



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## First Sunday of Lent

10 March 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 (Cromwell)  
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)

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

**Alexandra**  
Friday 12:00pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

**Roxburgh**  
Wednesday 5:15pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)

**Glenorchy** 11:00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

**Cromwell** 11:00am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun)

9:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

**Wanaka** 9:00am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun)

11:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

**Sunday Readings:** Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13

### Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



**Died Recently**  
Fr Peter Carde SM

### Anniversaries

Pat and Dennis  
Flannery

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

**TUESDAY 5PM MASS**—This week it will be in Cromwell, with Bishop Michael, to bless the teachers of our Catholic schools for 2019. Everyone is most welcome to attend. **NB:** No Mass in Alex.

**LENTEN PRAYERS FOR LIFE**—Fridays of Lent at 4:30pm in the Alexandra Church (before the Stations of the Cross which occur at 5pm). Notice on the reverse.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—During the Fridays of Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Alexandra Church at 5:00pm—everyone welcome.

**THE COMMUNITY PANTRY**—If you do wish to contribute, some needs at this time are: long-life milk, cheese, margarine, toilet paper would be appreciated. Also person hygiene needs such as soap, tooth-paste, etc., are always welcome. **Please Note:** Clothing donations are gratefully declined.

**ROXBURGH BOOK FAIR**—Due to the fact that no one has come forward to coordinate the annual book fair next year, this will not take place. Thank you again to all who have been involved with the event over many years. Donations of books are now gratefully declined.

### ST PATRICK'S INVERCARGILL 75TH JUBILEE

Preparations for the 75th Jubilee are well underway and registrations will be accepted up to the 22 Feb. Please email [secretary@stpatinv.school.nz](mailto:secretary@stpatinv.school.nz) for an email copy or go to this link to fill it in online <https://goo.gl/forms/oxF3MNs80fcLxtMj2> It is going to be a wonderful weekend of celebrations so get your friends and family to get their registrations in before the end of Feb.

**WANT TO RECEIVED THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?** Send the Parish an email ([alexatholic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alexatholic@xtra.co.nz)) and request to go on the mailing list.

**ST PATRICK'S RAKAUHAUKA 125TH JUBILEE**—23-24 Nov 2019. Enquires to Denise Beerkens 03 217 0788 or [edbeer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:edbeer@xtra.co.nz).

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**—Congratulations to Margaret Bennie who now joins the Pastoral Council. As Margaret was the sole nomination received, the other three positions will be appointed as per the Council's Constitution in the next few weeks.

### COLLECTIONS & INCOME February 2019

Alexandra / Omakau	
Parish	\$4,026
Donations	\$ 400
Rents	\$ 98
Sales	\$ 154
Alexo	\$ 162
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	<b>\$2,825</b>
Roxburgh	
Parish	\$ 444
Donations	\$ 470
Roxo	\$ 33
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	<b>\$4,851</b>
Pastoral Area	
Presbytery	<b>\$2,250</b>
Christmas dues	\$ 10
Stole Fees	\$ 261

# LENTEN PRAYER

FOR

*Life*

**LENT 2019**

**PRAY, FAST, MAKE REPARATION**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH TO FRIDAY 19TH APRIL**

Ash Wednesday to Good Friday

Find out more and register your prayer commitment at

[FLI.ORG.NZ/LENTENPRAYERFORLIFE](http://FLI.ORG.NZ/LENTENPRAYERFORLIFE)

*...You knit me together  
in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you,  
for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made.*

*Psalms 139: 13-14*

This Lent, those who wish to join together to make "Prayer for Life" a focus during Lent, are most welcome to attend an informal prayer meeting on Fridays of Lent (starting 8 March) at 4:30pm in the Alexandra Church (before the Stations of the Cross at which occur at 5pm). All enquires to Mrs Claire Dwyer

[clairedwyer@stgerards.school.nz](mailto:clairedwyer@stgerards.school.nz)

## Santa Marta: Lent is Time to Keep it Simple

*'Those who seek appearances never recognize themselves as sinners.'*

8 March 2019—[ZENIT](#)

Lent is a time for Christians to stop worrying about appearances and keep life simple, Pope Francis stressed March 8, 2019, in his homily at Mass at Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican. His words were reported by Vatican News.

The Holy Father condemned all forms of hypocrisy and explained the difference there is between objective and formal reality. Formal reality, the Pope said, is an expression of objective reality, but the two must proceed together, or else we end up living an existence of "appearances", a life "without truth".

The simplicity of appearances, he continued, should be rediscovered especially in this Lenten period, as we practice fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Christians, the Pope said, should show joy while doing penance. They should be generous with those in need without "blasting their trumpets"; they should address the Father in an intimate manner, without seeking the admiration of others.

During Jesus's time, he explained, this was evident in the behavior of the Pharisee and the publican; today Catholics feel they are "just" because they belong to such an "association" or because they go

to Mass every Sunday, they feel they are better than others.

"Those who seek appearances never recognize themselves as sinners, and if you say to them: 'you too are a sinner! We are all sinners' they become righteous", the Pope said, and try to show themselves "as a perfect little picture, all appearances". When there is this difference between reality and appearances, he added, "the Lord uses the adjective: Hypocrite".

Each individual is tempted by hypocrisy, Pope Francis said, and the period that leads us to Easter can be an opportunity to recognize our inconsistencies, to identify the layers of make-up we may have applied to "hide reality".

"Young people", he said,

"are not impressed by those who put on appearances and then do not behave accordingly, especially when this hypocrisy is worn by whom he described as "religion professionals". The Lord, he said, asks for coherence.

"Many Christians, even Catholics, who call themselves practicing Catholics, exploit people!" he said.

So often, the Pope continued, they humiliate and

exploit their workers sending them home at the beginning of summer and taking them back at the end so they are not entitled to a pension.

"Many of them call themselves Catholics, they go to Mass on Sundays... but this is what they do". This kind of behavior, he said, is a mortal sin!

The Pope concluded his homily inviting the faithful to rediscover the beauty of simplicity, of reality that "must be one with appearance" during this time of Lent.

"Ask the Lord for strength and go forward with humility, doing what you can. But don't put make-up on your soul, because the Lord won't recognize you. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be consistent, not to be vain, not to want to appear more worthy than we are. Let us ask for this grace, during this Lent: the coherence between formality and the reality, between who we are and how we want to appear".

### NEXT WEEK

**17 March Readings:** Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:20-4:1; Mat 17:5

### 17 March Rosters

**Greeters:** Delpont Family (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).

**Projector:** Joan (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

**Altar Servers:** Alia & Harry Ryan, Bella Donaldson (Alex).

**Intro/POF:** C Sawers (Alex).

**Readers:** L VanBoxtel (Omak); A Delpont (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).

**Offertory:** M Matheson (Omak); Delpont Family (Alex);

Dyson Family (Roxb).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** J Paulin (Omak);

F Clements, J Hogue, L Fonseca (Alex) K van de Water (Roxb).

**Sacristan:** J Hogue (Alex).

**Cleaning:** M Matheson (Omak); (Alex); M Clark (Roxb).

