



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

28th & 29th June 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Acts 12:1-11*. Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.
- *2 Tim 4:6-8; 17-18*. All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.
- *Mt 16:13-19*. You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

St. Peter and St. Paul: the Chosen Servants of Jesus

The first reading is about God's rescue of Peter from imprisonment (Acts 12:1–11). While Peter was in prison, the community prayed for him to be released. This shows the power of the prayers of the community. God saw their heart's desire, that they needed Peter to preach to them and to shepherd them, and so the heart of God was moved by their prayers. Eventually, God intervened and granted them their heart's desire, and Peter was released. Let us always pray for our pope, our community leaders, and missionaries.

The late Pope Francis insisted; *'Those Christians did not cast blame; they prayed. In that community, no one said: "If Peter had been more careful, we would not be in this situation." No, they did not complain about Peter; they prayed for him. They did not talk about Peter behind his back; they talked to God. We today can ask: "Are we protecting our unity with prayer? Are we praying for one another?" What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? The same thing that happened to Peter in prison: now as then, so many closed doors would be opened, so many chains that bind would be broken. Let us ask for the grace to be able to pray for one another.'*

The rescue of Peter from prison also tells us that God protects those whom he has sent for mission. There will be difficulties, and maybe even dangers, waiting for us on our path of carrying out the mission of Christ. But one thing that comforts us is that God knows everything. If necessary, he sends us his angels or good people to rescue us from various forms of imprisonment; such as vices or false ideologies we or others may hold. It is when we are stuck in our mission that God's power will be revealed. He may not stop us from being imprisoned or facing difficult circumstances, but he will rescue us when the time comes. As we read in Psalm 33 (34:2–9): The Lord set me free from all my foes. Or in the same spirit, St. Paul wrote and testified to Timothy: *"The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."* (2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18)

On this solemnity, let us particularly pray for our Church leaders and for unity in our Christian community, that we may be the solid rock and anchor of God's love in the world.

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 29th June at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

1. RIP - Paddy Beban: Last evening (Fri 27th June 2025), Paddy was called home to God. Paddy served for many years as the CEO of the Mackenzie District, and his children attended St. Joseph's School in Fairlie. Before his retirement, he was the General Manager of the Diocese of Christchurch for many years. His dedicated service greatly supported our faith community, particularly during the challenging period following the Christchurch earthquakes. As Financial Administrator, he helped navigate the Diocese through the aftermath of the earthquakes, overseeing church property matters, coordinating repairs and rebuilding efforts, and managing issues related to potential property sales. His contribution was a blessing to many, and his legacy of faithful service will be remembered with gratitude. May he rest in peace and may God console his family with hope.

2. Peter's Pence Collection: Each year on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Peter's Pence collection is taken up across the world. The collection assists the Pope in his mission supporting the universal Church. The Holy See has reminded us of the importance of promoting this special offering. Envelopes are available in the foyer or an envelope with your planned giving number is ok. Thank you.

3. A Special Event With Cardinal John Dew "A Night At The Conclave" Tickets Now On Sale!
Join Cardinal John Dew as he shares his inspirational reflections on his recent visit to Rome and his experience attending the Papal Conclave.

Event Details:

Title: *A Night at the Conclave*

Host: Catholic Diocese of Christchurch

Venue: James Hay Theatre, 86 Kilmore Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

Date: Friday, 1 August 2025

Tickets: General Admission \$35.00 / Students \$19.00

Tickets are now available on Humanitix. Our event website is fully operational with all the details, including ticket purchasing and event information. Please feel free to direct people to our website:

<https://events.humanitix.com/nightattheconclave>

4. Alpha Update: Our parish Alpha group in Twizel has now concluded, and everyone who participated truly benefited from it. It is so encouraging to see how this kind of mission strengthens our community of faith. In Fairlie, our Alpha programme is still ongoing and we are nearly finished with this one. We are also open to running another Alpha before the end of the year. We normally pray together and for one another, fostering a spirit of unity and support.

5. 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.

6. 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. 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.

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

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough - 021 501 683 – 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
28 th June	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Elizabeth Higgins
5 th July	Rosalie Ardagh	Carolina Adabe	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for July 2025:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
29 th June	Frances Hill	Frances Hill	Neville Smith	Lisa Holden	Amanda O'Brien
6 th July	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Mercides Abella	Kevin O'Neil	Christine O'Connell

Cleaners: 27 Jun/4 Jul Christine O'Connell / Terry O'Connell