



# MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel  
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## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

*30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025*

### READINGS AT MASS

- *Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29.* Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.
- *Psalms 67.* God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor
- *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24.* You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God
- *Luke 14:1, 7-14.* All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

### Jesus Calls Us to Be Humble Beyond Self-Righteousness

“The better the wheat, the lower it bows.” This metaphor captures the essence of the greatness of the humble, not the boastful. The first reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus reminds us that the more a great person is, the more it is necessary for that person to be humble, because although God is infinitely great, in Jesus, God is most humble (Eccle 3:19-21, 30-31).

The Gospel today helps us open our heart to the light of Christ. It helps us meditate on the meaning of humility. Humility is not a sign of weakness, and it is not a virtue of the weak or the fainthearted, but a virtue of the strong and of those who put their total trust in God. With humility, the deep peace of the Holy Spirit is born from within, in the form of fortitude and courage. We can say that the two virtues, peace and humility, are twin brothers and sisters of the same mother whose name is love; love of God and love of neighbors.

With humility we can conquer our original sin, which is like a mother of ingratitude, pride, jealousy, rebellion, and selfishness. The lesson of humility in today's Gospel starts when Jesus noticed how the Pharisees picked the places of honor. They thought that honor was something to be seen in a public place where everybody can see. They thought that honor was something of their choice, rather than something that is only bestowed by the Truth of God.

In contrast with the Pharisees, Jesus teaches us that humility is something true that comes from the heart. True humility is an expression of love for our neighbors that comes from the heart. For this reason, our Lord Jesus always helps us to change our heart so that our behavior and actions may also be changed. He teaches us to learn from him, for he is “gentle and humble in heart” (Mt 11:29). “Everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, and everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted” (Lk 14:11). In some situations, humility is the ability to humbly admit our limitation, while admiring others for their goodness.

*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 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6:00 pm

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## DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

**1. Social Justice Statement:** The New Zealand bishops have published their annual Social Justice Statement. It supports the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year runs from September 7-13. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". In their message, the bishops explain that the work of building peace is "the vocation of every Christian". Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has produced resources to support Social Justice Week, including in schools and parishes. Find the bishops' message and the resources at: <https://bit.ly/2025SJW>

**2. Prayer Request:** At their August 2023 Conference meeting, the bishops received a request from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) in NZ for an annual day of prayer to be added to the liturgical calendar. In response, Conference agreed to ask EOHSJ to provide two prayers of the faithful to be offered to parishes throughout New Zealand for use in liturgy on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sunday, 14 September 2025. The EOHSJ has written to Conference providing the following prayers for this year:

- *For the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and its work* – that the LORD will give unfailing help to the work of the Order as it seeks to support and strengthen the Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land .... We pray to the Lord
- *For the Christians of the Holy Land* - that God in His kindness will give grace and peace to all Christians who live and worship in the lands where Our Lord Jesus Christ walked and taught. And may they be strengthened to be witnesses of peace and reconciliation to all who live in those lands.... We pray to the Lord.

**3. 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!

**4. 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](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz) or 03 366 9869 to reserve your place now.

**5. 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](http://www.cbn.nz)

**6. 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](http://online at the Diocesan website). For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz)

### ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Katheleen Carpenter
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

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

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Mary Calder	Cindy Sheehan	Cindy Sheehan
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gary Brosnahan	Gary Brosnahan	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Rose Struthers

**Morning Tea:** Abella Family – **FATHER'S DAY – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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