eternal High Priest who dies no more, he remains the Sacrificial Lamb who takes away the sins of the world forever.

Jesus wants us to experience him in the Church as his early apostles experienced him when he became incarnate. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And so, today's solemnity of *Corpus Christi* invites us to honour the sacrificial love and real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Like us, Jesus has a Body to live, to communicate, to receive, and to express love. In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to communicate and express his love for us and with us. The Mass is not our performance, every action in this celebration contains and communicates Christ's work of salvation for the world; his Last Supper, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Christ is the centre of our liturgy. He joins our memory to that of his people at the Passover in Egypt. He unites us with his apostles at the Last Supper. He connects our current memory with the final banquet of God in the future.

Today's Gospel about the feeding of the five thousand tells us that everyone who followed Jesus that day was fed with satisfaction, they ate as much as they wanted, and there were still twelve baskets of leftovers (Lk 9:11-17). This miracle of the five loaves and two fish reveals Jesus' generosity and his power to provide. It was an extraordinary sign, helping all to see that, although Jesus appeared to be an ordinary man, he was also divine. Through his words and miraculous deeds, Jesus revealed the power of God. He is the Face, the Power, the Love, and the Presence of God, the Most Holy Trinity among us.

Finally, through the power of the Eucharist, Jesus perpetuates his love in us and among us. Let us love him and adore him! As St. John Vianney once recognised: "What happiness do we not find in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at his feet before the tabernacle. Ah! If we had the eyes of the angels—seeing our Lord Jesus Christ who is present on this altar and who is looking at us, how we would love Him! We would wish to remain always at His feet."

*Fr. Tien Cao*

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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 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00 pm

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## DIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

**1. Holy Hour of Adoration Before Mass:** This 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, ‘*O Sacrament Most Holy – O Sacrament 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 infuses 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. Alpha Update:** Our parish Alpha groups in Twizel and Fairlie recently had a retreat together at Tekapo. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Prayer Conference - Save The Date:** Put this date in your diary! Our Diocesan Prayer Conference will be held on Sat, Aug 2 and will be held in Temuka. Registrations will open next week. More details to come.

**6. Christchurch Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage To Northland:** In this year of Jubilee, one of the exciting opportunities the Christchurch Diocese is offering is a Diocesan 6-day pilgrimage to the sacred places at the very foundation of the Catholic Faith in New Zealand. As ‘pilgrims of hope’, the pilgrimage will begin in Auckland and will explore the sites of the first missionaries that brought the faith to this country.

The pilgrimage is being held Oct 26 – 31, 2025. Places are limited. Matt O’Connell is leading the tour and there will be a priest chaplain. Bishop Michael will also join the pilgrimage for two days. For more information and a full itinerary, please contact Matt at the Diocesan Office on 366-9869 or [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz)

**7. Hospital Chaplaincy Contacts:** Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please either advise the chaplain or your parish office or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call.

dChristchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick – 021 702 378 ---- Burwood Hospital: Jane Dick - 021 572 480

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Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

St George’s Hospital: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438 ---- Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish - 379 1068

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Elizabeth Higgins

**Church set up for June 2025:** Lenise Kearns

### ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Christine O’Connell	Tony Hill	Lisa Holden
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Frances Hill	Frances Hill	Neville Smith	Lisa Holden	Amanda O’Brien

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