



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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Second Sunday of Advent

06 December 2020

MASS TIMES



Sundays

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

This Week

(8th to 13th December 2020)

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)

Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let me see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the
joy which comes to you from God.



Died Recently

Jan Willson

Anniversaries

Johnny McMahon

**Requiescant
in Pace**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This Sunday, 6 December at 7:00pm, our church will be hosting the Community Christmas Carols. All are most welcome to come and join in.

ADVENT APPEAL 2020

As we enter into the season of Advent in preparation for the feast of Christmas we are encouraged to pray and also to act by doing practical things to help those in need. This is a very meaningful way for us to prepare for Jesus. By supporting our annual Advent Collection, you are able to provide the means for groups to continue carrying out works of service and mercy to those who are vulnerable and in need in our local community. In recent years your generosity has allowed the Advent collection to support services such as refugee support, the night shelter, hospice care for the dying and providing of accommodation for families. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as in the spirit of Jesus we look to support those in our community who are in need.

+Michael Dooley
Bishop of Dunedin

GRADUATION MASS AND FAREWELL TO YEAR 8s, St Gerard's School

On Thursday at 6:00pm, we will celebrate Mass and farewell the year 8 children leaving St Gerard's School. All are most welcome to attend.

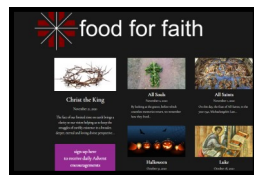
PRISON CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Sr Veronica Casey, PBVM, our Catholic Senior Prison Chaplain, is always seeking suitable people for the volunteer and paid prison chaplaincy roles she supports, but often can't find enough of them. To help, Sr Veronica has produced a special booklet on Prison Ministry and How to Get Involved. Prison ministry is service to some of society's most rejected people and is very valuable work. Look out for a copy of the booklet at your local parish church, think about how you could serve, and contact Sr Veronica.

For full information visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison-chaplains-needed/

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT

Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent.



Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

NZpray2day

The Church's National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS) is delighted to announce the launch of the NZpray2day app for iPhones and other Apple devices. This follows the earlier launch of the now much-beloved Android version.



A statement about this is online at: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzpray2day-apple/

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the parishioners of Roxburgh who donated to the Catholic Enquiry Centre this past year. I was able to forward on to them \$235.00 which was an amazing amount.

Many thanks,
Rod Dyson



FINAL ASSIGNMENT:

RETIREMENT PARTY!

AFTER OVER 40 YEARS, MRS CHRIS BEILBY IS FINALLY GRADUATING FROM SCHOOL!

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE & HONOUR HER DEDICATION TO TEACHING AND HER SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO ST GERARD'S!!

MONDAY · DECEMBER 14TH · 2PM

ST GERARD'S SCHOOL HALL.
ALEXANDRA

THIS IS A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR MRS BEILBY

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2021

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursday, 24 December Christmas Eve

Omakau (Vigil) at 6:00pm

Carols from 5:30pm

Alexandra (Vigil) at 9:00pm

Carols from 8:30pm

Friday, 25 December Christmas Day

Alexandra at 9:00pm

Roxburgh at 11:00am

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES IN

ALEXANDRA (Rite I)

Sunday, 20 December from 1:00 to 1:30pm

NEXT WEEK

13 December Readings:

Is 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28

12/13 December Roster:

Greeters: B & N Daniels (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector: J Kinney (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Charlotte O'Kane, Lily Middendorf, Tara Mulholland
Intro / POF: J Paulin (Omak); E Middendorf (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Readers: J Paulin (Omak); A Drake (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); B & N Daniels (Alex); Clarke family (Roxb)

Extraordinary

Ministers: J Kinney (Omak); F Clements, J Flannery, B Gibbons (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)

Sacristan: L Fonseca / J Dunlay (Alex)

Cleaner: M Matheson (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)