



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

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2019; Year C / Weekdays Year 1 (Mission Sunday)

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (School Hall)
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
(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: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from
death, to keep them alive in famine.



Died Recently

Anniversaries
Kathy Watt
Eugene Woodhouse
Janet McLean

**Requiescant
in Pace**

SCHOOL MASS Wed 23 Oct, 9am in the School Hall. **Please note** Mass is in the Hall because the church will be unavailable Mon-Wed this week due to electrical works being carried out. Tuesday's Mass will be in the Chapel as normal.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS! The St Gerard's school fair committee are holding a plant stall at this year's Gala and we are looking for donations of any of your special plants that are surplus to requirements to sell at our stall. There will be a marked box in the church foyer on Sun 20 to 3 Nov for you to leave them in. A plant label would be lovely with each but not absolutely necessary. For more information please contact Rachael Baxter 448 8370 or at redbackridge@hotmail.co.nz. Thank you.

THE COMMUNITY PANTRY—If you wish to contribute, some needs at this time are cereal/porridge, spreads, 2 Minute noodles, and tinned spaghetti/beans.

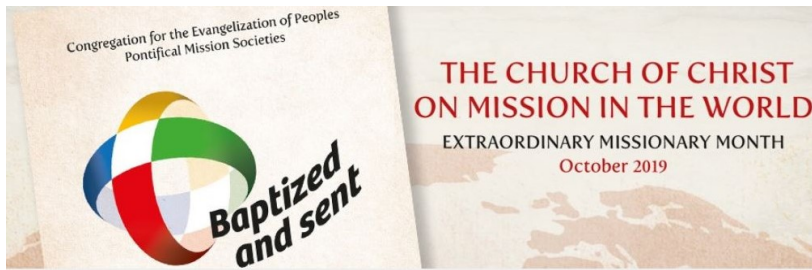
OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP—The Oasis shop is open Tues to Fri from 11am-4pm.

Oasis Morning Tea this coming Mon 21 Oct, 10am at the Post Office, Clyde. Warm welcome to our new volunteers. If anyone would like transport please contact Marie (448 7781), Barbara (021 137 0218) or Margaret (027 425 5935).

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.

LIGHT PARTY DONATIONS—We are looking for donations of balloons and wrapped lollies for the event as in previous years; a box is in the Alex church foyer for these. Contact Sally Ferreira or Loretta Fonseca for more information.

RELATIONSHIP ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2-3 November 2019 at Tirohanga Camp, near Mosgiel. \$250 per family (meals and accommodation included). This weekend is for engaged and married couples and will offer you the gift of time, exploring, sharing, and reflecting on your marriage together. Children are welcome (there will be camp activities organised for them). Please register online by 29 October: <http://www.cdd.org.nz/marriage/> or contact Jo Krysa with any queries: jokrysa@hotmail.co.uk



Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

The Theme of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

“Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month. Awakening the awareness of the missio ad gentes, and reinvigorating the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in his Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, published 100 years ago, with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: “Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church.” (EG 15)

How to Live the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

- There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:
- A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
- Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
- Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
- Missionary charity.

The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith [Propaganda Fide]

In 1622, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith - Propaganda Fide – was created by Pope Gregory XV for promoting and directing the work of evangelization and of the missionary efforts of the Church. In 1967, Pope St. Paul VI reaffirmed the validity of its apostolic service and gave the Dicastery a new name: The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (CEP). All of the baptized, through the real efficacy of the Christian Faith expressed in active charity, are responsible for the mission of the Church, supporting the Holy Father in his mission as Universal Shepherd.



The Pontifical Mission Societies

The Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) are committed to promoting and supporting the missionary efforts of

the Church through prayer, self-sacrifice, and missionary vocations. They were born from a deep concern for the missions of both laity and clergy in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (CEP) together with the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) are currently reinforcing their “efforts to collect and distribute material aid in the light of [their] mission and the formation that this requires, so that missionary integrity, awareness, and responsibility can once again be part of the ordinary life of the entire holy and faithful People of God.” (Address of his Holiness Pope Francis to the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, June 1st, 2018).

Prayer by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

Heavenly Father,
 when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
 rose from the dead,
 he commissioned his followers
 to “go and make disciples of all nations”
 and you remind us that through our Baptism
 we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Alexandra's Light Party!

facebook.com/alexandralightparty

Saturday 2nd November 4-7pm Pioneer Park

Free Family Event

FREE ENTERTAINMENT - FREE FOOD - FREE EVERYTHING. FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-12 YEARS. PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED. PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE.

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Light Party
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NEXT WEEK

27 October Readings: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

27 October Rosters

Greeters: Ryan Family (Alex); M McKinnel (Roxb).
Projector: Joan (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).
Altar Servers: Lily Middendorf; Alia Ryan, David Fonseca (Alex).
Intro/POF: E Middendorf (Alex).
Readers: J Kinney (Omak); B Gibbons (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).
Offertory: Ryan Family (Alex); David & John (Roxb).
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: J Paulin (Omak); C Grieve; F Clements; L Fonseca (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb).
Sacristan: J Dunlay (Alex).
Cleaning: M Matheson (Omak); (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).