



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Lest we forget...

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra

Tuesday	5:00pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	9:00am	NO MASS
Thursday	9:00am	NO MASS
Friday	12:00pm	(church)
Saturday	9:00am	(side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday	5:15pm	NO MASS
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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: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:41-44

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Bill Cooney
Ozzie Walders
Cath Corry
Doug Mclean
Trevor Altenburg

Requiescant in Pace

ALEX ATTENDANCE DUES HARDSHIP GRANT COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—this retiring collection will be taken up to help support families in our parish meet the cost of attending a Catholic School. If you would like to give please place your donation in an envelope with your name or planned giving number, or simply place cash in the collection basket which Doug Stanaway will be holding at the back of the church following Mass this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

FR VAUGHAN ON LEAVE: FRIDAY 9 NOV TO THURS 15 NOV—If you are in need of a priest during this time please contact the Cromwell Presbytery 03 445 0038. The Alex church will be open limited hours (9am-3pm on school days). **NB:** Left side of the newsletter lists weekday Masses that will be available this week.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

THE CENTRAL OTAGO REGIONAL CHOIR will present their end of year concert, Viva Vivaldi, Sunday Nov 11th at 2:30pm in the Dunstan High School Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 (adult), children free. This concert will feature Vivaldi's Gloria in D with Kemp English accompanying on a harpsichord and also a string ensemble from Dunedin.

COMMUNITY PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED—Donations of the following are needed: long-life milk, cereal, teabags, rice, toilet paper, toilet soap. We have enough of everything else at the moment. Thankyou.

ROXBURGH BAPTIST CHURCH—you are invited to join with us Sunday Evening 11 November, 7:30pm (supper to follow). Peter and Karen Brookes will share on the work and ministry of Christian Missions Charitable Trust. Peter and Karen will give an date with all that's going on in the ministry in Chennai Southern India. They will also have handicraft made by many of the poor ladies for sale and any sales helps raise funds to give them an income. Any enquiries to Trevor and Shirley Parkinson on behalf 03 446 9038.

NZ ROSARY CRUSADE— 8 December: Presently the Law Commission is encouraging the government to liberalise the abortion laws. Our Parliament is also currently considering legalising Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. On 8 December, New Zealanders will join together in prayer from various locations to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. www.rosarycrusade.co.nz

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON JAEWOO LEE—Friday 16 Nov, 6pm Mosgiel Parish Church.

COLLECTIONS October 2018

Alexandra & Omakau	
Parish	\$4,189
Missions	\$ 25

Roxburgh	
Parish	\$ 602
Missions	\$ 41
CEC	\$ 171
Pastoral Area	
Presbytery	\$2,424

Do Not Be Afraid to Be Saints

2 November 2018—ZENIT

Below is a reflection of Archbishop José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, entitled 'Do Not Be Afraid to Be Saints.' Published on Oct. 22, 2018, it is from Angelus News and published on the Archbishop's website:

I am writing to you again from Rome, and today we are celebrating the memorial of St. Pope John Paul II, on the 40th anniversary of his election as pope.

And as we enter the final week of the Synod of Bishops on young people, it is good to remember that he is the one who started World Youth Day and he raised up many young people as saints.

In fact, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, we have opened a new chapel to one young saint that he beatified, St. José Sánchez del Río, a 14-year-old martyred for his faith during the persecutions in Mexico in the 1920s.

St. John Paul called young people to greatness, he challenged them to give their lives to Jesus Christ and to share in his mission. "Do not be afraid to be saints!" he would say.

The synod is urging all of us in the Church to make a renewed commitment to walking with our young people. "Accompaniment" has been one of the watchwords of this synod.

And as we walk together, we need to always keep in mind that our journey has a destination. We are on our way to God our Father, who is the source of love and the reason and meaning of our lives.

Always, when we accompany young people in the Church, we are walking with Jesus Christ — following him with love, living according to his words, teachings, and example. In fact, we can only reach our destination by following the path that he shows us. If we are not walking together according to his way, we are only walking in circles.

Accompanying young people means calling them to conversion as Jesus did, calling them to open their hearts and change their lives so they can know the love of God and his plan for their happiness.

This is the beautiful truth that the Church is called to proclaim to the world — and to proclaim in a special way in this moment to our young people.

I wonder sometimes if we have lost some of our confidence in this truth.

The sorrows in the world, the scandals, the overwhelming materialism and consumerism in our technological society. All of this tends to close our eyes to God's presence, to any sense that there is a transcendent dimension to reality.

In many practical ways, we live in a world where God does not matter anymore. And it becomes harder to believe that there is more to reality than what we can see and experience with our senses. It becomes harder to believe that there are permanent truths, beyond what we can discover with our science and technology.

I have been reflecting on this a lot during this

synod.

We have the truth and the world is waiting for our witness. But we cannot share what we are not living.

In this moment in the Church, I really believe that all of us need to make a new act of love for Jesus. We need to pray for deeper faith, for new hope in the power of his cross and resurrection.

We need to believe that Jesus alone holds the words of life — that in his teaching we will find the happiness that God wants for us in this world and a love that never ends in the world to come.



This is what young people are looking for from the Church — leaders they can trust to tell them the truth about life.

"Listening" has been another watchword of the synod. Throughout this synod, in the hall with the bishops every day, there have been young people — speaking to us about their lives, challenging us with their questions.

These young people want to know the truth. The real truth. Not our personal ideas or preferences. They do not want to be told what we think they want to hear. Young people want to know what answer Jesus gives.

This is what John Paul told them. He was not afraid to talk tough to young people. He called them to greatness, but he wanted them to be realists, too. The way of Jesus can lead us to the cross, but there is no other way to find truth and life, he said.

He warned that along with the pollution of the natural world "there exists also a pollution of ideas and morals which can lead to the destruction of man. The pollution is sin, from which lies are born."

Strong words, but they are true. And they remind us why the truth is so essential in our mission young people.

Pray for me in this week and I will be praying for you here in the Eternal City. And keep praying for Pope Francis and my brother bishops and I here at the synod.

And let us ask our Blessed Mother Mary to pray for the Church, that we might call all young people to have the courage to be saints.



November Mass Requests for Holy Souls & Offerings

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.

Requiescant in Pace

NEXT WEEK

18 Nov Readings: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

18 Nov Rosters

Greeters: B Brown (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).

Projector: Ruth (Omak); M O'Connor (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).

Altar Servers: David Fonseca, Dani Dowling (Alex).

Intro/POF: C Sawers (Alex).

Readers: P Cooney (Omak); B Grubb (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).

Offertory: M Matheson (Omak); Brown Family (Alex);

Dave & J McKinnel (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: W Maclean (Omak);

R Bond, B Maclean, J Hogue (Alex) N Taylor (Roxb).

To the Sick: R Bond, B Mclean (Alex).

Sacristan: D Lamont (Alex).

Cleaning: M Matheson (Omak); M Bennie, C Closely (Alex); M Card (Roxb).