



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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY YEAR - C

22nd & 23rd Nov 2025

READINGS AT MASS

2 Samuel 5:1-3. They anointed David king of Israel

Psalms 121(122):1-5. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

Colossians 1:11-20. The Father has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves

Luke 23:34-43. 'Today you will be with me in paradise'

Jesus said, "Today you will be with me in Paradise"

As we celebrate the solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are invited to reflect on the eternal hope offered to us by the Lord. Only Jesus can determine whether we are in the Kingdom of God or outside of it, regardless of our good works or our sinful past. Even the thief who was crucified alongside Jesus, deserving of the death penalty, was forgiven and saved by Him, no matter the wrongs he had committed or the harm he had caused. This event gives us hope, for as it is often said, "Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future." An encounter with Jesus, combined with a repentant heart, transforms a sinner into a saint. If we humble ourselves before Christ, we all have a chance, even a better chance than the good thief, because as we read this reflection, we still have more time than he had. The good thief is remembered for his repentance and faith in his final moments, which led to Jesus' promise that he would enter Paradise that very day. Although he is especially honoured as the patron saint of repentant thieves and prisoners, his story stands as a powerful symbol of God's mercy for all.

As we celebrate this solemnity at the close of the liturgical year, let us remember that Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords, King of heaven and earth. St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). The Kingdom of Jesus is that reality of which Scripture says: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9). And to the Romans Paul wrote: "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rm14:17). As Jesus spoke to the repentant thief, may the Holy Spirit whisper to our hearts at the final moment of our lives: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Lastly, as we offer God the sacrifice of the Eucharist as a parish community, may the human race be reconciled to God, and may Jesus bestow upon all nations the gifts of unity and peace.

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. **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.
2. **Mass Offerings:** Deceased family members of Carpenter and Naughton
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. **One Day Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Fourvière (Leithfield):** Join us on Wed, Nov 26 for this one-day pilgrimage to one of our Jubilee Sacred Sites at the home of the Community of the Beatitudes in Leithfield. It will be an opportunity to be renewed in your faith and to learn more about the Shrine of Fourvière in Lyon, France. The pilgrimage includes Mass, talks, quiet time and more. The cost is \$20 includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Places are limited so please contact Matt O'Connell on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 03 366 9869 to reserve your place.
6. **Catholic Kiwi Podcast:** Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Nov 22 nd	Mary Murdoch	Bronwen Dauvin	Sandy Murray
Nov 29 th	Sue Atkinson	Lenise Kearns	Bronwen Dauvin

Church set up for NOV 2025: Mary Murdoch

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex'Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
Nov 23 rd	Christine O'Connell	Christine O'Connell	Leonie Guiney	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden
Nov 30 th	Terry O'Connell	Terry O'Connell	Cath Hanrahan	Kevin O'Neil	Cindy Sheehan
Morning Tea: 23 rd Nov		Gallagher Family – Parish AGM			
St. Patrick's Church Cleaning		21 Nov/28 Nov		Cindy Sheehan / Cath Hanrahan	

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