



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

### READINGS AT MASS

- *Acts 2:1-11.* They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.
- *Rom 8:8-17.* Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God.
- *John 14: 16-16;23-26.* The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

### Jesus Comforts the Disciples: God Will Give You Another Advocate

God will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. The Advocate is the Holy Spirit, whose name in Greek is the *Paraclete* that is, one who is called to our side to help and to guide us, especially through difficult times. Jesus assured us that the Holy Spirit will remain with us forever. This is deeply significant. People often say, “You can’t take your money with you when you die.” That is true. When death comes, even our wealth, success, and achievements stay behind. Our family and friends will accompany us to the grave, but then they return to their lives. Who remains with us is the Holy Spirit now and at the hour of our death. He alone bridges and brings us into eternity, into the very life of God.

St. Irenaeus taught: “By no other means could we have attained to incorruptibility and immortality, unless we had been united to incorruptibility and immortality. But how could we be joined to incorruptibility and immortality, unless, first, incorruptibility and immortality had become that which we also are?” He meant that in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who is the one that has united divinity with humanity. In him, the immortal God takes on our mortal flesh so that we may share in God’s own immortality. This is made possible through the Holy Spirit, the gift of divine life poured into our hearts.

On Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. This has fulfilled the promise of Jesus: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.” This illustrates that there is no discontinuity or rupture between the time Jesus walked with his disciples and the time after his Ascension. The same Holy Spirit who animated Jesus’ mission now lives in the Church. The Holy Spirit continues Christ’s work and makes him present in every believer.

Today, that same Spirit dwells in us and among us. With trust, let us be attentive to his voice, and be docile to his promptings. Let us live our lives for the glory of God. As St. Paul reminds us: “The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Alleluia!” (Romans 5:5).

*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. A Special Blessing After Pentecost Mass:** After Mass, Fr. Tien will be available to give a personal blessing to anyone who would like one for a particular intention, whether for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, or another special need. Take this opportunity to open your heart to the Holy Spirit. Come in faith, and trust in God's loving care.

**2. Thank You – Sharon Blanchard:** We are grateful to Sharon Blanchard for her many years of dedicated service to the parish as a member of the Parish Council. In this role, she has helped to bridge our Twizel community with the wider parish. As Sharon and her family now prepare to move to Christchurch, we pray that the love of Christ and the many good experiences she has shared with the people of Twizel will continue to accompany them on their journey.

**3. Thank You** We are also deeply grateful to **Brian and Kathleen Carpenter** for their many years of faithful service in the Twizel community. Your commitment to the faith and your dedication have been a great support to priests, parishioners, and visitors who have come to All Saints for Mass and other services. Only God can fully reward you, but we want you to know that your Christian witness has been exemplary and a source of inspiration for many of us. We are especially thankful for the way you have invited and encouraged your family members to take part in various parish ministries. A short video has been made to honour and remember your service: Watch here: <https://mackenziecatholic.nz/mass-times/> This video will remain on our parish website and YouTube channel as a lasting tribute. We also express our thanks to **Mary Murdoch** and all those who have taken on ministries to ensure that our parish remains a place where everyone can encounter the Risen Lord with LOVE.

**4. SLT Update:** It's time to update you all on the progress of the Parish SLT. We have been meeting every second week from 6:30 to 8:00 am. The team has decided to change our name from Senior Leadership Team to Servant Leadership Team, reflecting the humble and Christ-like style of leadership we wish to embody. Over the past weeks, we have prayerfully discerned and gathered some key words that express the emerging vision of our parish. We invite you to reflect on these vision key words, and if you wish, feel free to express them in your own words and send them to us. You are also warmly welcome to join one of our meetings to share your thoughts and be part of the journey. Vision Key Words *Mackenzie Catholic Parish is about: Love, Encountering Jesus, Intentional Discipleship, Witness, Welcome, Sanctuary, Learning, Renewal, Thriving Christian Community, Salvation, Holy Spirit, Engagement, Touching Hearts, Response, Inquisitiveness, Home, Anchor, Attraction, etc.*

**5. Parish Alpha Update:** Our parish has been blessed with two Alpha groups—one in Fairlie and one in Twizel. In Fairlie, a group of 10 young people has been gathering each week to share a meal, watch a video exploring one of the mysteries of Christ, and engage in meaningful discussion afterward. They have now reached the sixth week of the program. Similarly, in Twizel, a group of five participants is also journeying through the sixth week of Alpha. This is a sign of the power of the Risen Lord, who is gathering us together through His teaching and love. Let us continue to pray for all those serving in Alpha and for those taking part in it, that they may grow in faith and encounter Christ more deeply.

**6. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 1–8 June 2025 | Theme: “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26) This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is prepared by the Monastic Community of Bose, marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. It's an opportunity for Christians to pray and work together for the unity Christ desires for His Church. In Aotearoa, we are invited to join in worship and shared activities with other local churches during this week. Suggestions include an ecumenical service, joint social events, community projects, or a daily prayer relay among churches. Resources and worship materials are available from the World Council of Churches: [www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity](http://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity)

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Elizabeth Higgins	Carolina Adabe	Bronwen Dauvin
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Chris Grant	Lenise Kearns	Sandy Murray

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

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Kevin O'Neil	Kevin O'Neil	Cath Hanrahan	Abella Family	Mary Calder
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Rose Struthers	Rose Struthers	Rosary Moran	Cath Hanrahan	Tony Hill

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