



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
Communion | Participation | Mission



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

5th & 6th July 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Isaiah 66:10-14.* I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.
- *Galatians 6:14-18.* The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.
- *Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.* Your peace will rest upon them.

Jesus says; The Kingdom of God Is Near to You

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples and sent them out ahead of him, two by two, to every town and place he himself intended to visit (Luke 10:1–12, 17–20). This act reflects not only Jesus' divine foresight but also his role as a masterful leader. The spread of the Gospel is not random or accidental, it is intentional, deliberate, and willed by God. He desires that all people come to know him through the Good News. When the Good News is known, people renounce the worship of idols, placing their faith in God rather than submitting to fake news, lies, and falsehoods. When the Good News is received, peace is offered to those who welcome it, and for those who believe, even sickness is healed.

The mission entrusted to the seventy-two is not limited to them alone. It is a mission that Jesus entrusts to each one of us. In the kingdom of God, there is a place and a purpose for everyone. We are not to be afraid. God does not call the equipped; rather, he equips those he calls. When we are invited to serve, in a ministry, a group, or through our personal witness, let us respond with faith and generosity.

Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs as a reminder that the path of discipleship is not one that we walk alone. He calls us into community, into fraternal love and mutual support. In proclaiming the Gospel together, we also grow in mutual love for one another. This shared mission becomes a way for us to deepen our relationships and strengthen our Christian fellowship.

The core message Jesus gave to the disciples was this: "The kingdom of God is very near to you." The presence of the missionary disciples signifies the 'nearness' of God's kingdom, but when Jesus himself is present, the kingdom of God is fully and truly present as a 'living reality.' Wherever Jesus is, there the kingdom of God is also. When we hear others speak of God, we are reminded that his kingdom is near. But when we personally encounter Jesus in prayer, in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, we must believe and come to know that the kingdom is not only near; it is within us. Through baptism, we become children of the kingdom. Through the Eucharist, we live the life of grace within the Church, which is the seed and beginning of God's kingdom on earth.

Ultimately, the fullness of the kingdom will be revealed when Jesus returns in glory at the end of time. Until then, we live as pilgrims of hope, we who have tasted the first fruits of the kingdom and yet still long for its perfection in eternity. Let us remain faithful, joyful, and mission-oriented as we journey together toward that glorious day.

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 27th July at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. **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.***
2. **Mackenzie Parish Retreat Weekend:** Fr. John O'Connor is giving a parish retreat on this Jubilee Year – **Pilgrims of Hope** next weekend 12th & 13th July. Come, enjoy, and express your faith.
 - *Twizel 4-5 pm.* Mass at 5.00 pm in the parish hall
 - *Fairlie (after Mass)* 10.30-11.30 am in the presbytery
3. **Welcome Fr. John O'Connor:** We warmly welcome Fr. John O'Connor to our parish community. While Fr. Tien is away assisting with a Diocesan Vocations Retreat, Fr. John has kindly offered to celebrate the Masses this weekend and next 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. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER					
Date	Reader	OHP		Extra-Ordinary Minister	
5 th July	Rosalie Ardagh	Carolina Adabe		Bronwen Dauvin	
12 th July	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin		Sandy Murray	
Church set up for July 2025: Bronwen Dauvin					
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER					
Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
6 th July	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Mercides Abella	Kevin O'Neil	Christine O'Connell
13 th July	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Mary Calder	Cindy Sheehan	Cindy Sheehan
Cleaners: 27 Jun/4 Jul Christine O'Connell / Terry O'Connell					