



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

03 November 2019; Year C / Weekdays Year 1

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday 12:00pm (church)
Saturday 12:00pm (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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;
Luke 19:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



Died Recently

Chris O'Malley
Margaret Kilkelly

Anniversaries

Maurice and Nell
Galvin
Ozzie Walders
Cath Corry

Requiescant
in Pace

ST GERARD'S SCHOOL FAIR SUNDAY 10 NOV—The fair will be opened following the 9am Mass, with parishioners going in procession during the final hymn up to the School where Fr Vaughan will open the Fair with a blessing prayer (approx. 9:45am). Please come and enjoy this biannual event and support our parish/school community.

150TH JUBILEE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN—Tue 26 Nov 2019—Notice to follow next weekend and a letter from Bishop Michael to be published very shortly. To learn more about the establishment of the Diocese and Bishop Patrick Moran, our first Bishop, visit: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/1966/the-roman-catholic-church/page-5>

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ST GERARD'S SCHOOL—The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce, after going through a robust appointment process, that Mrs Julie Flannery will be the School's new Principal, beginning Term 1, 2020, continuing as the School's Acting Principal until that time.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS! The St Gerard's school fair committee are holding a plant stall at this year's Gala and we are looking for donations of any of your special plants that are surplus to requirements to sell at our stall. There will be a marked box in the church foyer on Sun 20 to 3 Nov for you to leave them in. A plant label would be lovely with each but not absolutely necessary. For more information please contact Rachael Baxter 448 8370 or at redbackridge@hotmail.co.nz. Thank you.

THE COMMUNITY PANTRY—Presently we are urgently short of tinned spaghetti, baked beans and pasta. Also needed: tinned fish, rice risotto, 2-minute noodles, long-life milk, 100's tea bags, peanut butter, vegie/marmite approx. 250g size. Thank you for your continued support.

OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP—The Oasis shop is open Tues to Fri from 11am-4pm.

LIGHT PARTY DONATIONS—Many thanks for all the donations received; your generosity and support for this community event has been greatly appreciated.

ST PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE EX-PUPILS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR 2019 will be held at The Rope & Twine, 67 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, Sun 17 November, at 12.00 for 12.30pm at a cost of \$25. Please book through your usual committee members. No sales after Sunday 10th November, and all money must be paid to the Treasurer, Margaret O'Sullivan, Phone: 03 454 2102, by that date. Please bring on the day a non-perishable item for our Christmas Hamper for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

10 Dec Proclaimed Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

31 October 2019—ZENIT

The Vatican announced October 31, 2019, that December 10 will be added to the Roman Calendar as the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto. Following is the decree:

Decree on the inscription of the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto in the General Roman Calendar

Since the Middle Ages veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has been the origin of that particular shrine which still today is visited by many faithful pilgrims in order to nourish their faith in the Word of God made flesh for us.

This shrine recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider “the fullness of time”, when God sent his Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call. Overshadowed by the Spirit, the humble handmaid of the Lord so became the dwelling-place of divinity, the purist image of the holy Church.

Closely bound to the Apostolic See this shrine, praised by Popes and known throughout the world, has, over the years and no less than Nazareth in the Holy Land, been able to illustrate powerfully the evangelical virtues of the Holy Family.

In the Holy House, before the image of the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Church, Saints and Blesseds have responded to their vocation, the sick have invoked consolation in suffering, the people of God have begun to praise and plead with Mary using the Litany of Loreto, which is known throughout the world. In a particular



way, all those who travel via aircraft have found in her their heavenly patron.

In light of this, Pope Francis has decreed, by his own authority, that the optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on 10 December, the day on which the feast falls in Loreto,

and celebrated every year. This celebration will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own.

Therefore the new memorial must appear in all Calendars and Liturgical Books for the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours; the relative texts are attached to this decree and their translations, approved by the Episcopal Conferences, will be published after confirmation by this Dicastery.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 7 October 2019, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary.

Robert Card. Sarah



November Mass Requests for Holy Souls

During the month of November we pray for all the faithfully departed. Masses can be requested for loved ones by writing their names on a piece of paper and placing it in an envelope and then in the box located in the sanctuary of each church in our Pastoral Area marked: 'Holy Souls'.

Mass Offerings

It is customary to make an offering of \$10.00 per Mass requested.

Offerings are for the priest who celebrates the requested Mass and should be included in the envelope if you wish Mass(es) for the repose of those mentioned to be the priest's private prayer intention during a particular Mass(es). Intentions can be combined for as many souls as you would like prayed for during the Sacrifice of the Mass.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin Diocesan Property Manager

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunedin is seeking a well-organised and competent property manager to oversee the property requirements of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin.

The Diocese of Dunedin has 24 state integrated primary schools and 4 Secondary Colleges which need to be maintained and developed to meet the needs of modern education. The diocese also has a small portfolio of other property that requires maintenance oversight.

There will be a particular focus at first on the completion of 10-year property plans so that maintenance and capital works can be prioritised. The Diocesan Property Manager will be responsible for ensuring that all diocesan properties, including schools, are maintained and modernised in accordance with a property plan. The successful applicant will have at least 5 years' experience in property management and will have applicable qualifications.

A fuller description of the position is available in the information pack.

Confidential enquires can be made to the Bishop's secretary, Pauline Lee paulinel@cdd.org.nz or phone 03 474 5750.

Applications for this role close at 3pm on Wed 13 Nov 2019

NEXT WEEK

10 November Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14;
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

10 November Rosters

Greeters: R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).
Projector: R Kilkelly (Omak); L Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).
Altar Servers: D Fonseca, T Mulholland, I Breen (Alex).
Intro/POF: C Sawers (Alex).
Readers: J Paulin (Omak); M Tait (Alex); M Card (Roxb).
Offertory: R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); Dyson Family (Roxb).
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joan (Omak); F Clements, C Grieve, B Mclean (Alex); J McKinnel (Roxb).
Sacristan: J Hogue (Alex).
Cleaning: R Kilkelly (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).