



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

23rd & 24th August 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Isaiah 66:18-21*. They will bring all your brothers from all the nations
- *Psalms 116*. Go out to the whole world, proclaim the good news
- *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*. The Lord trains the ones he loves
- *Luke 13:22-30*. The Last shall be first and the first last

Someone Asked Jesus,
“Lord, Will Only A Few People Be Saved?”

The Lord's reply is not a number, but an invitation. He does not say a few, many, or all will be saved. Instead, he turns the focus to each person's response: *“Strive to enter through the narrow door.”* Salvation is offered to all, and many will seek it, but only those who persevere in faith and holiness will succeed.

The prophet Isaiah foresaw this universal plan of God: not only Israel, but all nations would be gathered into his glory. The Lord declares: *“I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory... and some of them I will make priests and Levites”* (Is 66:18–21). Our Father is always generous in offering salvation, yet because of sin, we are often more attentive to our bodily needs than to God's gift of life for both body and soul.

To enter by the narrow door is to embrace a holy, set-apart life often uncomfortable, sometimes demanding but always leading to deeper communion with God. It means stepping outside our comfort zones to fulfil God's purpose, not settling for complacency or self-satisfaction. Jesus warns that this message is not for strangers, but for those who already know him. Some will say, *“We ate and drank in your company, you taught in our streets,”* yet he will answer, *“I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”* (Lk 13:26–27). Religious practice without a personal relationship with God, or faith without works of love, is not enough.

As St. Padre Pio once said: *“I want all my brothers to enter heaven, and I will be the last.”* His words challenge us to think first of others' salvation above our own comfort, and to work tirelessly in charity to bring the Good News to those who do not yet know God's love.

The late Pope Benedict XVI, in his Apostolic Letter for the Year of Faith, reminded us that the *“door of faith”* is always open (Acts 14:27). Baptism begins our lifelong journey through that door, a journey that ends in eternal life with God. To profess faith is to believe in the Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who in love and oneness draws us into his glory.

Brothers and sisters, may we respond generously to God's call to salvation, striving not just for ourselves, but for all. For in the end, God desires that not only a few, but every soul, may be gathered into his eternal kingdom.

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 31st August at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. Mission Sisters Annual Appeal 2025: This year, with your help, we hope to support two new missions - health care services in Bangladesh and hostel accommodation in Vietnam. These are new missions in very remote areas. Posters and brochures sent to the parishes provide further info and details for donations. Many thanks to all our donors!

2. Māori Pastoral Care: On Sun, Aug 24 there is a Special Collection for Māori Pastoral Care in the Christchurch Diocese. This collection is used to support the pastoral care of the members of the Te Rangimārie Chaplaincy and maintain the facilities used by the Chaplaincy. We encourage you to give generously to this special collection by using the unique envelope provided in your planned giving envelopes or by internet banking to your local parish. When paying via internet banking please put Māori in the Particulars. Thank you for your support of Māori Pastoral Care in our diocese.

3. One Day Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage To Akaroa: On Tues, Sep 9, the 185th anniversary of the first Catholic Marriage in Akaroa, join us on this one-day pilgrimage to one of our Jubilee Sacred Sites, St Patrick's in Akaroa. We will travel by bus and learn more about the foundations of the faith in the Christchurch Diocese. The pilgrimage will include Mass, talks, quiet time and more. The cost is to be confirmed but will include bus travel, morning and afternoon tea. Places are limited so please contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 03 366 9869 to reserve your place now.

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. Antioch: Antioch is back for 2025 for young people in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13! It will be held on Sep 19 - 21. All the key camp favourites return this year including an international speaker, our iconic house band and messy games of course! That's all alongside the usual camp staples of engaging small groups, encounters through sacraments and so much more. Registrations are open at www.cyt.org.nz/antioch so get a group together with early bird pricing closing on the Feast of the Assumption. Any questions? Contact Mark via mcurrie@cdoc.nz

6. John Paul II Centre Race Night 2025: Join over 200 people for an unforgettable evening of harness racing, great food, and friendly competition. Enjoy a 2-course dinner, live racing commentary, and our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition - all while supporting local families. To be held at 5.30pm on Aug 29 at Addington Raceway. You can find more information and book tickets here.

7. PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS AND PRIESTS ON THURSDAYS: As in the past, the diocesan family dedicates Thursdays to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. You might like to come to Mass on Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for this intention using a prayer for vocations written by Pope Francis. Prayer cards are available at the back of your church or online at the Diocesan website. For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
23 rd Aug	Rosalie Ardagh	Carolina Aldabe	Mary Murdoch
30 th Aug	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Katheleen Carpenter

Church set up for August 2025: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
24 th Aug	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Mercedese Abella	Kevin O'Neil	Christine O'Connell
31 st Aug	Frances Hill	Frances Hill	Mary Calder	Cindy Sheehan	Cindy Sheehan

St. Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster: 29 Aug/5 Sept = Claire Guiney / Kellie Cassie