



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

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All Saints' Day

01 November 2020

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)
Alexandra 9:00am
Roxburgh 11:00am

This Week

Alexandra
Monday 7:00pm (St Dunstan)
Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (Church)
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday Noon (Church)
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (Presbytery)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (Church)
Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra
Saturday 11:30am-Noon
(or on request)

ANointing OF THE SICK

Quarterly

Alexandra

Friday Noon
(1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm
(1st Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Readings: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Gordon
MacKenzie
Ozzie Walders
Cath Cory

Requiescant
in Pace

ALEXANDRA PASTORAL AREA—SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, 8 November at the 9:00am Mass, some children from our school and community are going to be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

There will be morning tea after Mass, at the school hall to celebrate those who have received these Sacraments.



ST GERARD'S SCHOOL—APPOINTMENTS 2021

The school is very proud and excited to have Mrs Neroli Laidlaw and Mr Ollie Yeoman as their DRS and Deputy Principal respectively.

Congratulations Neroli and Ollie! You are both wished the very best in your new roles for 2021. Go well and God bless—Fr Sani and the parish community.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS—This Wednesday, the 9:00am Mass will be held in the main Church. All are most welcome to attend.

ALL SOULS' DAY—Monday, 2 November 2020

Mass will be held at St Dunstan Church in Clyde at 7:00pm, to remember and pray for all our dearly departed.



OASIS LADIES MORNING TEA

Morning tea for all our volunteers will be held at the Alexandra Community House on Tuesday, 3 November at 10:30am. We once again look forward to welcoming Mike Tonks from Catholic Social Services (Dunedin), and will present him with a cheque to enable the continuation of their good work.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2021

On sale now in church foyer for \$12 each.

SICK PARISHIONERS

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

THE SEMINARY COLLECTION—The Seminary collection is traditionally taken up on Good Shepherd Sunday in the season of Easter. This year, of course, as there were no Sunday Masses over Easter the Seminary collection will be taken up on Sunday, 15 November. The costs associated with the formation of our three seminarians is significant. We were very grateful for the generous support of so many parishioners in 2019 and invite you to support our diocese once again this year. Grateful thanks.

THE LIGHT PARTY—Saturday, 31 October 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Pioneer Park

The Combined Churches of Alexandra are excited to bring this awesome event back to Alexandra for the fifth year. Light Parties offer an alternative to Halloween and trick or treating, with a fun community event for kids and families. Welcome and have fun.



DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY—28 November 2020

Come join us for a day of connection, reflection, prayer and renewal, at our second annual Diocesan Reflection Day. It is a time for all those interested and involved in parish or school ministries to gather, share what is happening in the various areas in our diocese, and re-energise one another. It will take place on Saturday, 28th November from 10am-2pm at Burns Lodge/Holy Cross in Mosgiel. The day is free of charge but registration is essential for catering purposes.

Please find the registration link on our Diocesan website homepage: www.cdd.org.nz.



November Mass Requests for Holy Souls

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

Requiescant in Pace

NEXT WEEK

08 November Readings: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

07 / 08 November Roster:

Greeters: Diver family (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb)
Projector: R Kilkelly (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Varna Sim, Olivia Delport, Tara Mulholland
Intro / POF: J Paulin (Omak); C Lanham (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Readers: J Paulin (Omak); A Delport (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Isabella Breen & Claire Stratford (Alex); D Adams & J Mckinnel (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: M Matheson (Omak); R Bond (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca (Alex)
Cleaner: W Maclean (Omak); P Soper & C Hill (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)