



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel
Communion | Participation | Mission



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

18th & 19th Oct 2025

READINGS AT MASS

- ✚ Exodus 17:8-13. *As long as Moses kept his arm raised, Israel had the advantage*
- ✚ Psalm 120(121). *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*
- ✚ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2. *The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work*
- ✚ Luke 18:1-8. *The parable of the unjust judge*

Jesus Teaches Us to Be Persistent in Our Faith

The desire of Jesus is expressed in his words: *"I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!"* (Luke 12:49). This fire is the flame of faith that he wants to burn brightly in every believer's heart.

When I gaze upon our parishioners, many of whom have faithfully returned to Sunday Mass for years, I see this fire alive among us. Their steady commitment to prayer, worship, and community life reflects the enduring faith that Jesus calls us to have. They remind me of the persistence of the widow in the Gospel, who never gave up seeking justice from the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8).

At the heart of this parable, Jesus teaches us the importance of perseverance in faith and prayer. He assures us: *"Will not God see justice done to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night, even when he delays to help them? I tell you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily"* (Luke 18:7-8). Yet Jesus also leaves us with a challenging question: *"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"* (Luke 18:8). This question invites us to continue believing, praying, and living with the breath of the Spirit that comes from his Word and Sacraments. Like the faithful widow, and like so many of our parishioners who keep returning to the Lord's table week after week, we are called to remain steadfast, trusting that our perseverance will prepare us as a community of faith waiting in hope for Jesus' return. Or when your friends, children or grandchildren who return to you from their adventures, will they see you pray?

Today's Psalm reminds us: *"Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* (Psalm 121:2). Prayer sustains our faith to believe, nourishes our hope, and ignites our love for God and neighbor. As Pope Francis reminds us, *"Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement."* Many people say, *"I used to think that through prayer I could change the world, but as I grew older, I realized that prayer changes me."* The breath of faith is prayer: we grow in faith as we learn to pray. Our parish has truly been a school of prayer. After certain passages in life, we come to realize that without faith we could not have endured, and that our strength was prayer: not only our own, but also the prayer of our brothers and sisters, the community that accompanied and supported us, and those who prayed for and with us. Thus, we are called to pray and to teach one another how to pray to pass on the lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said: *"If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares."*

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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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October 19th Is Universal Mission Sunday

Pope Leo's Mission Sunday Video: You can also watch the video directly here: <https://youtu.be/eEwDtbZxt4c>

His message: "On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labors. When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.

God bless you all!

Mackenzie Catholic Parish Vision 2025-2030

To be a community of intentional disciples, united and guided by the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord.

Our Priorities

Worship – Evangelization – Service

Our Parish Renewal Journey

The desire of Jesus is expressed in his words: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49).

Where to From Here?

Our parish will continue praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and including our parish vision in the Prayer of the Faithful at every Sunday Mass for the next three years.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER					
Date	Reader	OHP		Extra-Ordinary Minister	
18 th Oct	Mary Murdoch	Carolina Aldabe		Mary Murdoch	
25 th Oct	Rosalie Ardagh	Bronwen Dauvin		Sandy Murray	
Church set up for Oct 2025:		Sandy Murray			
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER					
Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
19 th Oct	Rose Struthers	Rose Struthers	Leonie Guiney	Cindy Sheehan	Rose Struthers
26 th Oct	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Mary Calder	Neville Smith	Mary Calder
Morning Tea:		Carmel & Fergus Daly – 5 th 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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