



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

25 November 2018; Year B / Weekdays Year 2

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: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Mary Brown
Martin Dunlay

Requiescant in Pace

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—This is the final meeting of the year and will take place Tue 27 Nov at 7pm in the presbytery, with supper to follow.

100 JUBILEE OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, ROXBURGH (LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE)—This will be celebrated on Sunday 16 Dec during the 11am Mass with Bishop Michael Dooley. Following the Mass there will be a shared lunch in the St James Anglican Church Hall (please bring a plate).

TOURING CHOIR & ORCHESTRA: Following concerts across Australia & Europe, Artes Christi is coming to NZ and will present a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at St John the Baptist Alexandra Sun 16 Dec (2:30pm-3:30pm). Please come - all welcome! Entry by donation www.christmasinthecity.org.au



ARTES CHRISTI
Seeking the face of Christ through the arts.

ALEX CAROLS IN THE PARK—Sunday 16 Dec commencing at 4pm; bring a picnic tea after.

COMMUNITY PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED—Donations of the following are needed: rice, vegemite, marmite, peanut butter, jam, weetbix, cornflakes etc., margarine. We have enough of everything else at the moment.

ST GERARD'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH PRAYER BAGS—Next year, each class will have a prayer bag that will go home for a week. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to make 6 bags, one for each class. I will provide the materials you will need. If you can help, please email: clairedwyer@stgerards.school.nz or phone 021 101 4694. Thank you!

ST GERARD'S STUDENT ARMY—Room 5 are planning to do an SVA (student volunteer army) action day during the month of November. If you know of anyone who might need some assistance by way of a garden tidy up or similar such jobs around the outside of a home, we'd love to hear about how we can help this person. Please contact: Carolyn Lyon 03 448 8339 carolyn-lyon@stgerards.school.nz Being involved in the SVA means each child will play a specific role in the coming together of a group to do an act of service for someone in need.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE PASTORAL AREA

Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve
6:00pm: Omakau (Vigil)
Carols from 5:30pm
9:00pm: Alexandra (Vigil)
Carols from 8:30pm

Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day
9:00am: Alexandra
11:00am: Roxburgh

Please Note: January Mass timetable is the same as during the year.

ST GERARD'S COOKBOOK—Members of the St Gerard's PTA will be selling copies of The Seasonal Cook outside the church after Mass over the next few weeks. Take the opportunity to have a browse of this beautifully made cookbook, which is a fundraiser for the school. A small committee of mums have worked on this project over the past 2 years and are proud to offer a product that so deeply represents the school, the wider community, and Central Otago as a whole. Great Christmas gift idea and great keepsake to have on the shelf for all those families with ties to St Gerard's. The books are \$40 each, and can be paid for in whichever way is most convenient for you. They can also be purchased at the school office during school hours.

NZ ROSARY CRUSADE—3pm, 8 December 2018, St Joseph's, Little Sisters of the Poor, Brockville Road, Dunedin. This event is being held NZ wide so come along and join many other New Zealanders in prayer, praying for Life and Faith. Not sure on how to say the Rosary? No problem, we will have prayer sheets available for you to follow. There is nothing quite like a combined Rosary - a powerful intercession. For further information: <https://rosarycrusade.co.nz/>

ADVENT APPEAL 2018

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the feast of Christmas. Part of this preparation is acknowledging those in need and doing something practical to help them.



Supporting our annual Advent Collection is a good way to give to groups that are doing compassionate work in our local community. Refugee services, the night shelter, hospice and support services for those who have been sexually abused are some of the groups that have been helped by your generosity. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as we reach out to others in our community in the name of Jesus.

+ Bishop Michael Dooley



Pope Names Organizers for February Meeting on Protection of Minors

Unprecedented Meeting Signals Importance to Church of Transparency and Accountability

23 November 2018 by Jim Fair—ZENIT

Pope Francis has designated the members of the organizing committee for the meeting on the protection of minors in the Church, to be held in the Vatican from February 21-24, 2019. The names were released on November 23, 2018, in a communique from the Vatican Press Office.



"The February meeting is unprecedented and one that shows Pope Francis has made the protection of minors a fundamental priority for the Church," said Vatican Press Director Greg Burke. "This is about keeping children safe from harm worldwide. Pope Francis wants Church leaders to have a full understanding of the devastating impact that clerical sexual abuse has on victims.

"The meeting is primarily one for bishops – and they have much of the responsibility for this grave problem. But lay men and women who are experts in the field of abuse will give their input and can help address especially what needs to be done to ensure transparency and accountability."

The organizing committee members named are: Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay and President of the Bishops' Conference of India; the Most Reverend Charles Scicluna, Archbishop of Malta and Adjunct Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; and the Reverend Hans Zollner, S.J., President of the Centre for the Protection of Minors at the Pontifical Gregorian University and a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, whom he has named contact person for the committee.

In an interview published on November 23 by Vatican News and L'Osservatore Romano, Fr. Zollner said the meeting in February is important, "very important for the Church".

"We must do everything that we can, as the Holy Father said in his letter to the People of God 'to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated', Fr. Zollner said. "Organizing the meeting well will help to put together the analysis, the awareness, the shame, the repentance, prayer, and discernment regarding actions to be undertaken and decisions to be made in justice and in truth."

Taking part in the February meeting, at which His Holiness will be present, will be the Heads of the Oriental Catholic Churches; the Superiors of the Secretariat of State; the Prefects of the Congregations for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Oriental Churches, for Bishops, for the Evangelization of Peoples, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and for Societies

of Apostolic Life, and of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life; the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences; and representatives of the Union of Superiors General and of the International Union of Superiors General.

Involved in the preparatory work for the meeting will be, among others, Dr Gabriella Gambino, Undersecretary for the Section for Life, and Dr Linda Ghisoni, Undersecretary for the Section for the Lay Faithful, of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life; the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and some victims of abuse by members of the clergy.



November Mass Requests for Holy Souls & Offerings

During the month of November we pray for all the faithfully departed. Masses can be requested for loved ones by writing their names on a piece of paper and placing it in an envelope and then in the box located in the sanctuary of each church in our Pastoral Area marked: 'Holy Souls'.

Mass Offerings

It is customary to make an offering of \$10.00 per Mass requested.

Offerings are for the priest who celebrates the requested Mass and should be included in the envelope if you wish Mass(es) for the repose of those mentioned to be the priest's private prayer intention during a particular Mass(es). Intentions can be combined for as many souls as you would like prayed for during the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Requiescant in Pace

NEXT WEEK

2 Dec Readings: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

2 Dec Rosters

Greeters: Donna Ballantyne (Alex); Ben Robb (Roxb).

Projector: Gerard (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

Altar Servers: Mia Flannery, Sophie Tait (Alex).

Intro/POF: A Kinney (Alex).

Readers: J Kinney (Omak); K MacKenzie (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

Offertory: R Kilkelly (Omak); Ballantyne Family (Alex);

M McKinnel, A McElligott (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: G Flannery (Omak);

K Fahey, J Flannery, J Hogue (Alex) J McKinnel (Roxb).

Sacristan: Dawn Courtney (Alex).

Cleaning: R Kilkelly (Omak); R Bond, M Irving (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).