



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

20th & 21st Sept 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Amos 8:4-7*. I will never forget your deeds, you who trample on the needy
- *Psalms 112(113):1-2,4-8*. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
- *1 Timothy 2:1-8*. Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved
- *Luke 16:1-13*. You cannot be the slave of both God and money

Jesus Teaches; “We Cannot Be the Slave Both of God and of Money”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and his steward (Luke 16:1–13). The story reminds us that God, like the rich master, who provides for his steward’s needs, just as God provides for us: life, family, friends, work, home, and security, even the gift of his only Son for our eternal salvation. God has done nothing to deserve our betrayal, yet often we fail to remain faithful to him.

Jesus presents us with the dilemma between God and money. The steward in the parable reflects our own struggle before God. Though we may not openly admit it, our actions often show that we put money above God. The parable is told so that we make our life choices according to our own measure of love: to love God or to love money. This is not easy. At times, we may not even know what to do, because our decisions are not only shaped by our personal beliefs but also by the needs of our family, community, or organization, who do not have the same faith. Often, following the will of God means making difficult choices that invite questions from others. Yet if our decision is rooted in God’s will, even when it opposes the values of society, we must place our trust completely in him, knowing that his justice and love will vindicate us. As Christians living in an imperfect world, we must be prepared for trials of faith. This requires constant prayer so that we may receive strength to live in righteousness. As St. Paul wrote: *“In every place, then, I want everyone to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument”* (1 Timothy 2:1–8).

Ultimately, Jesus teaches that God deserves our greatest respect and love: *“No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.”* Jesus does not force us, but leaves us free to decide, treating us with dignity. To treat God with respect means that our important decisions must be made in prayer and reflection. True discernment involves “sifting” and “separating” weighing what leads us closer to God from what draws us away. Let us pray constantly to the Holy Spirit, Lord of love and wisdom, that we may always make decisions according to God’s teaching and love.

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 28th Sept at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. Mass Count & Parish Census: Over the next five weekends, our parish will be conducting a Mass count and a Parish census during all services. This important effort will help us gather accurate information so that we can better plan and prepare for our future parish initiatives.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and participation to ensure we have complete and reliable data. Thank you for your support and for being an active part of our parish community!

2. Join Us For 10 Weeks To: Explore the mystery of God, Jesus and Church in other words **FREEDOM**
Mackenzie Catholic Parish - Alpha Gathering

DATE: Thursday 02 October 2024 thru 04 December 2025

TIME: 6pm – 7:30pm Meal included. “Come with an open heart. In a friendly circle, we’ll hear the story of Jesus—who freely chose the Cross so that we might be truly free. Let the Holy Spirit meet you there, and discover the freedom that the Church has guarded for centuries.” Register your interest to participate today (it would be so encouraging). **CONTACT:** MARY 0274 245 733 and ROSALIE 0272 336 343

3. The Age of Authenticity: A New Path to Renewal

In today’s world, personal authenticity is often seen as the highest good. But what does this mean for the Church’s mission in a culture shaped by secularism? Together, **Bishop Mark Edwards** and **Sr Kathryn Kingsley, MGL** will explore this cultural shift through the lens of Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*—a work that has shaped how many understand belief and unbelief in modern times.

This conversation will:

- Unpack how the “Age of Authenticity” is influencing hearts and minds today
- Offer insight into how the Church can respond meaningfully in this cultural moment
- Inspire leaders and parish teams with practical ideas for renewal and mission

 **Register here:** <https://divinerenovation.org/calendar/the-age-of-authenticity-a-new-path-to-renewal/>

Feel free to pass this on to anyone who you feel might be interested.

We hope to see you for what promises to be a timely and thought-provoking conversation.

4. 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. Prayer cards are available at the back of your church or [online at the Diocesan website](#).

5. Social Media Links:

Facebook

Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - <https://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic>

NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>

Instagram

Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - @catholicdioceseofchristchurch

NZ Catholic Bishop's Conference - @nzcatholicbishops

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
20 th Sept	Rosalie Ardagh	Bronwen Dauvin	Mary Murdoch
27 th Sept	Mary Murdoch	Carolina Aldabe	Sandy Murray

Church set up for September 2025: Lenise Kearns

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
21 st Sept	Christine O’Connell	Christine O’Connell	Rosemary Moran	Abella Family	Lisa Holden
28 th Sept	Amanda O’Brien	Amanda O’Brien	Christine O’Connell	Cath Hanrahan	Amanda O

Morning Tea: Carmel & Fergus Daly – 5th Oct 2025

St. Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster: 26 Sept/3 Oct Kelly Eason / Louise Anderson

Parish Contribution: Bank Account: **03-1592-0602199-20**

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