



Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:45pm (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: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Responsorial Psalm

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

John Hoppen
Anne McDonald

Requiescant
in Pace

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS MEETING WED 21 NOV—Hence, there will be no Wed morning Mass is Alexandra. The Roxburgh Mass will occur as normal but at the later time of 5:45pm.

100 JUBILEE OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, ROXBURGH (CHURCH'S OPENING)—This will be celebrated on Sunday 16 Dec during the 11am Mass with Bishop Michael Dooley. Details to follow.



ARTES CHRISTI

Seeking the face of Christ through the arts.

ARTES CHRISTI CONCERT: CHOIR AND SMALL ORCHESTRA—This touring group from Australia will perform on Sunday 16 Dec, 2pm in the Church of St John the Baptism, Alexandra. Details to follow.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

COMMUNITY PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED—Donations of the following are needed: rice, vegemite, marmite, peanut butter, jam, weetbix, cornflakes etc., margarine. We have enough of everything else at the moment.

ST GERARD'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH PRAYER BAGS—Next year, each class will have a prayer bag that will go home for a week. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to make 6 bags, one for each class. I will provide the materials you will need. If you can help, please email: clairedwyer@stgerards.school.nz or phone 021 101 4694. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve
6:00pm: Omakau (Vigil)
9:00pm: Alexandra (Vigil)

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

Please Note: January Mass timetable is the same as during the year. See Mass centre pages for times.

COLLECTIONS October 2018

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

Roxburgh
Parish \$ 602
Missions \$ 41
CEC \$ 171

**Pastoral Area
Presbytery** \$2,424

A Book on 'Nonna Rosa,' Pope Francis' Paternal Grandmother

16 Nov Anita Bourdin—ZENIT

A book on the life of Pope Francis' paternal grandmother, "Nonna Rosa. La Rocchia delle Langhe, da Cortemilia all' Argentina" (Grandmother Rose. The Rock of Langhe, from Cortemilia to Argentina), has been republished by the Vatican's Libreria Editrice Vaticana, reported "Vatican News" in Italian.

The sales revenue is being allocated entirely to the "Haciendo Lio" ("Stirring the Pot") Association, which is concerned in Argentina with initiatives in favour of the poor. Pope Francis' nephew, Jose Ignazio Bergoglio, is its Founder.

A courageous woman who crossed the centuries — she lived between the 19th and 20th centuries — and the world, from Piedmont to Argentina, where she immigrated at 45, with her husband and her son Mario, future Pope Francis. A woman who very often had to begin again from zero, always sustained by her faith. Rosa Vassallo played an essential role in the transmission of the faith to her grandson, Jorge Mario Bergoglio. Pope Francis himself has often mentioned it.

The book's authors, Orsola Appendino and Giancarlo Libert recall her figure with great richness of photos and texts. They wished to link this initiative with fund-raising for the "Haciendo Lio" Association, founded in 2015 by Pope Francis' nephew, Jose Ignazio Bergoglio, son of his sister Maria Elena. The Association works in Buenos Aires, and in the surroundings of the capital, and in the province of Salta, Rosario in the province of Santa Fe, and in the province of Santiago del Estero. The organization provides food and clothes for people in very vulnerable situations, through, for example, "solidarity rounds" or can-tees. Programs for professional reinsertion are also offered.

Jose Ignazio Bergoglio explained to "Vatican News": "What we do first of all is to go to them and, once we have understood their problems, we see how we can proceed, what type of aid to bring them. Once we have understood their problems, we offer them other programs, which make possible the first objective for which we work: the promotion of the person, namely, that they not find themselves in this situation of great vulnerability. We do so with means such as formation, professional mediation, protection and interaction with different organizations, so that they have — not only the instruments — but also different aids to be able to access job interviews and get work."

The Pope's nephew specified the breadth of this aid: "We aid some 800 people a month and the objective is that all these people go through our school of formation, but at present — because we are unable to do so physically — we help 200 to 300 people with laboratories and courses. We offer a formation that makes possible rapid insertion in the world of work, linked to certain trades such as the restoration of furniture, the maintenance

of buildings, the teaching of languages, or formation in hairdressing, manicure — courses that enable them to get work quickly. And we also teach them to do their resume, and, once every three months, we organize job interviews for them."

It was his great-grandmother, says the Pope's nephew, who upheld the family's faith. She "was a pillar for the whole family; she was the one who transmitted this intense relationship with God to my Uncle Jorge, today Pope Francis. She was also the one who transmitted it to my uncles and to my mother. They left Italy — a very difficult situation —, and when they arrived here, she knew that the only way to surmount all that she was going through was to hang on to her faith in God and it's what she transmitted and what has been transmitted from one generation to another."

He explained the origin of the Association's name. "The name comes from what Pope Francis said to young people at the World Youth Day in Brazil. "Haciendo Lio" is also founded on Pope Francis'

teachings. It's not a closed Association; it has volunteers and also people of different Confessions, who know perfectly that we are linked to the Holy Father's example and words.

For Orsola Appendino, co-author of the book and a native of Asti, the diocese where Pope Francis ancestors were born, "it's right to dedicate a book to Grandmother Rose, to Maria Elena and to her children, who do so much for the poor of the great South American capital."

She also pointed out that Rosa Vassallo was "a woman of faith who never lost hope and who spoke of her Italian and Piedmontese origins to her grandchildren, teaching them first of all to pray and then the Piedmontese dialect."

She also said that the link with the "Haciendo Lio" Association stemmed from her trips to Argentina to meet the Pope's parents and the villages twinned with Piedmontese localities. "I met with this Association and the Pope's parents right away, whom I visit when I go to Argentina. And it seemed right to us to speak of Grandmother Rose and to try to send a small contribution to the activities for the poor," she added.

What most struck her about Grandmother Rose was the figure of a "courageous mother who, during World War I, lived alone with her son in Turin because in 1916 her husband John was called to the War and he fought for three years on the Carso. She also said that Rosa Vassallo was enrolled in Catholic Action and that at the end of World War I, when she moved to Asti, she became an instructor at Catholic Action. So, she was a woman with a very strong faith, "practiced in the family, in the parish and with her grandchildren."



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

25 Nov Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

25 Nov Rosters

Greeters: D Cronin (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).

Projector: S Tohill (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).

Altar Servers: Alia & Harry Ryan (Alex).

Intro/POF: M Eastwood (Alex).

Readers: R Kilkelly (Omak); B Mclean (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).

Offertory: M Matheson (Omak); G Chapman, M Stevenson (Alex); Dyson Family (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Matheson (Omak); F Clements, T Eastwood, M Bennie (Alex) B Clarke (Roxb).

Sacristan: Jim Dunlay (Alex).

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