



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9th & 10th August 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Wisdom 18:6-9.* Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you
- *Psalms 32.* Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own
- *Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19.* We will look for the city designed and built by God.
- *Luke 12:32-48.* See that you are prepared

Jesus Said to His Disciples: 'There Is No Need to Be Afraid'

Jesus encouraged his disciples not to be afraid, because it has pleased the Father to give the kingdom' (Lk12:32-48). However, without giving hope, this encouragement would be meaningless. So next, Jesus reveals the hope that is the inheritance of God's kingdom.

As the Collect summarizes our prayers: *"Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son..."* This shows that believers are fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him (Rom 8:17). Through the Spirit, the Christian becomes a child of God and is destined for glory (Rom 8:1-39). This fulfils God's eternal plan in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. By the Spirit, all children of God obtain the inheritance of a glorious life" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Legally, children naturally receive the inheritance of their parents. However, for St. Paul, this inheritance is not only bestowed upon those related by bloodline, but also upon those adopted. He wrote: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" (Gal 3:27-29). Here, an heir is a person who receives the chief goods and not some small gifts, as we read in Genesis that Abraham gave all his possessions to Isaac, but to the sons of his concubines he bestowed gifts (Gen 25:5-6). The chief good by which God is rich is himself. Thus, the children of God obtain God himself as our inheritance, as it is written: "The Lord is my chosen portion" (Ps 16:5; Lam 3:24). However, an inheritance normally comes to the heirs only after the father has died. But since God never dies, it may seem that believers can never be heirs of God. Therefore, the inheritance of believers comes to us because we are "with Christ." Christ is "the chief Son with whom we share sonship, so he is the chief heir, to whom we are united in the inheritance" (Matt 21:38; Mic 1:15). We are made for the eternal glory to come, which follows the present time. Since there is nothing after the present time except eternity, this glory surpasses the sufferings of this time, just as the eternal surpasses the temporal (2 Cor 4:17).

Finally, we are called to fix our eyes on heaven as our inheritance and treasure. This involves a transformation of our moral character from within as recipients of the grace of Christ, which invites us to live as witnesses of God's power and grace in the world. This is why Jesus said: *"Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

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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 31st August at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. **Prayer for World Peace:** “In a world torn apart by war and inhumanity; in Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and so many other countries wounded by both visible and invisible conflicts, we cannot remain silent spectators” (*International Union of Superiors General*). Our world is aching with suffering and division. From **Palestine** to **Ukraine**, and far beyond, the cries for peace are urgent.

We invite you to gather with us for a **special hour of prayer and reflection**; a time to stand together as a community, united in hope and committed to building a just and peaceful future for generations to come.

Saturday 16 August, 3:00–4:00 pm - *All Saints Church, Mackenzie Drive*

Sunday 17 August, 3:00–4:00 pm - *St Patrick's Church, Fairlie*

Everyone is welcome – YOU are welcome.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" Matthew 5:9

2. Vatican Astronomer Speaking Tour: Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory, will be speaking at a number of events across New Zealand in early August. He is a highly-regarded speaker on the intersection of faith and science, and has written many books on the subject. He has public lectures in our diocese on the following dates: **Aug 10**, Bishop Joyce Centre, 106 Main South Road at 12.30pm.

Aug 11, Holy Family Catholic Parish Hall Timaru at 11.00am.

Aug 13, A3, University of Canterbury at 7.00pm. Visit tekupenga.ac.nz for the topics and more information.

3. Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This is a gentle reminder for all who are currently serving, and those who have been invited to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Twizel – Saturday, 9th August, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Fairlie – Sunday, 10th August, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

This is one of the most privileged and sacred ministries the Lord calls us to; bringing the Body of Christ to others. Let us approach this with reverence, love, and readiness to serve. Your presence is important. Thank you for your faithful response to God's call.

4. Catholic Business Network Lunch: We invite you to join us for our final Catholic Business Network event of the year, featuring Leonie Guiney — South Canterbury dairy farmer, Fonterra Director, BNZ consultant, respected business leader, and committed Catholic. **Date:** Thurs, Sep 11. **Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm. **Venue:** Rydges Latimer Christchurch. Leonie will speak candidly about the role of her Catholic faith and daily disciplines in sustaining her during challenging times, her sense of responsibility to “pay it forward” to the next generation, and the importance of acknowledging those who have supported her along the way.

With reflections from her time on the board of Fonterra and life on the land, Leonie offers a compelling perspective on values-based leadership, perseverance, and community. Reserve your place now at: www.cbn.nz

5. Notice for parishes Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer: Bishop Michael recently received formal notification from the Vatican that it has dismissed the appeal from the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer regarding the directives and decrees Bishop Michael issued in July 2024. This confirms the removal of priestly faculties and the directive for members of the order to leave the diocese. Any sacraments celebrated by a priest without faculties are illicit. People wishing to attend a Traditional Latin Mass are encouraged to do so at Kaiapoi each Sunday at 11am. For more information, email TLMC@cdoc.nz

6. Thank You: I am grateful to Fr Michael Welsh for helping celebrate Mass in Twizel last weekend. Our parish had a team of nine people attend the Prayer Conference in Temuka. It was truly a time of renewal, strengthening our hope, which is anchored in God, and opening us to new possibilities as we contemplate the current realities of life.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
9 th Aug	Christ Grant	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin
16 th Aug	Gerry Dauvin	Kathleen Carpenter	Rosalie Ardagh

Church set up for August 2025: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
10 th Aug	Kevin O'Neil	Kevin O'Neil	Christine O'Connell	Tony Hill	Lisa Holden
17 th Aug	Rose Struthers	Rose Struthers	Neville Smith	Lisa Holden	Amanda O'Brien

St. Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster: 15 Aug/22 Aug

Ngaire Gallagher

Adele O'Connor