



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

2 August 2020

### 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 Noon (side chapel)  
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

**Roxburgh**  
Wednesday 5:15pm (presbytery)

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

**Alexandra** (side chapel)  
Friday 11:00am—Noon  
(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

**Alexandra**  
Friday Noon  
(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)

Sunday Readings: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

### Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed  
with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



### Died Recently

### Anniversaries

Gerard Thompson  
Fran Taylor  
Betty Woodhouse  
Catherine Schmidt  
Richard Altenburg

Requiescant  
in Pace

### CENTRAL OTAGO COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS AFTERNOON TEA

There will be afternoon tea for Bereaved Parents, hosted by the CO Compassionate Friends this Sunday, 2 August at 2:30pm at the Orchard Gardens.

### ALEXANDRA PASTORAL AREA SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020

(First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion)

The Programme begins this Sunday, 2 August at 6:30pm in the side chapel of St John the Baptist church. Preparation sessions for children will take place over the next weeks. Please remember these children in your prayers as they prepare for this next step of the faith.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on **Sunday, 30 August at 2:00pm** at Church.

### CATHOLIC CARING SUNDAY APPEAL

Next Sunday, 9 August, is our annual Caring Foundation appeal. This important Foundation assists the diocese in providing support for Catholic Social Services, our Pastoral team and youth work. It is also a fund that we can draw on in urgent cases, such as during the lockdown when we were able to provide grants for families whose livelihoods were lost as a result of Covid-19.

Accompanying next weekend's diocesan newsletter will be a fuller description of the Caring Foundation and its work. There will be special envelopes available. These can be placed in the collection basket on Sunday, 9 August or posted.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Brief updates from Parish Pastoral Council meetings held in May and July 2020:

**New Chairperson:** Pat Cooney. Out going Chairperson, Brian McLean was thanked for his 6 year term of office.

**Council Members:** Fr Sani Lam, Pat Cooney, Loretta Fonseca, Jen McLean, Billie Tohill, Colleen Grieve, Julie Flannery and Margaret Bennie.

### Topics:

**COVID-19**—Two Sunday Masses were held during Level 2 with 60-80 parishioners present at each.

**Funerals**—Fr Dan Cummings (Lawrence), Brian Devlin (Alexandra), Margaret McKinnel (Roxburgh).

**Heating**—Some fine tuning still to be done and under investigation.

**Oasis Opportunity Shop**—Continues to support Catholic Social Services and those most in need.

**School**—Children and teachers were back after lockdown with normal routines.

**Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion)**—Commencing Sunday, 2 August with a parent/child meeting.

**Whole School Mass**—Sunday, 16 August. Morning tea to follow.

**Other Sunday Morning Teas**—To be scheduled throughout the year.

**Class teachers RE presentations**—To resume at Sunday Masses.

**Board of Trustees**—seeking a new Proprietor's Representative to the Board. Approaches to be made.

## **DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**

The next diocesan newsletter, giving an update on what is happening with education and property, will be emailed out next weekend. If you haven't signed up to the database as yet, please go to [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz) and complete the online form. Some hard copies of the newsletter will be available for those not on email.

To ensure that the email doesn't go to your spam folder please add 'diocese@cdd.org.nz' to your contacts. Please note that all information that is collected, is kept on an excel spreadsheet at the diocesan offices and is not shared. All emails are sent using Blind CC.

## **TRANSPORT TO SUNDAY MASS**

If anyone is in need of a ride to Mass or happy to offer one, please let Fr Sani know on [alexatholic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alexatholic@xtra.co.nz)

Thank you to those who have offered their services.

## **OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

Centrepont Mall, Alexandra

The shop is open on Monday from 1:00 to 4:00pm and Tuesday to Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Thank you for your support.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**9 August 2020 Readings:** 1 Kg 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

### **08/09 August Roster:**

**Greeters:** T Schaumann (Alex); M Card (Roxb)

**Projector:** J Kinney (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)

**Altar Servers:** Joshua Brown, Alia Ryan, Dani Irving-Dowling (Alex)

**Intro / POF:** P Cooney (Omak); C Sawers (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)

**Readers:** P Cooney (Omak); M Bennie (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)

**Offertory:** T Schaumann, P O'Connor (Alex); Clarke family (Roxb)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

M Matheson (Omak); C Grieve, J Parbhu, J Hogue (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb)

**Sacristan:** L Fonseca / J Hogue (Alex)

**Cleaner:** W Donnelly (Omak); (Alex); E Reid (Roxb)