



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

4th October 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 (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)

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Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

### Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.



### Died Recently



### Anniversaries

Gavin Dunlay  
Neil Raffills

Requiescant  
in Pace

### DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

Printed copies of the diocesan newsletter are available in the Church foyer for those who haven't received this by email. If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter, please sign up on the diocesan database by going to: [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz)  
The newsletters are a great way of highlighting some of the good initiatives around the diocese and helping us feel connected with each other. Fr Gerard Aynsley.

### SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATION DAY—4th October 2020

Suzanne Aubert Celebration day will be celebrated on this Sunday October 4, which is the first Sunday in October closest to the anniversary of her death (1st October 1926).

The purpose of this important national day of celebration is promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert to as many people as possible. And in doing so, our hope is that as more people learn of this amazing missionary woman who came to New Zealand at the age of 25 and made this country her own, will be inspired by what she did and what she achieved. It also provides all Catholics the opportunity to commit to praying that the church will soon recognise this remarkable woman of great faith, as a Saint.

This is an amazing opportunity to better inform all of who Suzanne Aubert was and all that she did.



## Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The Act only requires a doctor to “do their best to ensure that the person expresses their wish free from pressure.” However, the Act fails to outline how this happens. Doctors are not trained to detect coercion and are further limited in their ability to detect coercion because, unlike the Netherlands, they cannot interview others without the patient’s permission.
- Requests for an assisted death are often motivated by depression, something that is also extremely difficult to detect. There is no mandatory screening for depression in the Act.
- In the Netherlands and Belgium, disabled people and people who are mentally ill were not initially eligible. However, assisted death is now offered to people with mental illnesses and dementia, and to disabled people. The same changes will likely happen here.

**The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one’s views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not ‘compassion’ to vote for a dangerous law.**

See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

*Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington*

### A Discerning Heart—8 Day individually Guided Retreat, Burns Lodge Centre, Holy Cross Mosgiel, 2020

This silent retreat is framed within the dynamic and tradition of the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, as we seek to listen and open to the invitation of God in our hearts and lives at this time.

The retreat includes daily accompaniment with your director, opportunity for Eucharist and contemplative prayer.

The retreat begins Friday, 20 November at 12:00pm followed by a shared lunch and concludes with morning tea on Friday, 27 November at 10:00am. Cost: \$870.

Enquires to: [admin@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:admin@ignatianspirituality.nz)



### Light Party 2020—Saturday, 31 October 2020

Parish representatives are Loretta Fonseca and Bernie Brown. Please feel free to ask Loretta on 0211667022 if you have any queries or are able to assist on the day.



**FATIMA the movie**— A special screening for Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area including family and friends will be held at the Central Cinema on Wednesday the 7th of October @ 5:30pm. Tickets \$10 each. Secure your seat by phoning Vicki McLean on 03 4489128 or 0272028766.

**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.

**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.

### NEXT WEEK

**11th October Readings:** Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

#### 10th/11th October Roster:

**Greeters:** B & N Daniels (Alex); M Card (Roxb)  
**Projector:** R Kilkelly (Omak); L Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)  
**Altar Servers:** D Fonseca, T Mulholland, J Brown (Alex)  
**Intro / POF:** L VanBoxtel (Omak); J McLean (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)  
**Readers:** L VanBoxtel (Omak); B Grubb (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)  
**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); B & N Daniels (Alex); Dyson family (Roxb)  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** J Kinney (Omak); M Bennie, J Parbhu, L Fonseca (Alex); N Taylor (Roxb)  
**Sacristan:** L Fonseca / D Lamont (Alex)  
**Cleaner:** R Kinney (Omak); J Kinney & B Dowling (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)