



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 January 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 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)

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: Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



Died Recently
Beryl Kelliher

Anniversaries
Samuel Taylor

**Requiescant
in Pace**

COMBINED CHURCHES FRUIT AND VEG STALL

will be running again at the Saturday morning market for the next 6-8 weeks. Any donations of fresh fruit or vegetables would be greatly appreciated. Goods can be left at the church foyer (Fri/Sat morning) or dropped off at the market tent Sat morning.

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Officer for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. The Conference is the assembly of the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand who carry out together functions best done collectively rather than individually by dioceses. The Executive Officer reports to the General Secretary of the Conference and works with the President and other bishops on various aspects of the Conference's work.

The key tasks of the Executive Office include

- Support for the meetings of Conference and its Finance Committee, and actioning their decisions
- Responsibility for the smooth operation of the Secretariat
- Relationships with agencies, dioceses and external bodies
- Management of the Conference's finances and records
- Liaison with ad hoc national advisory groups
- Liaison with the Conference Communications Advisor

The position is Wellington-based. The successful applicant will have a sound understanding of the Church, managerial experience, and excellent writing skills. Curriculum vitae and covering letter should be sent by 22 February to Cardinal John Dew, PO Box 1937, Wellington (j.dew@wn.catholic.org.nz) The job description is available by emailing t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz

2019 Pastoral Area Parish Mass & Picnic

advanced notice

Sunday 24th February

The Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to write this date in your diaries and mark your calendars, as this will be a wonderful event for our pastoral area.

The picnic will begin with an outdoor **10:00am Mass at Pioneer Park, Alexandra**, followed by traditional picnic games for all ages, with a BBQ lunch to follow (BBQ lunch provided by the parish) with shared salads and desserts.

Please Note: There will be no Mass in Omakau or Roxburgh this weekend as all parishioners are encouraged to join for the one Mass this weekend.



COLLECTIONS December 2018

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$4,865
Diocesan Needs	\$ 10
Advent Charities	\$ 305

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 646
Advent Charities	\$ 62
Artes Christi	\$ 473

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$2,753
Christmas Dues	\$1,335

Pope Francis Presides Over Vespers to Begin 52nd Week of Christian Unity

Theme: 'Justice and only Justice You Shall Follow'

18 January 2019 by Jim Fair—[ZENIT](#)



Pope Francis on January 18, 2019, presided over the celebration of Vespers in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, to begin the 52nd Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme chosen by the churches of Indonesia for this great Week of Prayer, which will be held from January 18-25, 2019, is "Justice and only Justice You Shall Follow" (See Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Con-

stitution Commission of the World Council of Churches prepare jointly the theme and biblical texts for this important Week.

Traditionally, Popes have presided over Vespers for the closing (on January 25) not the opening, of this Week of Prayer in Rome, in the presence of representatives of the different Christian denominations.

However, Pope Francis will be in Panama for the World Youth Day from Wednesday, January 23 to Monday, January 28; hence the change in the Roman and ecumenical customs.



'Abortion and Euthanasia Are Extremely Grave Evils Which Contradict Spirit of Life,' Condemns Pope Francis

In Letter to Pontifical Academy for Life for 25th Anniversary, Appeals for Promoting and Protecting Human Life at Every Stage of its Development

15 January 2019 by Deborah Castellano—[ZENIT](#)

Abortion and euthanasia are extremely grave evils that contradict the Spirit of Life.

Pope Francis condemned these realities, saying this in a letter to the Pontifical Academy for Life to mark its 25th Anniversary, as it was founded 11 February 1994. The Pope's letter was signed Jan. 6, 2019, and presented today in the Holy See Press Office, by President of the Academy, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia.

Presenting along with the Academy President, was Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro, chancellor of the same Pontifical Academy; Professor Fr. Paolo Benanti, T.O.R., lecturer in Moral Theology and Ethics of Technology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, academician of the Pontifical Academy for Life; Professor Laura Palazzani, Full Professor in Biolaw and Philosophy of Law at Libera Università Maria Santissima Assunta of Rome's LUMSA), academician of the Pontifical Academy for Life; and director of the Holy See Press Office, Alessandro Gisotti.

The Academy, the presenters informed, is having its upcoming General Assembly next month, Feb. 25-27, 2019, in the Vatican's New Synod Hall, on the theme: "Robo Ethics. Humans, machines and health."

In the letter, the Pope made an appeal to protect and promote human life, at all its stages, and condemned all attempts to challenge it.

It also reflected on its history, with its being founded by Pope Saint John Paul II, at the

prompting of Dr. LeJeune, its history with its four presidents preceding Archbishop Paglia, as well as its future.

In this mission, we are encouraged by signs that God is at work in our time. These signs need to be acknowledged and not overshadowed by certain negative factors.

"Along these lines, Saint John Paul II pointed to the many efforts to welcome and defend human life, the growing opposition to war and to the death penalty, and a greater concern for the quality of life and ecology."

The Polish Saint, as Pope—Francis reminded—indicated as a sign of hope the development of bioethics as "reflection and dialogue – between believers and nonbelievers, as well as between believers of different religions – on ethical problems, even the most fundamental ones, that affect the life of man."

The Pope reminded that the scientific community of the Pontifical Academy for Life has demonstrated, over the past 25 years, its ability to enter into this dialogue and to offer its own competent and respected contribution.

"A sign of this is its constant effort to promote and protect human life at every stage of its development, its condemnation of abortion and euthanasia as extremely grave evils that contradict the Spirit of life and plunge us into the anti-

culture of death."

These efforts, the Supreme Pontiff stressed, "must certainly continue, with an eye to emerging issues and challenges that can serve as an op-



portunity for us to grow in the faith, to understand it more deeply and to communicate it more effectively to the people of our time."

On ZENIT's Web page:

Full Text: <https://zenit.org/articles/pope-francis-letter-to-pontifical-academy-for-life-for-25th-anniversary-full-text/>

NEXT WEEK

27 Jan Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

27 Jan Rosters

Greeters: S & K MacKenzie (Alex); M Card (Roxb).

Projector: Ruth (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

Altar Servers: D Fonseca, D Dowling (Alex).

Intro/POF: A Kinney (Alex).

Readers: J Paulin (Omak); B Gibbons (Alex); M Card (Roxb).

Offertory: W Maclean (Omak); M & G Healey (Alex); Katrina & Margaret (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: R Kilkelly (Omak); M Bennie, L Fonseca, B Mclean (Alex) R Dyson (Roxb).

Sacristan: D Lamont (Alex).

Cleaning: W Maclean (Omak); (Alex); E Reid (Roxb); F Clements, G Chapman (Alex).