



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 October 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 12:00pm (Clyde)

##### 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:** Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18;  
Luke 18:9-14

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.



### Died Recently

**Anniversaries**  
William & Catherine  
McKissock  
David McKinnel

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

**MASS FOR HOLY SOULS DAY (SAT 2 NOV)**—Mass will be at Noon in the Clyde Church that day.  
Mass intention boxes will be at all churches for the Month of Holy Souls (November).

**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](mailto:redbackridge@hotmail.co.nz). Thank you.

**THE COMMUNITY PANTRY**—Presently we are urgently short of tinned spaghetti, baked beans and pasta. Also needed: tinned fish, rice risotto, 2-minute noodles, long-life milk, 100's tea bags, peanut butter, vegie/marmite approx. 250g size. Thank you for your continued support.

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

**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 (**by Sun 27 Oct**). 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](mailto:jokrysa@hotmail.co.uk)

**ST PHILOMENA'S COLLEGE EX-PUPILS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR 2019** will be held at The Rope & Twine, 67 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin, Sun 17 November, at 12.00 for 12.30pm at a cost of \$25. Please book through your usual committee members. No sales after Sunday 10th November, and all money must be paid to the Treasurer, Margaret O'Sullivan, Phone: 03 454 2102, by that date. Please bring on the day a non-perishable item for our Christmas Hamper for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

# LETTER TO PRIESTS FROM THE NEW ZEALAND BISHOPS

This past week the Bishops of New Zealand, whilst in Rome on their 5-yearly Ad Limina visit to the Holy See, decided to write a letter of encouragement to priests in New Zealand.

I think that it is good to share the Bishops' letter with parishioners too, especially as it gives insight into the minds of our shepherds during these days when courage is needed to be faithful follows of Christ and members of his Church.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank you all for the support you give your priests. We are most grateful for your faith and encouragement which you give us through your own vocational fidelity in the states of life you have committed to, facing your own challenges too, as the cross takes differing forms for different vocations. Let us pray for each other.

Blessings,  
Fr Vaughan.



**Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa  
Katorika o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

22 October 2019

Dear Brothers,

While we are in Rome for our Ad Limina visit, we want to especially encourage and affirm you in your ministry in Aotearoa New Zealand, and assure you of our prayers as we celebrate Holy Mass at the tombs of the great apostles St Peter and St Paul and with Pope Francis.

We know that we are living out our priestly vocation in challenging and difficult times, but we also know that there has never been a more worthwhile and necessary time in which to exercise the priestly ministry that Christ calls us to.

We have received many reports of priests exercising pastoral sensitivity and love of their people in recent days. We understand at times how this can become a burden, but in making yourselves available to your people, and being prepared to listen to them and to hear without judgement, you are indeed powerful witnesses to the Lord.

Pope Francis, too, offers us his support and encouragement - I am convinced that, to the extent that we remain faithful to God's will, these present times of ecclesial purification will make us more joyful and humble, and prove, in the not distant future, very fruitful. "Let us not grow discouraged!"

Perhaps inevitably, in these days, our priestly commitment to celibacy is being questioned by some. However, we know that our call today is to seek the full beauty of celibacy lived as a "sign and a motive of pastoral charity, and a special source of spiritual fruitfulness in the world." (Ordination Rite). This is a call we have freely received, and freely accepted. It is not an easy road, but in the moments of greatest struggle we turn to Jesus the High Priest who does not miss any opportunity to respond to our needs with His abundant grace.

During these special and blessed days for prayerful reflection that we bishops have while on our ad limina visit in Rome, we especially want to express our gratitude and encouragement to you, our priests, for all you have done and are doing for those who seek Christ within the Church in our land.

May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfilment.

✘ Patrick Dunn  
Bishop of Auckland  
President, NZCBC

✘ Stephen Lowe  
Bishop of Hamilton  
Secretary, NZCBC

✘ John Dew  
Archbishop of Wellington  
Vice-President, NZCBC

✘ Paul Martin SM  
Bishop of Christchurch

✘ Michael Dooley  
Bishop of Dunedin

**Alexandra's  
Light Party!**

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**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!**  
A positive alternative to halloween

## NEXT WEEK

**3 November Readings:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2;  
Luke 19:1-12

## 3 November Rosters

**Greeters:** Ryan Family (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb).

**Projector:** Jane (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).

**Altar Servers:** Alia Ryan, Lily Middendorf, Mika Tait (Alex).

**Intro/POF:** E Middendorf (Alex).

**Readers:** A Kinney (Omak); M Tait (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb).

**Offertory:** Ryan Family (Alex); M McKinnel & A McElligot (Roxb).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** M Matheson (Omak); M Bennie, B Gibbons, J Hogue (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

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

**Cleaning:** R Kilkelly (Omak); P O'Connor, C Mackie (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).