



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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

06 September 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  
(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)

Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

### Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

### 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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows  
me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.



### Died Recently

### Anniversaries

Emily and Jack  
O'Neill  
Kevin Norton  
Kath Kennedy  
Gerald Gittens

### Requiescant in Pace



**Happy Fathers'  
Day—may you  
all be blessed.**

### Referendum on End of Life Choice Act 2019

The forthcoming referendum is **not** a  
vote 'for' or 'against' euthanasia.  
The *End of Life Choice Act 2019* allows  
both euthanasia and assisted suicide. It  
has already been passed by Parliament,  
and will come into effect if over 50% of  
voters agree.

Put aside your personal views on  
'euthanasia'. You are only asked to  
decide whether this Act is safe enough  
to become law. You have the power to  
**vote 'NO'**.  
Find out more, and **test your knowl-  
edge on the Act in a two-minute quiz**  
at [www.votesafe.nz/quiz](http://www.votesafe.nz/quiz).

### SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK: 6th – 12th September 2020, 'Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential'

*"Today we want to keep dreaming.  
We celebrate all the opportunities  
which enable us not to lose the hope  
of a better world with greater possibili-  
ties."* (Pope Francis, 2015)

Each year in September, the New  
Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference  
gives us Social Justice Week, to con-  
sider an issue of social justice in New  
Zealand. This year the theme is *Easy  
as CST: Unlocking the Church's Po-  
tential*. Let us take this opportunity to  
delve deeper into our Church's social  
teaching and consider how we pro-  
mote love, peace and justice.

For resources and more information  
please visit:  
[caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week).



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the twenty-one children of our pastoral area who made their First Reconciliation last Sunday afternoon.

Special thanks to parents for supporting their children's faith journey. Thanks also to Anna-Lisa White and the teachers of St Gerard's for helping prepare the children for this special day.

The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will occur at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 08 November.

Preparations for these Sacraments will commence with a child & parent session on Sunday, 13 September at 6:30pm in the side chapel.

Subsequent sessions will take place at St Gerard's on Wednesdays.

## Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary** with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 7 September, 7-8:30pm: **Mary in the Gospel of Luke.**

Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-4/>

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—8 September.

Mass at 5:00pm in the side chapel.

All welcome.



## WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at St John the Baptist Church each Friday, from 11:00am to noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:45am).

Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

**Our Parish website:**  
[www.alexatholic.nz](http://www.alexatholic.nz)

Visit our website for General Information, Past & Present Newsletters, Diocesan Newsletters, Readings, Rosters. Information and resources for the Sacraments is available under the Menu tab.

## NEXT WEEK

**13 September Readings:** Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**12/13 September Roster:**

**Greeters:** Fahey family (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)  
**Projector:** R Kilkelly (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)  
**Altar Servers:** I Breen, M Fahey, S Tait (Alex)  
**Intro / POF:** P Cooney (Omak); R Bond (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)  
**Readers:** P Cooney (Omak); K MacKenzie (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)  
**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); Fahey family (Alex); M Card & E Reid (Roxb)  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** R Kilkelly (Omak); M Bennie, B McLean, M O'Connor (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb)  
**Sacristan:** L Fonseca / J Dunlay (Alex)  
**Cleaner:** M Matheson (Omak); D Courtney & M Bruce (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)