



MACKENZIE CATHOLIC PARISH

Albury-Fairlie-Tekapo-Twizel



Vision

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

Our Priorities

Worship – Evangelization – Service

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

25th & 30th Oct 2025

READINGS AT MASS

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19. The humble person's prayer pierces the clouds

Psalms 33:2-3, 17-19, 23. *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18. There is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me

Luke 18:9-14. For everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but the one who humbles themselves will be exalted

God Accepts the Prayer of the Humble

Jesus told this parable to warn us who pride ourselves on being virtuous and who look down on others (Luke 18:9-14). As we know, the most serious sin is pride, because pride blinds us to God's gifts, prevents us from recognizing his holiness, and keeps us from valuing others or looking down on them, which is not their fault.

In truth, pride makes us talk too much about ourselves, our achievements, our successes, and it often leads to loneliness, division, and disharmony. Sadly, we are not always aware of this until life humbles us. And when it happens, we feel embarrassed and humiliated.

In the parable, the Pharisee's prayer was filled with "I": "I thank you... I am not like... I fast... I pay... I get..." This is the language of ego, where the self takes the center, not God or love. As a proverb says, "When your shadow appears long and large, it means you are far from the sun." Let us remember: popularity is not holiness.

Jesus teaches that the Pharisee went home not right with God, while the humble tax collector was forgiven. Perhaps this week, we can pay attention to how often we use "I" in our speech and prayer, and gently turn our focus back to God. For God accepts the prayer of the humble and rejects the prayer of the proud.

Finally, on the Cross, Jesus conquered pride through humility and love. He centered everything on the Father and on our salvation. May we, too, learn from his example and walk humbly before our God.

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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DIOCESAN AND PARISH NOTICES

1. All Saints & All Souls: Next week, we joyfully come together to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Saturday, 1st November, and All Souls' Day on Sunday, 2nd November.

These special days remind us of the beautiful friendship God has given us — our communion with the Saints in heaven and with all our loved ones who have gone before us in faith.

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Twizel, we'll visit the cemetery there.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Fairlie, we'll gather at the Fairlie cemetery.

And on the following Sunday, **9th November, we'll visit the Albury cemetery after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

Let's come together in prayer and remembrance, giving thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who continue to inspire and accompany us on our journey of faith.

2. First Holy Communion: For parents, grandparents, and godparents, our parish will be running the First Holy Communion program at the beginning of November.

This is our second announcement, so if you would like your child to take part this year, please let Fr. Tien know. We look forward to sharing this special journey of faith with our children and their families!

3. 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!

4. Mackenzie Catholic Parish Vision 2025-2030: 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.

5. 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.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Oct 25 th	Rosalie Ardagh	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray
Nov 1 st	Sue Atkinson	Lenise Kearnes	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for Oct 2025: Sandy Murray

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
Oct 26 th	Leonie Guiney	Leonie Guiney	Mary Calder	Neville Smith	Mary Calder
Nov 2 nd	Tony Hill	Tony Hill	Christine O'Connell	Abella Family	Tony Hill

Morning Tea: Later in Nov. TBC

St. Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster: 24 Oct / 31 Oct Gary Brosnahan / Mary Brosnahan

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

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