



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

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

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful;
Slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the
Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in
the Body of the Lord.



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Tony VanBoxel
Daphne Monteath
Alastair Mowat
Marina Pessione

Requiescant in Pace

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2020

Preparation for the Sacraments begin with a child & parent session this
Sunday, 13 September at 6:30pm, in the side chapel. Subsequent sessions will
follow on Wednesdays at 1:30pm at St Gerard's School.

Under Alert Level 2, the following protocols must be adhered to for Sunday Masses:

- 1) As numbers are limited to a hundred, we encourage you to consider the other alternatives; Vigil Mass at Omakau and Sunday Mass at Roxburgh (please note Mass times on the side of this newsletter).
- 2) For contact tracing purposes, **you will be required to sign in or scan the code** before entering the Church. Please ensure you use the sanitiser provided.
- 3) Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass.
- 4) Holy Communion will be under one kind (to be received on your hand only) and distributed by Fr Sani.
- 5) Please note that there is dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass should you feel you have any health related concerns. **If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from getting to church.**
- 6) Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

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 or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or 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



Light Party 2020—Saturday, 31 October 2020

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



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, 14 September, 7:00 to 8:30pm: **Mary in the Gospel of John.**

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

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-5/>

Our Parish website: 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

20 September Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

19/20 September Roster:

Greeters:	B Lanham (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector:	J Kinney (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	A Lanham, T Ballantyne & T Mulholland (Alex)
Intro / POF:	R Kilkelly (Omak); N Lanham (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Readers:	R Kilkelly (Omak); C Lanham (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); B Lanham & G Chapman (Alex); M Card & E Reid (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	J Kinney (Omak); C Grieve, F Clements, J Flannery (Alex); N Taylor (Roxb)
Sacristan:	L Fonseca / D Lamont (Alex)
Cleaner:	R Kilkelly (Omak); (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)