



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Palm Sunday

14 April 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 7:00pm (church)
Friday 3:00pm **Good Friday**
Saturday 9:00am **NO MASS**

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 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 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 23:1-49

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.



Died Recently

Fay Alidge

Anniversaries

Requiescant
in Pace

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2019

On Good Friday each year we have the annual collection for the Holy Places. As we commemorate the death of Jesus we call to mind his homeland and the many needs that are still present there today. This collection goes to the support of the holy places in the Holy Land also to social and pastoral works for the local communities that still live there. This collection helps support such projects as scholarships for young people, employment schemes and medical care for the poor.

Bishop Michael Dooley.



THE COMMUNITY PANTRY—If you do wish to contribute, some needs at this time are: 2 Minute Noodles, sugar, table spread (or Margarine) and tomato sauce. Also, person hygiene needs such as soap, toothpaste, etc., are always welcome. **Please Note:** Clothing donations are gratefully declined.

OASIS OP SHOP—Russell St, Alexandra, Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11am -3pm
Quality clothing suitable for all age groups.

The Oasis Op Shop supports the work of Catholic Social Services in Central Otago and this week has donated a further \$1,500 dollars to assist C.S.S. in its mission of helping others. Catholic Social Services appreciates this on going support and prayers for a much needed service.

If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers who help in the Op shop please ring Marie Healey on ph 448 7781.

CHRISM MASS 2019—This year there will be one Chrism Mass in the Diocese. This will be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, Tuesday 16 April at 10am. It is primarily a Mass for the priests of the Diocese to gather in union with the Bishop as a presbyterate but will be advertised in the local parishes for people to attend. The oils blessed in the Mass will be distributed to the priests to take back to their respective parishes. Bishop M Dooley.

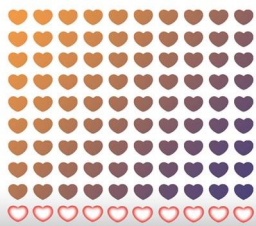
SICK PARISHIONERS—If you're aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Vaughan so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS & INCOME March 2019

Alexandra / Omakau	
Parish	\$4,131
Donations	\$ 150
Rents	\$ 98
Sales	\$ 12
Alexo	\$ 134
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	
	\$4,765
Roxburgh	
Parish	\$ 206
Donations	\$ 20
Roxo	\$ 14
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	
	\$4,324
Pastoral Area	
Presbytery	\$2,316
Stole Fees	\$ 130

Sign the Care Alliance petition against the euthanasia bill today.

90.2% of 38,707 submissions oppose the End of Life Choice Bill



Legalised euthanasia could completely change the face of NZ as we know it. We must do something NOW.

Say NO to euthanasia, and say YES to a society that unconditionally cares about ALL its people.

THE EUTHANASIA BILL sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting

www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill. This is a new initiative, so even if you've summited objection previously, please sign the petition.

There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish this weekend of 13-14 April.

Petition Forms are at the entry of each church.

For more information on the proposed Bill go to: <https://lvnz.org/> There you will be able to read 35 fatal flaws in the Bill, written by lawyers from around the country (Lawyers for Vulnerable New Zealanders).

Lawyers for Vulnerable New Zealanders

Benedict XVI Writes Essay on Roots of Sexual Abuse Crisis

11 April 2019—[ZENIT](http://zenit.org)

Pope Emeritus XVI has published a long essay, divided in three parts, shedding light on his view of roots for the sexual abuse crisis in the Church. Catholic News Agency has provided a full English translation of the original German text, that was originally in German for a Bavarian publication for clergy:

On February 21 to 24, at the invitation of Pope Francis, the presidents of the world's bishops' conferences gathered at the Vatican to discuss the current crisis of the faith and of the Church; a crisis experienced throughout the world after shocking

revelations of clerical abuse perpetrated against minors.

The extent and gravity of the reported incidents has deeply distressed priests as well as laity, and has caused more than a few to call into question the very Faith of the Church. It was necessary to send out a strong message, and seek out a new beginning, so to make the Church again truly credible as a light among peoples and as a force in service against the powers of destruction.

Since I myself had served in a position of responsibility as shepherd of the Church at the time of the public outbreak of the crisis, and during the run-up

to it, I had to ask myself – even though, as emeritus, I am no longer directly responsible – what I could contribute to a new beginning.

Thus, after the meeting of the presidents of the bishops' conferences was announced, I compiled some notes by which I might contribute one or two remarks to assist in this difficult hour.

Having contacted the Secre-



tary of State, Cardinal [Pietro] Parolin and the Holy Father [Pope Francis] himself, it seemed appropriate to publish this text in the Klerusblatt [a monthly periodical for clergy in mostly Bavarian dioceses].

My work is divided into three parts.

In the first part, I aim to present briefly the wider social context of the question, without which the problem cannot be understood. I try to show that in the 1960s an egregious event occurred, on a scale unprecedented in history. It could be said that in the 20 years from 1960 to 1980, the previously normative standards regarding sexuality collapsed entirely, and a new normalcy arose that has by now been the subject of laborious attempts at disruption.

In the second part, I aim to point out the effects of this situation on the formation of priests and on the lives of priests.

Finally, in the third part, I would like to develop some perspectives for a proper response on the part of the Church.

Text available at: <https://zenit.org/articles/benedict-xvi-writes-essay-addressing-roots-of-sexual-abuse-crisis/>

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

(Alexandra Pastoral Area)

Rite II Reconciliation

Alexandra: 4:00pm, Sun 7 April

Holy Tuesday—Chrism Mass

Dunedin: 10am St Joseph's Cathedral

Holy Thursday

Alexandra: 7:00pm (no 9:00am morning Mass)
9:00pm Night prayer

Good Friday

Alexandra: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

Omakau: 6:00pm (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday

Alexandra: 9:00am
Roxburgh: 11:00am

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Good Friday

Alexandra Combined Service:
9:30am at the St Enoch's Church
Omakau Combined Service:
10:00am at Omakau School
Roxburgh Combined Service:
3:00pm at the Catholic Church

Easter Sunday

Alexandra Sunrise Service
7:15am—Alexandra Hill Lookout

NEXT WEEK

21 April Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9

21 April Rosters

Greeters: L Anderson (Alex); B Dyson (Roxb).
Projector: Joan (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).
Altar Servers: Kimberley DaCosta, Dani Irving-Dowling, David Fonseca (Alex).
Intro/POF: J McLean (Alex).
Readers: J Pauline (+) (Omak); B Gibbons (Alex); M Card (Roxb).
Offertory: R McNally (Omak); P O'Connor, G Chapman (Alex); Neil & Allan (Roxb).
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: R Kilkelly (Omak); M Bennie, C Grieve, L Fonseca (Alex) R Dyson (Roxb).
Sacristan: Volunteer (Alex).
Cleaning: R McNally (Omak); M Paulin, L Fonseca (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).