



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2019; Year A / Weekdays Year 2



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 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: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Jack Kennedy
Mary Ann Kennedy
Kath Collins
Johnny McMahon

Requiescant in Pace

ADVENT DEVOTIONS—24 DAYS / 24 CHAPTERS

You might light to undertake this devotion privately or in groups of your making from 1-24 Dec to prepare yourself for Christmas by reading the Gospel of Luke. One Chapter of Luke takes about 7-minutes to read—the same time it takes to eat breakfast, cook pasta or rice! For details of the reading programme, daily reminders and inspiration throughout Dec please visit facebook.com/adventjourney2019

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

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.

ST GERARD'S PTA would like to thank the parish for supporting our school fair and the advent calendar raffle. The 2 beautiful Advent Calendars made by Lynn Quinn and Rose Harrex were won by Pam Soper and Robyn Cooney. Congratulations.

FAREWELL AND COLLECTION FOR FR VAUGHAN

The weekend 4/5 January 2020 will be the last Masses

Fr Vaughan will be celebrating as our Parish Priest. He has requested that no formal farewell event occur, however, at the conclusion of all Masses that weekend there will be an opportunity for a few speeches.

As is the custom for departing clergy, a farewell collection is being taken up to present to Father for his 2-years of service in our Parishes and St Gerard's School. Cash donations and personal cards can be made by placing them in the Sunday collection baskets at Masses up until 5 Jan, in envelopes marked: Fr Vaughan's Farewell.

COLLECTIONS & INCOME November 2019

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$ 3,415
Sales	\$ 38
Alexo/Function	\$ 113
Donations	\$ 500
CLT Grant for heating project	\$10,000
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	\$ 18,521

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 512
Roxo	\$ 61
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	\$ 3,015

**Pastoral Area
Presbytery** \$ 1,996

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve
6:00pm: Omakau (Vigil)
Carols from 5:30pm
9:00pm: Alexandra (Vigil)
Carols from 8:30pm

Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day
9:00am: Alexandra
11:00am: Roxburgh

Please Note: January Mass timetable is the same as during the year.

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES (Rite I)

Sun 22 Dec 1:00-1:30pm (Alex)
Tue 24 Dec 10:00-10:30am (Alex)

A Star is Born

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7pm Sunday 08 December 2019

Alexandra Baptist Church // 6 Gregg Street

free entry // all welcome

Alexandra Community Christmas Tree Appeal
bring a gift and make a difference

supported by the Combined Churches of Alexandra



Dunedin Diocese 2020 Clergy Appointments

Fr Sani Lam is appointed parish priest of Alexandra Pastoral Area. He will take up his appointment on the weekend of 25/26 January 2020.

Fr Vaughan Leslie is on loan to Palmerston North Diocese for three years and will complete his appointment in Alexandra on the weekend of 5/6 January 2020. [Appointed as Parish Priest to the Catholic Parish of Whanganui beginning 1/2 February 2020.]

(A supply priest will say weekend Masses in the Pastoral Area 11/12 & 18/19 January 2020.)

Fr Vaughan Hook is on medical leave while he is undergoing treatment for illness.

Fr Jaewoo Lee is appointed pro tem as assistant priest at St Mary's Basilica serving the Central Invercargill / South Invercargill Pastoral Area. He will take up his appointment on the weekend of 25/26 January 2020.

Fr Fivins Chittilappilly I.C. of the Rosminian Order is appointed assistant priest at Mercy Parish, South Dunedin. He will take up his appointment on the weekend of 25/26 January 2020.

Fr Fredy Permentilla MSP is appointed chaplain at Wakari Hospital and Ashburn Hall, Dunedin.

Join us in Celebrating
Christmas 2019

Alexandra Community
Christmas Day
BBQ LUNCH

12 Noon Wednesday 25th December

Free Event: All Welcome
St Enoch's Church Grounds
12 Centennial Ave, Alexandra

RSVP: Alexandra Community Advice Network
448 7771
Or Visit:
www.alexchurch.org.nz/christmas
to register, volunteer or support



Advent Appeal 2019

As we enter into the season of Advent in preparation for the feast of Christmas we are encouraged to pray and also to act by doing practical things to help those in need. This is a very meaningful way for us to prepare for Jesus.

By supporting our annual Advent Collection you are able to provide the means for groups to continue carrying out works of service and mercy to those who are vulnerable and in need in our local community. In recent years your generosity has allowed the Advent collection to support services such as refugee support, the night shelter, hospice care for the dying and the providing of accommodation for families. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as in the spirit of Jesus we look to support those in our community who are in need.

+Michael Dooley
Bishop of Dunedin

NEXT WEEK

15 December Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

15 December Rosters

Greeters: Brain and Vicki McLean (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).

Projector: Jane (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).

Altar Servers: Dani Irving-Dowling, Jelena Morrell, Aurelia Lanham (Alex).

Intro/POF: K MacKenzie (Alex).

Readers: A Kinney (Omak); C Sawers (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).

Offertory: Marie & Gerald Healey (Alex); Clarke Family (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: R Kilkelly (Omak); M Bennie, J Parbhu, L Fonseca (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb).

Sacristan: J Hogue (Alex).

Cleaning: J Flannery (Omak); D Courtney, M Bruce (Alex); Katrina van de Water (Roxb).