



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

Omakau (1870) Alexandra (1924) Roxburgh (1950)

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Ascension of the Lord

2 June 2019; Year C / Weekdays Year 1



CHRISTCHURCH
13 MARCH 2019

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)
Alexandra 9:00am
Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (church)
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday 12:00pm (church)
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (church)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra

Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon
(on request)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

Alexandra

Friday 12:00pm
(1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm
(1st Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

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OTHER CENTRAL OTAGO PARISH SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Ranfury 5:00pm (Sun) or
4:00pm during daylight
savings

Cromwell 11:00am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
9:00am (2nd, 4th Sun)

Wanaka 9:00am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
11:00am (2nd, 4th Sun)

Queenstown 6:30pm Vigil (Sat)
9:00am

Arrowtown 11:00am
Garston 11:00am (2nd Sun)
Glenorchy 11:00am (4th Sun)

Sunday Readings: Acts 1:1-11 ; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:19. 20

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

John Anderson
John Ward
Gerard Curran

Requiescant in Pace

ANOINTING MASSES—Roxburgh Wed 5 May, 5:00pm; Alexandra Fri 7 May, 12:00pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday 4 May, 7:00m in the side chapel.

SCHOOL MASS—Wednesday 5 May, 9.00am in the church—everyone welcome.

SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP NEEDED—Bishop Michael is looking for a small group of parishioners from around the diocese who may be able to become sponsors of our seminarians over the next four years. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Fr Vaughan.

OASIS OP SHOP— Russell St, Alexandra, Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11am -3pm.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs in the Alexandra church of St John the Baptist each Friday, 11am-Noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:45am). Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

THE COMMUNITY PANTRY—If you do wish to contribute, some needs at this time are: 2 Minute Noodles, sugar, table spread (or Margarine) and tomato sauce. Also, person hygiene needs such as soap, toothpaste, etc., are always welcome.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL CENTENARY—25 & 26 October 2019

St Francis Xavier School, Mornington Dunedin is celebrating their 100th centenary at Labour Weekend 2019. Calling all past and present pupils, families and staff, come along and celebrate 100 years of our fantastic school community. There will be many opportunities to share your stories, photos and catch up with old friends over the two days. Follow us on Facebook: St Francis Xavier School Centenary Labour Weekend 2019 To register contact us by calling the school office on 03 4534446 or email reunion@stfrancisxavier.school.nz

SICK PARISHIONERS—If you're aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Vaughan so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

Prison Chaplain (Catholic)– Part-time

Based at Otago Corrections Facility - Milburn

- ◆ Challenging and rewarding part time role - 20 hours flexible
- ◆ Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?
- ◆ Use your ministry skills to co-ordinate religious services and provide pastoral support

We're looking for a Catholic Chaplain who is ready to journey with prisoners in the Otago Corrections Facility working with the chaplaincy team and with our faith-based volunteers. The role requires a special combination of experience, skill, formation and personal qualities.



Applicants should demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral formation and experience, a high level of personal maturity and judgment, a resilient personality and success working in teams.

Applicants should note that the successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment screening required by the Department of Corrections. Hours will be negotiable with successful applicant.

The Job Description and Application Form are available on the diocesan website www.cdd.org.nz

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, contact the Senior Catholic Prison Chaplain Sister Veronica Casey on 027 523 3983 or by email Veronica Casey vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz

Please apply by submitting your CV, cover letter and completed Application Form to vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz by 20 June 2019.

Government Schools in Pakistan: Harsh Environment for Christians

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NOMAN is a young Catholic living in Karachi, Pakistan. In an interview with Aid to the Church in Need, he talks about the discrimination and mistreatment he experienced at school because of his Christian faith. Here is Noman's story:

"I am a first-year student of business. My hobbies include cricket and soccer. I am a Christian. No one in my family has been kidnapped or victimized by violence, but I have faced discrimination from classmates and teachers because of my religion.

"When I reported a Muslim classmate for cheating, the teacher said: 'He doesn't cheat. You did it.' The classmate called me 'bhangie', which means 'street sweeper' or 'gutter cleaner'; he made fun of me and used words that were disrespectful of my faith. But I could not respond in kind. If I had done so, I could've been charged with blasphemy, and my family would have suffered. So I stayed silent.

"Both my teacher and my principal were well-aware of the situation. My mother was called in to speak with my teacher, but they were not ready to listen to my version of what happened. They even refused to give me a form that the school required for exams—so one year of my studies was wasted.

"But I am thankful to God, who has not abandoned my family. He was there when a friend of my mother offered to pay for my education, which my parents could not afford at the time. The happiest moment of my life was when I completed High School; I was the first person to do so in my family.

"I now study business at a government college. I attend classes for half the year; I spend the other half working as a salesman at the mall because it is hard for my father to cover all the family's living expenses. Even in hardship, God has never forsaken me. He has always helped and loved me. God and my family, especially my mother, are

the reasons for my happiness.

"Despite what I've experienced, I believe that I will be successful. And when I worry, I recite Psalm 23; I always carry a rosary with me as well.

"Western countries should support poor Pakistani Christian students with housing and academic opportunities so that they can at least lead better, more stable lives. Otherwise, I have no hope for Pakistan's minorities remaining in the country. If I could gather all of the world's leaders in one room, I would say that I only want free education for our children."



US: Bishops Publish Book on Pope's Teachings on the Devil

Shows How to Avoid the Tricks of the Enemy

29 May 2019—[ZENIT](#)

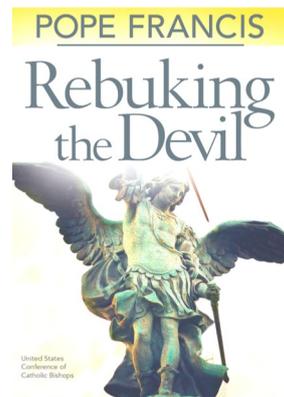
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is releasing a commanding new book featuring a survey of Pope Francis's important teachings on the history of the devil, his empty promises and works, and how we can actively combat him. Written for a wide audience, *Rebuking the Devil* shows us how to recognize the tricks of the

enemy, avoid his traps and defeat his efforts through the power of God in Jesus Christ.

Rebuking the Devil is available for purchase through the USCCB's online bookstore and can be ordered at <http://store.usccb.org/rebuking-the-devil-p/7-608.htm>

While the text does affirm the reality of the devil, Pope Francis also offers wisdom in following God's righteous laws and keeping our eyes fixed on the sovereignty of Jesus as we battle evil in our own lives and in the world.

"In this important book, Pope Francis tells us how to use powerful tools of spiritual combat against the devil including the Word of God, adoration of God in the Blessed Sacrament, participation in the Sacraments, fasting, prayer and the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, through the Most Holy Rosary," said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Chairman of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Communications. "We must recognize that there is a devil who is alive and active, but there is also a shield against him through the power of Jesus Christ!"



NEXT WEEK

9 June Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

9 June Rosters

Greeters: Delpont Family (Alex); B Robb (Roxb).
Projector: R Kilkelly (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).
Altar Servers: Lily Middendorf, Alia Ryan, David Fonseca (Alex).
Intro/POF: E Middendorf (Alex).
Readers: L VanBoxtel (Omak); J McLean (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).
Offertory: W Donnelly (Omak); Delpont Family (Alex); N Taylor, A Favel (Roxb).
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: R Kilkelly (Omak); L Fonseca, B Gibbons, J Hogue (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb).
Sacristan: J Hogue (Alex).
Cleaning: W Donnelly (Omak); (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).