



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

27th & 28th Sept 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- *Amos 6:1,4-7. Woe to those who live in luxury*
- *Psalms 145(146):7-10. Praise the Lord, my soul!*
- *1 Timothy 6:11-16. Do all that you have been told, until the Appearing of the Lord*
- *Luke 16:19-31. Dives and Lazarus*

Christ's Call to Justice: Dives and Lazarus

At the heart of this Sunday's Word of God is the theme of social justice. The first reading is from the prophet Amos, one of the most powerful voices for justice in the Old Testament. Amos lived in the 8th century B.C., a time of prosperity for the Northern Kingdom but also of deep social inequality. He condemned the wealthy who lived in luxury while the poor were oppressed. He denounced dishonest trade, exploitation, and courts that favored the rich: "*Woe to those who live in luxury... and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all*" (Amos 6:1, 4-7).

Similarly, Jesus told the Pharisees a parable about the rich man (traditionally called Dives) and the poor Lazarus. Jesus highlighted the contrast between the rich man, dressed in fine linen and feasting magnificently every day, and Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. In the eyes of the world, the rich man was considered successful. He had done nothing directly harmful to Lazarus. Yet he was condemned to Hades, not for what he did, but for what he failed to do. He was indifferent to the suffering of the poor man who lay right at his gate.

Today's Gospel reminds us that whenever we approach the throne of God to ask for mercy and love, we must also ask forgiveness not only for the wrong we have done, but for the good we have neglected or failed to make time for. Some biblical scholars note that the rich man remains nameless, symbolizing that he can be anyone of us. The Gospel of Luke consistently shows that God, in Christ, is always on the side of the poor. God is our refuge, strength, and justice.

Finally, this theme of social justice echoes the words of the prophet Micah (6:8): "*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" For this reason, Catholic Social Teaching is about defending the rights of the poor, the voiceless, the outcast, the unwanted, and the refugee. As Jesus himself teaches us: "*Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me ... and whatever you neglect to do for one of the least of these, you neglect to do for me*" (Mt 25:35-40).

Fr. Tien Cao

Social Justice Week 2025 NZ Bishops' Statement:

Let's Build Peace Together!

"We are invited to look outward, to come together and embrace our shared responsibility to build peace in the world around us.... True peace is not passive; it is something we create each day through prayer, kindness, listening, and action. Each of us is given opportunities to be peacemakers."

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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. A Big Thank You:** To Gerry and Bronwen Dauvin for the Father's Day beer! We hope that all the fatherly figures in our community felt loved and honoured. May the Holy Spirit help you all to unfold the mystery of fatherhood, which is nobly rooted in the eternal God himself.
- 2. Month of the Rosary:** Let every parishioner of the Mackenzie Parish pray the Rosary every day. October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a devotion that involves meditating on the life of Christ and Mary. This dedication stems from the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is observed annually on October 7th. Together, let us pray for peace in our heart, in our homes, in our world, and particularly for our Mackenzie parish new vision, which will be unfolded during Oct.
- 3. Inform Out Today:** The latest Inform is available for collection today at the back of the church. Read about all the current news and activities in the diocese. It can also be read online at <https://cdoc.nz/inform>
- 4. Mass Count & Parish Census:** Over the next few more 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!
- 5. 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
- 6. Praying For Vocations and Priests on Thursdays:** As Psalm 136 reminds us: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." Last Friday, 26th Sept, Bishop Michael ordained three young men for New Zealand as transitional deacons, one for Auckland Diocese, one for Wellington Diocese, Linh Cao for the Christchurch diocese. The Lord is faithful to his promise, and it is right and just that we place our trust in God's word: "*I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding*" (Jeremiah 3:15). 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](#).
- 7. Social Media Links:**
Facebook
Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - <https://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic> xc
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
27 th Sept	Mary Murdoch	Carolina Aldabe	Sandy Murray
4 th Oct	Gerry Dauvin	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for September 2025: Sandy Murray

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
28 th Sept	Amanda O'Brien	Amanda O'Brien	Christine O'Connell	Cath Hanrahan	Amanda O
5 th Oct	Terry O'Connell	Terry O'Connell	Mercedes Abella	Lisa Holden	Christine O'Connell

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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