



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 September 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 **NO MASS**  
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:** Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;  
Luke 16:10-13

### Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



### Died Recently

Mary Blyth  
Msgr Brian Arahill

### Anniversaries

Jim Breen  
Kath Mowat

Requiescant  
in Pace

**BINGO QUIZ THANK YOU**—to all those who attended, especially Julie Flannery for being Quiz Master and Claire Dwyer and the Pastoral Council for organising the social event. We hope to hold it again next year— different questions though ;-)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no 9am Mass on Thursday due to a Council of Priests Meeting in Dunedin.

**ALEXANDRA CHURCH CARPARK AND GROUNDS SAT 28 OCT**—Please be aware this will be rented out during the day for Blossom Festival parking at \$5 per vehicle. This is a parish fundraiser.

**OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP**—The Oasis shop is open Tues to Fri from 11am-3pm.

**THE COMMUNITY PANTRY**—The Community Pantry has been overwhelmed with the generosity of churches by supplying us with a plentiful supply of cereal, as requested. We do appreciate that we can continue to pass on good, nutritious parcels to those in need. Thankyou.

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

### 125TH OPENING ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S BASILICA IN OAMARU

Saturday 9 Nov 2019. Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica at 6:30pm, followed by cutting of the cake, speeches and supper at the Moeraki Room, Brydone Hotel, Wear St. Oamaru. Tickets: \$10 pp for the after Mass event. Sunday 10 Nov 2019, 9:30am Mass, followed by Morning Tea in the Dean O'Reilly Lounge. RSVP: By 25 Oct for catering purposes. Parish Office (03) 434 8543 Email: [oama-ru.basilica@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oama-ru.basilica@xtra.co.nz)

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**—Sr Rosemary Grundy, a Presentation Sister in Queensland, Australia, is presenting at the Dominican Education Forum in Invercargill and will do a presentation in Dunedin Sun 6 October, 4pm to 5.30pm, Holy Name Church, 420 Great King Street, Dunedin North. Arranged by ANZRATH Dunedin (Aotearoa New Zealand Religious Against Trafficking Humans).

**LIGHT PARTY DONATIONS**—We are looking for donations of lollies for the event as in previous years; a box will be placed in the Alex church foyer soon for these. Contact Sally Ferreira or Loretta Fonseca for more information.



## Alexandra Catholic Church: Project Plan for Church Electrical, Heating and Exterior Lighting Upgrade Budget

The Alexandra Parish Finance Committee wish to inform the Alexandra Parish community that it can confirm the works below are now able to proceed, with completion by the end of 2019. Aotea Electric is the contractor.

These works will enable the 60-year old Alexandra church building to be electrically sound and able to be heated more effectively in the very cold months of winter. These works also upgrade flood lighting for the carpark and night security lighting around the church to prevent vandalism and improve safety for night time use.

This project is not cheap but necessary for the ongoing use of the building and we are grateful to the Central Lakes Trust for supporting these works and our parish community. The remainder of the funds for the project will come from our parish savings which is put aside for capital works. However, if parishioners wish to contribute to this project, donations would be

gratefully received and can be placed in the collection basket at Masses with donor details for receipting purposes.

### Expenditure

Switch board upgrade	\$11,970
Heating upgrade	\$34,950
(3 new air handler units replacing current system)	
Exterior Lighting upgrade	\$2,850
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,770</b>

### Income

Central Lakes Trust	\$10,000
Alexandra Parish Savings and donations	\$39,770
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,770</b>

(GST excluded)



## 'We Can & Must Reject Temptation to Support the Possible Willingness of a Patient to Die,' Decries Pope Francis Against Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide

*Pope Meets National Federation of the Orders of Doctors & Dental Surgeons*

20 Sep 2019 by Deborah Castellano—[ZENIT](#)

'We can and must reject the temptation – also induced by legislative changes – to use medicine to support a possible willingness to die of the patient, providing assistance to suicide or directly causing death by euthanasia'

Pope Francis made this strong appeal today, Sept. 20, to doctors and dental surgeons who he received in the Vatican.

Addressing the National Federation of the Orders of Doctors and Dental Surgeons, much of the Holy Father's remarks stressed the importance of their work, and its ethical dimensions.

"We must always remember that illness, the object of your concerns, is more than a clinical fact, medically circumscribable," he told them. "It is always the condition of a person, the sick person."

It is with this entirely human vision, Francis said, that doctors are called to relate to the patient, "considering therefore his singularity as a person who has an illness, and not only a case of whatever illness that patient has."

Doctors, along with due technical-professional competence, Francis said, must respect a code of values and meanings which gives meaning to their work. He also called on them to make each individual clinical case a human encounter.

"Faced, therefore, with any change in medicine and in the society you have identified," he said, "it is important that the doctor does not lose sight of the uniqueness of each patient, with his dignity and his



fragility. A man or a woman to be accompanied with conscience, intelligence and heart, especially in the most serious situations. With this attitude we can and must reject the temptation – also induced by legislative changes – to use medicine to support a possible willingness to die of the patient, providing assistance to suicide or directly causing death by euthanasia."

"These," Francis lamented, "are hasty ways of dealing with choices that are not, as they might seem, an expression of the person's freedom, when they include the discarding of the patient..., or false compassion in the face of the request to help anticipate death."

The Holy Father reminded them that the New Charter for Health Care Workers states: "There is no right to dispose arbitrarily of one's life, so no doctor can become an executive guardian of a non-existent right" (169).

Reminding them of his prayers and entrusting them to Mary, Pope Francis reiterated "the intrinsic and undeniable" ethical dimension of the healthcare profession.

Full Text: [https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-](https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-national-federation-of-the-orders-of-doctors-dental-surgeons/)

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### NEXT WEEK

**29 September Readings:** Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

### 29 September Rosters

**Greeters:** B Harvey (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).

**Projector:** Jane (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb).

**Altar Servers:** Pippa Williams, Isabella Breen, Libby Hanford (Alex).

**Intro/POF:** R Bennett (Alex).

**Readers:** A Kinney (Omak); B Grubb (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

**Offertory:** W Donnelly (Omak); M Stevenson, P O'Connor (Alex); Elizabeth & Angela (Roxb).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** J Paulin (Omak); K Fahey, L Fonseca, B Gibbons (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).

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

**Cleaning:** W Donnelly (Omak); J Kinney, C Closey (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).