



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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  
(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 PARISHES SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Ranfurly** 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)  
**Glenorchy** 11:00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

**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)

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.



### Died Recently

**Anniversaries**  
Joan Kennedy  
Catherine Scanlan

**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. 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](mailto:j.dew@wn.catholic.org.nz)) The job description is available by emailing [t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**DUNEDIN CATHOLIC PARISHES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2019**—The Dunedin Catholic Parishes Golf tournament will be held at St Clair Golf Club on Sunday 10 March at 1pm. The format will be an AMBROSE with handicaps added together and divided by 8 to get the team handicap. Entry forms at the back of the church.

**ERROL AND ELLEN HEALEY**—Farewell and thank you, to this longstanding couple of the Alexandra Parish, for all you have done over the years. May the Lord bless your move to Milton. Emails can be sent to: [errol.ellen@gmail.com](mailto:errol.ellen@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to John and Coral Sawers of Alexandra who are celebrating their 60th Diamond wedding anniversary. May the Lord send his blessing upon you and all who have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

### 2019 Pastoral Area Parish Mass & Picnic

advanced notice

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 in Panama: The Right to a Future Is a Human Right

*Kicking Off His 1st Full Day in Panama, Reminds 'Another World Is Possible!'*

24 January 24, 2019 by Deborah Castellano Lubov—[ZENIT](#)

Another world is possible .... The right to the future is also a human right...

Pope Francis' stressed this to Panamanian authorities and the diplomatic corps this morning in Panama City, on his first full day in Panama, his first visit ever to the Central American county. This Apostolic Visit for the occasion of the XXXIV World Youth Day marks the Pontiff's 26th international trip and his 40th country visited.

He has kicked off this morning addressing authorities, and before lunch, speaking to Panama's bishops, reminding them to be good pastors, looking out for the good of their people, before that of themselves.

In his address to authorities, he stressed that we know another world is possible and young people urge us to take our part in building it, "so that our dreams do not remain ephemeral or ethereal, but can promote a social contract in which everyone

has the chance to dream of a tomorrow."

"The right to the future is also a human right," he underscored.

Speaking of the future and young people, he noted: "By welcoming the dreams of these young people, Panama becomes once more a land of dreams that challenges so many certainties of our time and opens up vital horizons." These horizons, he said, can enrich the path ahead through a respectful and compassionate gaze upon others.

Each with a special place

"Each of you," he underscored, "has a special place in the building of the nation, and is called to ensure that this land can live up to its vocation to be a land of con- vocation and encounter."

This, he reminded, involves decision, commitment and daily effort to ensure that all have the opportunity to feel that they are agents of their own destiny and that of their families and the entire nation.

"It is impossible to think of the future of a society without the active – and not merely nominal – participation of each of its members, in such a way that his or her dignity is acknowledged and guaranteed through access to quality education and the promotion of dignified jobs."

These two realities, the Argentine Pope said, help make it possible to recognize and appreciate the genius and the creative dynamism of this people.

## To Be a Genuine Progressive, Protect the Baby in the Womb

Posted Thursday 17 January 2019

by CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

We New Yorkers pride ourselves on being "progressive."

A former governor, Theodore Roosevelt, often observed that government "needed always to advance whatever promoted human welfare and betterment."

Another governor, Franklin Roosevelt, would insist that "government is the engine driving the progress of society."

And our current governor has characterized his administration as "progressive," as was obvious in his recent inaugural address.

One of the essential attributes of a "progressive" agenda is that it looks out for the rights of those oppressed. In different eras, this could be the farmer, the women and children working long hours in a sweatshop, the immigrant, racial minorities, the laborer, those unemployed or making meager salaries.

Another governor of New York, Al Smith, emphasized this feature of the progressive agenda, the protection of "the little guy," people forgotten, overlooked, with no advocate to look out for them. As he remarked, "Always give voice to those without one; always lift up those at the bottom; always remember those forgotten; always defend the ones ignored."

Is it not the case that today the one most without a voice, the one hidden and unseen, at the bottom, forgotten and ignored...is the baby in the womb?

Is it not legitimate to ask why the protection of the civil rights of the preborn baby is not part of the dominant progressive agenda?

Historically, the Democrats—claiming to be



"progressive"—were passionately on the side of the helpless infant in the womb. One of my good friends has a letter of 1969 he proudly displays from Senator Edward Kennedy, hailed as the "lion of the progressives," that he would always oppose "abortion-on-demand" and defend the right to life of the baby in the womb.

"Love the mom, and love her baby," is a placard I often see during the mammoth pro-life march each January in Washington.

It would seem so logical for a progressive to support a mom in a challenging pregnancy with all the care—emotionally and physically—that she needs, as well as the fragile, vulnerable, tiny baby in her womb. Would not a truly progressive state rally around a mom in a challenging pregnancy to help her give life to her baby with a strong preference for the life of the infant rather than the

termination?

Must not some of us speak up for the most forgotten, oppressed, marginalized, excluded in our culture today—the preborn infant?

People consider Pope Francis to be "progressive." They applaud him for his opposition to the death penalty—as Governor Cuomo did last summer, his vigorous and prophetic advocacy for the immigrant and the refugee, his warnings about unjust economic systems, his care for the environment, his promotion of gun control, his vigorous preference for diplomacy and dialogue always instead of war. So how sane and consistent it is for him to ask, "How can an act that suppresses an innocent and helpless life as it blossoms in the womb be therapeutic, civil, or simply humane?"

For a genuine progressive, all human life deserves dignity, respect, care, and protection, no matter what stage, from the womb to the tomb. No exceptions! The more vulnerable, threatened, or fragile, the more dignity, respect, care, and protection life requires.

Behold the baby in the womb!

<http://www.cny.org/stories/to-be-a-genuine-progressive-protect-the-baby-in-the-womb.18490>

### NEXT WEEK

**3 Feb Readings:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor or 13:4-13  
Luke 4:21-30

### 3 Feb Rosters

**Greeters:** L Anderson (Alex); A McElligot (Roxb).  
**Projector:** S Tohill (Omak); M O'Connor (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).  
**Altar Servers:** Charis & Jelena Morrell (Alex).  
**Intro/POF:** M Eastwood (Alex).  
**Readers:** L Van Bostel (Omak); A Delpont (Alex); M Card (Roxb).  
**Offertory:** W Maclean (Omak); C & P Grieve (Alex); Roos Family (Roxb).  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** J Paulin (Omak); F Clements, T Eastwood, K Fahey (Alex) K van de Water (Roxb).  
**Sacristan:** D Courtney (Alex).  
**Cleaning:** W Maclean (Omak); (Alex); E Reid (Roxb); F Clements, G Chapman (Alex).