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Respect Life Sunday—Valuing the Vulnerable

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time—11 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 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing



Died Recently

Fr Kevin Clark
Fr John Morrison

Anniversaries

Hector Anderton

Requiescant
in Pace

Respect Life Sunday 2020—Valuing the Vulnerable

Respect Life Sunday 2020 on 11 October invites us to value and protect vulnerable members of our families, communities, society and nation in all we do. Quoting Pope Francis, the theme reminds us: "We are all frail, all equal, all precious".

Respect Life Sunday falls a week before the New Zealand General Election, in a year in which we face old and new questions about the way we value lives through the Covid-19 pandemic, abortion legislation and the euthanasia referendum. In the Gospel for Respect Life Sunday, some who are invited to a feast prioritise their farm or business work over the invitation and refuse to come. The King instead fills his hall with all the people he can find, regardless of their status, worth and productive value as judged by society.

More information is available in the church foyer and on our website:

www.alexatholic.nz



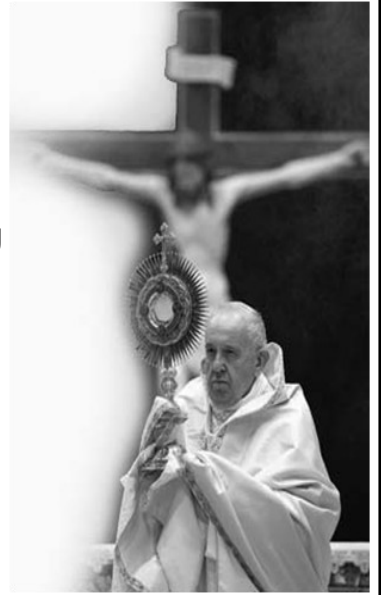
"Here I am, send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

Next weekend our parish will be holding the Pontifical Mission (MISSIO-NZ) Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the needy Church in the Philippines. They reach out to those who have been affected by poverty and disability. They give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

Zyhrrie Costales is a seven year old girl but weighs only 7kgs when the team of Sr Maris found her. In recent months, Zyhrrie has also been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The reach-out program of the diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines led by the Canossian Sisters and their teams worked hard to help bring integral development of mind, body and soul of the children of the Diocese. Zyhrrie represents the many children who long to live with top health. The Missionary Canossian Sisters and their team need your help.

Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in the Philippines and other countries. Your gifts will specifically be directed to support communities and child-focused integral programs. May your generosity be an expression of your care for those less privileged. May your gifts be an expression of your response. Give from your heart.



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The Dunedin branch of Talitha Kum Aotearoa invites you to a Zoom presentation by Jeff Drane SM on Tuesday 20 October 7:00pm to 8:30pm

TOPIC: Human Slavery Today

How is human slavery or exploitation happening in and around Aotearoa?

How and to whom can we report exploitation?

Jeff is the National Director of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) and will describe the plight of seafarers and fishers when they are in New Zealand territorial waters and the exploitation they often experience when isolated on-board for months due to COVID-19. Jeff is a member of the Wellington branch of Talitha Kum Aotearoa. He is also a member of the group advising Parliament in the drafting of Anti-Slavery Legislation in Aotearoa. Jeff is committed to assisting in the elimination of work exploitation in New Zealand.



To Join Zoom: Send an email as soon as possible (before 19 October) to Noreen McGrath — nora.c@xtra.co.nz with SLAVERY in the subject line. Noreen will send you the link just prior to the zoom meeting.

**Congratulations to Rocky and Ioritana Lemuelu on being baptised on Friday, 9 October 2020.
May God Bless you always.**



NEXT WEEK

18 October Readings: Is 45:1,4-6; 1Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

17/18 October Roster:

Greeters: R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb)
Projector: J Kinney (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers: L Middendorf, D Fonseca, M Fahey (Alex)
Intro / POF: P Cooney (Omak); J McLean (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Readers: P Cooney (Omak); E Middendorf (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); Robb family (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: J Kinney (Omak); R Bennett, N Laidlaw, J Flannery (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca (Alex)
Cleaner: J Flannery (Omak); (Alex); K van de Water (Roxb)