



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.

Priorities

Worship – Evangelization – Service

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR - C

15th & 16 Nov 2025

READINGS AT MASS

Malachi 3:19-20. The prophet Malachi warns those who refuse to take the challenge of religious renewal seriously, because in that very renewal lies their true hope.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12. Paul is blunt in his comments on those whose self-centredness had made them lose sight of the centrality of the Gospel and the imperative to proclaim the good news.

Luke 21:5-19. Jesus uses the image of the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem to impress upon his hearers the transience of life and the need to be constantly on the alert.

Jesus Christ, the Ultimate and Immortal Temple (Luke 21:5–19)

Last Sunday, 9th November, we celebrated the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, a visible symbol and witness of hope, unity, restoration, and renewal. It reminds us of the importance of a place of worship, a sacred space where God and his people meet. As it is written in Isaiah: *“For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples”* (Is 56:7). The “house” refers to the Temple in Jerusalem, yet Isaiah emphasizes universal worship, open not only to Israel but to all nations. However, what is physical belongs to the realm of the physical and the mortal, because the ultimate Temple of God is Christ Himself. In him, the Holy Spirit dwells and the fullness of God is found (Eph 2:19–22).

This Sunday’s Gospel draws our attention to the end times (Luke 21:5–19). St. Luke records that as some people admired the Temple in Jerusalem, its fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, *“The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed.”* Yet Jesus foretold the coming of a Temple in which the true worshippers of God would be kept safe. Even though they would be hated by all on account of his name, not a hair of their heads would be lost. What is immortal cannot be destroyed. This means that our communion with Jesus now will endure for eternity, regardless of what may happen to us and around us. Jesus assures us: *“Your endurance will win you your lives.”* ultimately, Jesus Christ is the ultimate and immortal Temple, he is our hope, our unity, our renewal, and our victory over mortality.

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

Nov 30th at 6:00 pm

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DIOCESAN AND PARISH NOTICES

1. Clergy Retreat: Fr. Tien will be away for a week on the diocesan annual retreat. There will be no daily Mass next week. In case of emergency or the need for anointing, please contact Fr. Michael Welsh. Please keep our priests and Bishop Michael in your prayers, so that we may be God's shepherds after the heart of Jesus.

2. Mackenzie Parish AGM: Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in Fairlie this year (Last year it was held in Twizel.)

Date: 23rd Nov, after 9.30 am Mass at Parish Hall in Fairlie. This is a time for us to look back with gratitude, to recognize and thank God for all he has done among us, and to look ahead with hope for the year to come. Everyone is warmly invited to attend, please come and share your joys, concerns, and ideas as we continue to grow together as a parish family.

3. Alpha –A Holy Invitation: Please Join Us - As the next step on our Parish Renewal Journey we are hosting ALPHA meetings again each Sunday after Mass during the next few weeks. You are invited to join in with these gatherings as we discuss our shared beliefs, our faith journey so far and what we hope the future will bring for us, our parish and our world. Each session starts with a shared meal followed by a short video to start our discussions and then the opportunity to talk about and hopefully widen our own and each others understanding of the faith we share. **A Parishioner's Experience:** *"I have lived in Twizel for over many years, but I never realized he [another parishioner] could be so charismatic in our small community. After just a few weeks at Alpha, I've learned so much about others in our community, and I love Alpha now. My sister is also participating in Alpha in the North Island because I encouraged her to join. It's truly been a wonderful experience."*

4. Prayers for Those Affected by Natural Disasters: Our community has been requested to pray and support those who have suffered from the recent natural disaster of flood and earthquakes around the world, in particular in the Philippines and in Vietnam. Let us pray for them, and may our actions reflect our faith and commitment to charity.

5. This Sunday, 16th November Is World Day Of The Poor: Each year, the Church is called to listen to the cry of the poor and empower those who have been trapped in cycles of poverty. Pope Leo has written a message with the theme "You are my hope". Poverty is driven by many factors – a lot of them structural inequalities that have existed for centuries: *Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity. As Saint Augustine observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need for supply this lack"*. The World Day of the Poor is an annual opportunity for people to come together, reflect on how to help those in need, and take action to end cycles of poverty. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have entrusted this day to Caritas because of our work to alleviate poverty around the world.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Nov 15 th	Gerry Dauvin	Carolina Aldabe	Mary Murdoch
Nov 22 nd	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray

Church set up for NOV 2025: Mary Murdoch

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
Nov 16 th	Amanda O'Brien	Amanda O'Brien	Mary Calder	Tony Hill	Christine O'Connell
Nov 23 rd	Christine O'Connell	Christine O'Connell	Leonie Guiney	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden

Morning Tea: 23rd Nov Gallagher Family – Parish AGM

St. Patrick's Church Cleaning	21 Nov/28 Nov	Cindy Sheehan / Cath Hanrahan
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