



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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8th & 9th Nov 2025

READINGS AT MASS

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. In his vision the prophet Ezekiel sees purifying and life-giving waters flowing out of the temple.

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17. Paul writes to the Christians of the Church at Corinth reminding them that they are temples of the Spirit and Christ is the foundation of their lives.

John 2:13-22. Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple of his Body. After the resurrection, as they remembered what he had said, the disciples came to faith in him

THE LATERAN BASILICA

In the year 313, the Roman Emperor Constantine published the Edict of Milan, granting religious freedom to Christians. Constantine himself donated the palace of the Lateran, a portion of his wife's dowry, to the Church for its first basilica. The Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and as such, it ranks as the "mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world."

From its dedication on this date in 324 until the 15th century, the Lateran was the residence of the popes. Within its interior, towering statues of the twelve apostles, each bearing the instruments of their martyrdom, surround the central nave along the north and south walls. Thus, the basilica stands as a visible symbol and witness of hope, unity, restoration, and renewal.

The significance of this feast day 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; Mt 21:12-13; Mk 11:15-17; Lk 19:45-46). Isaiah envisioned a future in which foreigners and outcasts are welcomed into God's covenant. The "house" refers to the Temple in Jerusalem, yet Isaiah emphasizes universal worship, not just for Israel but for all nations.

Finally, the ultimate Temple of God is built on Christ himself, who is "the dwelling place for God by the Holy Spirit" (Eph 2:19-22). As Jesus says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," referring to his body as the true Temple (Jn 2:19-21). Let us be conscious that through baptism, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Who, then, would dare destroy his dwelling place?

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.) This is a time for us to look back with gratitude, to recognise 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. **Date:** 23rd Nov, after 9.30 am Mass at Parish Hall in Fairlie.
2. **Alpha – 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.”*
3. **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.
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. **Sunday, 16th November Will Be 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.
6. **Great Saints of Italy Tour 2026:** Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a two week tour to Italy in May 2026. Please contact Pilgrimage Tours Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.
7. **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.

ALL SAINTS TWIZEL ROSTER

Date	Reader	OHP	Extra-Ordinary Minister
Nov 8 th	Chris Grant	Bronwen Dauvin	Rosalie Ardagh
Nov 15 th	Gerry Dauvin	Carolina Aldabe	Mary Murdoch

Church set up for NOV 2025: Mary Murdoch

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH FAIRLIE ROSTER

Date	Reader	Prayers	Ex’Ord Minister	Collector	Greeter
Nov 9 th	Lisa Holden	Lisa Holden	Mercedes Abella	Cath Hanrahan	Amanda O’Brien
Nov 16 th	Amanda O’Brien	Amanda O’Brien	Mary Calder	Tony Hill	Christine O’Connell

Morning Tea: 23rd Nov Gallagher Family – Parish AGM

St. Patrick’s Church Cleaning	7 Nov/14 Nov	Christine O’Connell /Terry O’Connell
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