



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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CHRISTCHURCH  
13 MARCH 2019

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

19 May 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 (church)  
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)  
Friday 12:00pm (church)  
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

##### Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (church)

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

#### Alexandra

Friday 11:00am—Noon  
(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

#### Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon  
(on request)

### ANOINTING 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 PARISH SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

**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)

**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)

**Sunday Readings:** Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5;  
John 13:31-33,34-35

### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.



### Died Recently

#### Anniversaries

William Leslie  
Dorothy Dunlay  
Kevin Norton  
Edith Chapman  
Richard Chapman  
Florence Breen  
Noel Angus  
Kirsty Grainger  
Henry Doughty

**EUTHANASIA (END OF LIFE CHOICE) BILL – PENDING VOTE**—The Second Reading & vote on the Bill may well happen as soon as this Wednesday, 22 May.

Even if you have already signed the petition, please also consider urgently emailing your local MP, or phone their office, or send a message via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - asking them to vote against the Second Reading.

Background information on the End of Life Choice Bill and MPs' contact details can be found at: <https://www.defendnz.co.nz/tell-your-mp>

**SEMINARY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your generous contributions in last week's Seminary collection. This collection assists in paying for the formation of our three seminarians, Suu Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen and Peter Chadwick. Because of the specialised nature of seminary formation the costs are particularly high and the seminary collection only partially covers these costs.

**SEMINARIAN SPONSORSHIP NEEDED**—Bishop Michael is looking for a small group of parishioners from around the diocese who may be able to become sponsors of our seminarians over the next four years. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Fr Vaughan.

**OASIS OP SHOP**— Russell St, Alexandra, Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11am -3pm.

**WEEKLY HOLY HOUR**—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs in the Alexandra church of St John the Baptist each Friday, 11am-Noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:45am). Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

**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.

### ST GERARD'S SCHOOL YOUNG VINNIES BAKE SALE!

This year at St Gerard's we have a Young Vinnies Group, made up of 13 Year 7 and 8 students who volunteer their time to help in a variety of ways in our community. This Term, they have decided to have a Bake Sale! The bake sale is to raise money to help local initiatives, for example buying food that is needed for the Community Pantry.

**When:** Sunday 26 May **Where:** St John the Baptist Church (After Mass); cash sales only.

### COLLECTIONS & INCOME April 2019

Alexandra / Omakau	
Parish	\$4,883
Rents	\$ 230
Alexo	\$ 154
Holy Places	\$ 185
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	<b>\$8,656</b>
Roxburgh	
Parish	\$ 1058
Roxo	\$ 114
Annual profit / (loss) to date:	<b>\$5,666</b>
Pastoral Area	
Presbytery	<b>\$2,996</b>
Easter Dues	\$ 641

## Prison Chaplain (Catholic)– Part-time

Based at Otago Corrections Facility - Milburn

- ◆ Challenging and rewarding part time role - 20 hours flexible
- ◆ Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?
- ◆ Use your ministry skills to co-ordinate religious services and provide pastoral support

We're looking for a Catholic Chaplain who is ready to journey with prisoners in the Otago Corrections Facility working with the chaplaincy team and with our faith-based volunteers. The role requires a special combination of experience, skill, formation and personal qualities.



Applicants should demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral formation and experience, a high level of personal maturity and judgment, a resilient personality and success working in teams.

Applicants should note that the successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment screening required by the Department of Corrections. Hours will be negotiable with successful applicant.

The Job Description and Application Form are available on the diocesan website [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz)

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, contact the Senior Catholic Prison Chaplain Sister Veronica Casey on 027 523 3983 or by email Veronica Casey [vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz)

Please apply by submitting your CV, cover letter and completed Application Form to [vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz) by 22 May 2019.

## ‘There is an evil in our life, which is an incontestable presence.’

15 May 2019 by Jim Fair—[ZENIT](http://ZENIT)

What does it mean in the Lord's prayer with the words "But deliver us from evil?" Pope Francis explained that this passage, the seventh "question" in the prayer has two supplications: to be not abandoned and to be liberated from evil.

And the Pope also explained why this part of the prayer is so vital: "There is an evil in our life, which is an incontestable presence."

The Holy Father's remarks came during his May 15, 2019, General Audience in St. Peter's Square, where he continued his catechesis on the Lord's Prayer before a crowd of pilgrims from around the world. Cool and rainy conditions seemed to little dampen the spirits of the faithful.

But deliver us from evil

"With this expression, one who prays not only asks not to be abandoned in the time of temptation but also implores to be freed from evil," Pope Francis said. "With this twofold supplication: 'not to abandon us' and 'to liberate us' an essential characteristic emerges of Christian prayer.

"Jesus teaches His friends to put the invocation to the Father before all, also and especially in moments in which the Evil One makes his menacing presence felt. In fact, Christian prayer doesn't close the eyes on life. It's a filial prayer and not an infantile prayer. It's not so infatuated with God's paternity as to forget that man's path is fraught with difficulties. If the last verses of the 'Our Father' didn't exist, how could sinners, the persecuted, the desperate, the dying pray? The last petition is precisely our petition when we will be at the limit, al-



ways."

The Holy Father warned that evil is ever-present in the world. A person who prays isn't blind to the evil and see how it contrasts with the "mystery" of God.

"The history books are the desolating catalog of how our existence in this world has often been a bankrupt adventure," Francis lamented. "There is a mysterious evil, which is certainly not God's work, but which penetrates silently between history's folds. Silent as the serpent that carries poison silently. In some moments, it seems to take over: on certain days its presence seems even clearer than that of God's mercy...All of us know what evil is; all of us know what temptation is; all of us have experienced temptation in our flesh, of whatever sin."

The Holy Father reminded those listening that Jesus experienced that "piercing of evil" during the Passion: pain, humiliation, death. But in that mo-

ment Jesus still submits to the will of the Father. He does not abandon humanity.

"Dear brothers and sisters, thus the 'Our Father' is like a symphony that asks to be accomplished in each one of us," Francis said. "The Christian knows how subjugating the power of evil is and, at the same time, has the experience that Jesus, who never yielded to its blandishments, is in our side and comes to our aid.

"He is here. He is here with that strength that He gives us to go on, and He promises to free us from evil.

### NEXT WEEK

**26 May Readings:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

#### 26 May Rosters

**Greeters:** Delpont Family (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).

**Projector:** Jane (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).

**Altar Servers:** Bella Donaldson, Pippa Williams, Sophie Tait (Alex).

**Intro/POF:** A Delpont (Alex).

**Readers:** A Kinney (Omak); M Eastwood (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).

**Offertory:** W MacLean (Omak); Delpont Family (Alex); Roos Family (Roxb).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** M Matheson (Omak); T Eastwood, F Clements, C Grieve (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

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

**Cleaning:** W MacLean (Omak); J Paulin, M Stanaway (Alex); E Reid (Roxb).