



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

12th & 13th July 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Deuteronomy 30:10-14.* Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.
- *Colossians 1:15-20.* All things were created through him and for him.
- *Luke 10:25-37.* Who is my neighbor?

All Things Were Created through Christ and for Christ

Colossians 1:15-20 vs Nicene Creed

This Sunday, as we listen to the second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, often referred to as the Christ Hymn, we recognize themes that closely echo the Nicene Creed. Like our local Mackenzie Parish communities, the ancient city of Colossae was located in the Roman province of Asia, in what is now modern-day Turkey. By the time of St. Paul, Colossae was a relatively small and declining city, known for its textile industry, particularly its fine wool, having lost its former significance to nearby cities like Laodicea and Hierapolis. The population was predominantly pagan, though there was also a notable Jewish minority.

In writing to the Colossians, St. Paul sought to address doctrinal confusion and spiritual concerns, emphasizing several key theological points: (1) Christ's cosmic authority over all creation and the new creation, (2) forgiveness of sins through Christ, (3) the sacrificial nature of Christ's death and its reconciling power, (4) the Church's participation in Christ and in his redemptive mission, (5) Christian virtues that believers must "put on" to live fully in Christ, (6) the truth and universality of the Gospel message, (7) the heavenly, transformed nature of Christian life in union with Christ.

The Christ Hymn expresses that, "*Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God, and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible; Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers. all things were created through him and for him...*" This signifies the eternal identity of Christ, who is One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Similarly, we profess in the Nicene Creed, "*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible...*" Again, St. Paul explained, "... *he was first to be born from the dead...*," and we weekly profess, "... *he rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*" Or, as St. Paul wrote, "*Now the Church is his body, he is its head,*" and we proclaim, "*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.*" As a result, this reading helps us believe that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8). As he was proclaimed to the Colossians, so he is consistently proclaimed to us today, thus, our hope in eternal life remains alive forever.

Finally, let us be docile to the Holy Spirit, and work with the Parish Servant Leadership Team in discerning the will of God for our community, for our vision: "*Mackenzie Parish prays to be more open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to grow in intentional discipleship, where everyone can encounter the risen Lord with love.*"

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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 27th July at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. **Prayer Conference - Save The Date:** As we journey through this Jubilee Year, the Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to a one-day conference in Temuka with the theme "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" The Saint Mary MacKillop Chapel in Temuka is a Sacred Jubilee Site for the Christchurch Diocese, making this a special opportunity for pilgrimage and reflection. The Jubilee Prayer Conference includes Mass, prayer, workshops, and keynote presentations from Bishop Michael, Fr Chris Eaton, and others.

Date: Sat 2nd August

Time: Begins with Mass at 9:15 AM, concludes at 5:00 PM

Cost: \$49 (includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea) - the parish can sponsor the tickets

For more information and to register, visit: <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/prayer-conference>

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Twizel: Mary Murdoch

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2. **Mackenzie Parish Draft Vision:** The Parish Servant Leadership Team continues to meet every second week to discuss and discern the will of God for our community. This is where we are so far, having a draft vision for the parish. We are currently working on identifying priorities and exploring how to implement this vision in our context. We welcome your feedback: ***Mackenzie Parish prays to be more open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to grow in intentional discipleship, where everyone can encounter the risen Lord with love.***

3. **Mackenzie Parish Retreat Weekend:** Fr. John O'Connor has contracted a flu, and he is unable to come for the retreat, instead Fr. Justin Lee is giving Twizel (ONLY) a retreat on this Jubilee Year – **Pilgrims of Hope** this weekend 12th July. Come, enjoy, and express your faith. *Twizel 4-5 pm.* Mass at 5.00 pm in the parish hall. **Welcome Fr. Justin Lee:** We warmly welcome Fr. Justin Lee to our parish community. While Fr. Tien is away, Fr. Justine has kindly offered to celebrate the Masses this weekend. We are grateful for his presence and ministry during this time. Please make him feel at home!

4. **Thank You:** A heartfelt thank you to the Parish Council, especially Terry and Christine O'Connell, and Fergus, for organising firewood for Fr. Tien during this time. Your generosity and care are deeply appreciated. It has been a great help, and Fr. Tien truly feels loved and supported by the parish community. ...

5. **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>

6. **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.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
12 th July	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray
19 th July	Elizabeth Higgins	Lenise Kearns	Kathleen Carpenter

Church set up for July 2025: Bronwen Dauvin

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
13 th July	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Mary Calder	Cindy Sheehan	Cindy Sheehan
20 th July	Amanda O'Brien	Amanda O'Brien	Leonie Guiney	Neville Smith	Rose Struthers