



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Second Sunday of Advent

9 December 2018; Year C / Weekdays Year 1



MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra

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

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (church)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon
(or 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 PARISHES SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

(All pastoral care from South Dunedin,
Parish Priest: Fr Gerard Aynsley, Ph: 03 455 8933)

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

Arrowtown 11:00am

Garston 11:00am (2nd Sun)

Glenorchy 11:00am (4th Sun)

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

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

Sunday Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

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
Johnny McMahon

Requiescant
in Pace

ST GERARD'S SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS—Tues 5:00pm in the church;
everyone welcome. The School Prize Giving is on Thurs 1:00pm in the church,
to which everyone is also welcome.

**100 JUBILEE OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, ROXBURGH (LAYING OF THE
FOUNDATION STONE)**—This will be celebrated on Sunday 16 Dec during the
11am Mass with Bishop Michael Dooley. Following the Mass there will be a
shared lunch in the St James Anglican Church Hall (please bring a plate).

OASIS OP SHOP—Open Tues-Fri, 11am-3pm; Summer Sale \$5 a bag.

ALTAR LINEN LAUNDRY—Dear Fellow Alex Parishioners, we are in desper-
ate need of more volunteers for this very necessary task. It entails laundering
Purifiers [small cloths], Corporals, [small cloth in the middle of Altar] and occa-
sionally the large Altar cloths, so not an onerous task. This is run on a roster
system with each person having two weeks to complete their tasks. For more
information, or even better, to put your name forward, please
call Margaret Bennie 448 9433. Thank you, Ellen Healey.

PARISH HALL—The Parish Finance Committee, in consulta-
tion with St Gerard's School and the Diocese, are in the pro-
cess of integrating the Hall into the school buildings. This
means the running costs and maintenance of the hall will be
paid by Government building grants, whilst the parish could
still use the Hall when occasionally needed. This is a great
option that has only recently been opened to the Parish and
is ideal as Hall costs outweigh income for the parish and is
rarely used. It is a great asset for the School and integration
will allow for much needed upgrades. If you have questions,
please contact Fr Vaughan or Mr Doug Stanaway 448 6744.

DONATION OF FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS (ALEX) —
these would be gratefully received to help decorate the
church for Christmas Masses. Please leave flowers in the
back sacristy (access through the side chapel) by Sunday
afternoon (23 Dec). Many thanks.

COLLECTIONS November 2018

| Alexandra & Omakau | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Parish | \$3829 |
| Diocesan Needs | \$ 6 |
| Dues Assistance | \$ 690 |
| Roxburgh | |
| Parish | \$ 748 |
| Missions | \$ 5 |
| CEC | \$ 20 |
| Advent Charities | \$ 10 |

**Pastoral Area
Presbytery** \$2330

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

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

Tue 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)
Wed 19 Dec 5:00-6:00pm (Cromwell)
Sun 23 Dec 3:00-4:00pm (Alex)
Mon 24 Dec 10:00-11:00am (Alex)

ST GERARD'S COOKBOOK—Members of the St Gerard's PTA will be selling copies of The Seasonal Cook outside the church after Mass over the next few weeks. Take the opportunity to have a browse of this beautifully made cookbook, which is a fundraiser for the school. A small committee of mums have worked on this project over the past 2 years and are proud to offer a product that so deeply represents the school, the wider community, and Central Otago as a whole. Great Christmas gift idea and great keepsake to have on the shelf for all those families with ties to St Gerard's. The books are \$40 each, and can be paid for in whichever way is most convenient for you. They can also be purchased at the school office during school hours.

COMMUNITY PANTRY—We are very well stocked with most things for now except for rice, cereal, sugar (which we break down into smaller quantities). Thankyou for your support during the year and your monetary donations. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

ADVENT APPEAL 2018

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the feast of Christmas. Part of this preparation is acknowledging those in need and doing something practical to help them.



Supporting our annual Advent Collection is a good way to give to groups that are doing compassionate work in our local community. Refugee services, the night shelter, hospice and support services for those who have been sexually abused are some of the groups that have been helped by your generosity. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as we reach out to others in our community in the name of Jesus.



Bishop Michael Dooley

Please Note: if you want to contribute but are not on envelope Planned Giving, please place your donation in an envelope (marked with "Advent Charities" and your name, should you wish to receive a receipt) in the Sunday collection plate.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin

Assistant to Diocesan Property Manager

Full-time, Fixed Term (one-year contract)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin is looking for a person to assist with the preparation of 10-year property plans for the diocese's 28 schools as required by the Ministry of Education and to support the Diocesan Property Manager with other aspects of property management. The successful applicant will have some experience of property maintenance and/or an understanding of school property requirements.

For further information please email gerard.aynsley@gmail.com

Applications, including curriculum vitae and contact details of two referees, to be sent to:

Financial Administrator
Diocese of Dunedin
Private Bag 1941
Dunedin 9054

Applications close 5pm, Monday 17 December 2018.



Christmas in the City

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

LONDON • ROME
PARIS • SYDNEY
NEW ZEALAND

SUN 16 DEC – 2:30

St John the Baptist
Alexandra

3 Killarney St, Alexandra

With concertmaster Warwick Adeney (QLD Symphony), a full choir and orchestral ensemble, and conducted by Eugene Raggio.

Donation entry: (\$10 suggested)

www.christmasinthecity.org.au



Supporting the CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC DIOCESE ADVENT APPEAL

ALEXANDRA COMBINED CHURCHES PRESENTS



**4PM CENTENNIAL PARK
SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

FEEL FREE TO BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

CENTENNIAL PARK: CORNER OF THOMPSON STREET AND RIVERS STREET, ALEXANDRA

NEXT WEEK

16 Dec Readings: Zeph 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

16 Dec Rosters

- Greeters:** Delpont Family (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).
- Projector:** Joan (Omak); D Fonseca (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).
- Altar Servers:** Jacob Fonseca, Dani Irving-Dowling (Alex).
- Intro/POF:** B Grubb (Alex).
- Readers:** J Paulin (Omak); M Eastwood (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).
- Offertory:** R Kinney (Omak); Delpont Family (Alex); Roos Family (Roxb).
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** R Kilkelly (Omak); J Parbhu, M Bennie, T Eastwood (Alex) R Dyson (Roxb).
- Sacristan:** Jim Dunlay (Alex).
- Cleaning:** R Kinney (Omak); J Paulin, M Stanaway (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).