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

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

21 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 9:00pm (church)
Friday 12:00pm (church)
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (church)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra

Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:50am Benediction)

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

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

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Died Recently

Anniversaries
Antoinette Van Boxtel
Marie Dyson
Peter McGorlick
John Brown

Requiescant
in Pace

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin this week in the Alex church, occurring each Friday, 11am-Noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:50am). Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

"And behold, I
am with you
always..."

— Mathew 28:20



"How sweet and full of
comfort are the
moments spent before
the Blessed Sacrament!
Are you in trouble?
Come and throw
yourself at his feet."

— Saint John Vianney

ANZAC DAY MASS—Thursday 25 Apr, 9:00am, Alex church.

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.

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

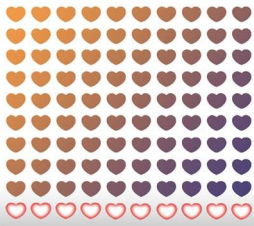
SICK PARISHIONERS—If you're aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Vaughan so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

WANT TO RECEIVED THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? Send the Parish an email
(alexatholic@xtra.co.nz) and request to go on the mailing list.

CENTRAL OTAGO FRIENDSHIP NETWORK—Do you need a friend or someone to come and visit sometimes or would you like to be part of a group and make new friends? For further information contact Gay McCaughan 03 447 3636 or cofriendshipnetwork@gmail.com

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.

Petition Now Online

If you were unable to sign in person over the past weeks, you are now able to do so online until 24 April at: <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/protect-vulnerable-people-say-no-to-the-euthanasia-bill.html>

Lawyers for Vulnerable New Zealanders

General Audience: Pope: May the Cathedral of Notre Dame Be Rebuilt to Be a Joint Work, to the Faith and Glory of God

Expressing He Was 'Distressed' & His Closeness, Expresses Gratitude of Entire Church for Those Who Have Done Everything, Even Risk Their Lives, to Save It

17 April 2019, Deborah Castellano—ZENIT

"May the Virgin Mary bless them and support the work of reconstruction: may it be a joint work, to the praise and glory of God."

Pope Francis stressed this during his General Audience, April 17, 2019, this Holy Week, just two days after the devastating fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

Francis said in his remarks to French-speaking pilgrims that he took the opportunity to express to the diocesan community of Paris, to all Parisians and to the whole French people, his "great affection" and "closeness" after the fire in the Cathedral of Notre-Dame.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I was very distressed and I feel so close to all of you," he said, noting that: "Gratitude, from the whole Church, goes to those who have done their utmost, even risking their lives, to save the Cathedral."

"May the Virgin Mary bless them and support the work of reconstruction: may it be a joint work, to the praise and glory of God."



Cardinal Tagle: Value Dignity Over Money

'In the end, your character is your true wealth and it's priceless'

17 April 2019, Roy Lagarde—ZENIT

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle visited a shanty community in Manila on April 16, 2019, and urged its dwellers not to fall prey to the allure of money at the expense of one's dignity.

Speaking during a Mass at the Parola Compound in the city's Tondo district, he urged them to resist the idolatry of wealth because it is a betrayal similar to what Judas Iscariot did to Jesus.

He said that behind these sowers of discord and divisions are 30 pieces of silver, which often times are hiding behind good intentions.

"I hope that our generation will stop this kind of betrayal wherein people are sold for materials and money," Tagle said in his homily.

The cardinal also said that money does not make a person rich, "character does".

According to him, there are lots of wealthy people

but are impoverished in character.

"In the end, your character is your true wealth and it's priceless," said Tagle.

Dozens of people attended the Mass held in a makeshift tent built beside the Pasig River.



The church official arrived at the area riding an e-trike coming from the nearby Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Parish Church.

After the liturgical celebration, Cardinal Tagle joined the people and a group of parish volunteers for lunch.

Cardinal Tagle last visited the area in 2015 after a large fire that swept through the community.

NEXT WEEK

28 April Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

28 April Rosters

Greeters: S & K MacKenzie (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).

Projector: R Kilkelly (Omak); M O'Connor (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).

Altar Servers: Bella Donaldson, Libby Hanford, Imojen Constable (Alex).

Intro/POF: A Delpont (Alex).

Readers: L Van Boxtel (Omak); K MacKenzie (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

Offertory: R McNally (Omak); Fonseca Family (Alex); Dave & John (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: J Paulin (Omak); R Bond, F Clements, L Fonseca (Alex); K van de Water (Roxb).

Sacristan: D Courtney (Alex).

Cleaning: R McNally (Omak); M Bennie, B Harvey (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).