



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

11th & 12th Oct 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- 2 Kings 5:14-17. *Naaman the leper returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord*
- Psalm 97(98):1-4. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*
- 2 Timothy 2:8-13. *If we hold firm then we shall reign with Christ.*
- Luke 17:11-19 - *No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner.*

Jesus Said,

‘I Have Eagerly Desired to Eat the Passover with You’

All the readings of this Sunday invite us to meditate on the theme of giving praise and thanks to God. In the First Reading, Naaman, the commander of the Syrian army, returns to the prophet Elisha to give thanks to God after being cured of leprosy, an incurable disease of his time (2 Kings 5:14-17). Naaman, a foreigner and non-believer, represents the Gentiles, those once outside the Old Covenant. His healing foreshadows God’s universal plan of salvation for all peoples.

Even today, we may see ourselves as Naaman, people who have been cleansed and welcomed into the New Covenant through Jesus Christ. The same divine power is still at work for those who do not yet know him. Truly, the Church exists not only for her members but also for those who have not yet come to believe. How praiseworthy and wonderful it is to belong to this family of God!

In the Gospel, only one of the ten lepers healed by Jesus returns to give thanks and praise to God (Luke 17:11-19). Once again, the grateful one is a foreigner, a Samaritan. This indicates that the universality of the Gospel of salvation gradually and constantly reveals that God’s mercy is for people of all nations. Like the people of Jesus’ time, we may be surprised to see faith spring up in unexpected places. One day, others may ask us, “Why did we not know this before?” Therefore, let us be deliberate and joyful in making Jesus known and loved.

The very word Eucharist comes from the Greek *Eukharistia*, meaning “thanksgiving.” Each time we gather for Mass, daily or on Sunday, we give thanks to God and proclaim the message of Jesus, who said at the Last Supper: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15). For this reason, giving thanks to God is intrinsically vital to our identity, which is why the Church makes Sunday an obligation for all Catholics, except those who have not reached the age of reason or the sick and elderly. Yes, Jesus eagerly desires to be with us. He longs for each of us with a love beyond all telling. In the Eucharist, he gives not something, but his very self. O God, let us adore and worship You!

Finally, as the Second Reading reminds us, “In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess 5:18). At every Mass, we unite our thanksgiving with the Church’s great doxology: “Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.” And together, we respond with the great **Amen!** A summary of our faith, gratitude, and love to Jesus our Lord.

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 Oct 26th at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESE AND PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

1. Church Lawn Care – Volunteers Needed: Our dear friend Michael Moran has recently been unwell and is currently in Timaru Hospital. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers that he may be well cared for and continue on the path to full recovery.

We are deeply grateful for Michael's many years of faithful service in keeping our church and presbytery grounds beautiful and welcoming to both parishioners and visitors. His quiet dedication has truly reflected the spirit of hospitality that helps the Gospel take root and thrive among us.

To continue this good work, Gary Brosnahan is forming a roster for weekly church lawn mowing. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Fr Tien or Gary. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity and service.

2. Columban Art Calendar 2026 – Now Available: The Columban Art Calendar for 2026 is now available! By purchasing a calendar, you are supporting the missionary work of the St. Columban Mission Society and helping to share the Good News throughout the world.

The calendar beautifully highlights the feasts of our faith and serves as a gentle daily reminder of God's presence in our lives. It also makes a thoughtful gift for Christian friends and family.

3. New Apostolic Exhortation: On 4 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV issued *Dilexi Te* - "*I have loved you*" as a call to all Christians to rekindle a profound commitment to the poor and suffering. Drawing on Scripture and Church tradition, the document insists that love for Christ is inseparable from love for the poor, serving them is a privileged way to encounter Jesus. The Church is challenged to become ever more "poor and for the poor," advocating structural change, embracing migrants, caring for the sick, and walking alongside those marginalized in today's world.

4. October Devotions & Parish Service – An Invitation to Prayer and Action: Pope Leo XIV encouraged the faithful to pray the Rosary daily during October for peace in the world. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time to meditate on the life of Christ and Mary. Let every parishioner of the Mackenzie Parish take up this prayer daily *for peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world, and for our parish's new vision.*

All Saints Church, Twizel

Saturdays: October 4, 11, 18, 25, and November 1

4:15 pm – Gather and prepare for prayer

4:30 pm – Rosary begins promptly (concluding before Mass)

5:00 pm – Holy Mass

5. Mass Count & Parish Census – Thank You and a Gentle Reminder

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already completed the Parish Census, your cooperation is a great help to our parish family! For those who have not yet had the chance, please take a few moments to fill out your Parish Census form this weekend. If you know of someone in our community who has not yet received or completed it, kindly offer them a form and encourage them to take part. Over the next few weekends, we will continue conducting the Mass Count and Parish Census during all services. This important effort helps us gather accurate information so that we can plan wisely for the future and serve our parish community better.

Thank you once again for your support, care, and active participation in our parish life.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
11 th Oct	Christ Grant	Bronwen Dauvin	Rosalie Adargh
18 th Oct	Mary Murdoch	Carolina Aldabe	Mary Murdoch

Church set up for Oct 2025: Sandy Murray

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
12 th Oct	Kevin O'Neil	Kevin O'Neil	Neville Smith	Kevin O'Neil	Cindy Sheehan
19 th Oct	Rose Struthers	Rose Struthers	Leonie Guiney	Cindy Sheehan	Rose Struthers

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

St. Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster: 10 Oct/17 Oct Jo O'Neill / Mary Harris

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

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