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The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th July

Mass times

Alexandra:
Tuesdays 5:00pm (chapel)
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00am (chapel)
Fridays 12:00pm (chapel)
Sundays 9.00 am (church)

Roxburgh
Wednesdays 5:15pm (presbytery)
Sundays 11.00am (church)

Omakau:
Saturdays Vigil Mass 6pm

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (chapel)
Fridays 11:00am
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra
Saturday 11:30—Noon or by 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)

Sunday Readings:

1. Isaiah 55: 10-11
2. Romans 8: 18-23
3. Gospel Matthew 13: 1-23

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

The Sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars,
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



Let us remember and pray for those who have
Died Recently:

And for those who have
Anniversaries
About this time:

Monica Paulin
Gerard Thompson
Margaret Len Bruss
June Graham
Irene McDonald
Margaret McKinnel
Dave Altenburg
Barry Frewan

Requiescant in Pace



Matariki celebrates the first rising of the Pleiades constellation. We come together, celebrate and give thanks to our Creator for the provisions of our home, its harvest, our whanau, whakapapa. Maori recognize Matariki as a last farewell to loved ones who died during the year. Born of stardust, we one day return to our Maker of the Cosmos.

"He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, of Pleiades, and the constellations of the south" - Job 9.9

"The rain makes the earth fruitful.....

The seed that falls on the ground will yield a fruitful harvest....

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever."

Roster and Readings for next week:

15th & 16th July	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Bernie Harvey Bernie Brown	Volunteer	Margaret Card
OHP	Rosemary and Martin	Ruth	Angela Compton
Intro/POF	Carol Sawers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Margaret Bennie Brian McLean	R Kilkelly	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	Maire and Gerald Healey	Volunteer	Dave and John
Special Minister	Kathleen O'Kane	Pat Cooney	Rod Dyson
Cleaners	Marie Paulin Dona Foley	C Morris	Liyanarachichi Family
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Addi CH: Paige CH: Ashna	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 16th week, Ordinary time

1. Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
2. Romans 8: 26-27
3. Gospel Matthew 13: 24-43
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Laudato Si'



II The Issue of Water

[LS 30]...Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival...

[29]... Unsafe water results in many deaths.

[30]... There is a growing tendency... [to turn] it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market.

[31] ...it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst
Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM.
Fee: \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

St John the Baptist Parish Centennial

20 – 21 April



2024

Saturday 20 April - Dinner at Alexandra District Club
Sunday 21 April - Centennial Mass 9am followed by morning tea.

The organising committee are keen to have a display of photos and articles relating to our Parish. If you have any we could borrow please let one of our organising committee know.

Spread the word to past parishioners.

Organising Committee: Kevin MacKenzie, Brian McLean, Margaret Bennie, Teresa Hughes, and Fr Sani

You are all invited to stay after mass for a cuppa and a chat with your church family. Visitors are especially welcome



Life isn't measured by how many days we have, but what we do with them.

What are you doing with yours?

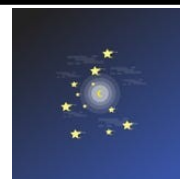
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Remembering at Matariki.....



Remembering some weeks ago, the star cluster Matariki set.

It did not rise again the next evening.

There are people we love, whose lives have set, who have died, and who we miss deeply.

You are invited to bring those people to mind now. Remember their name (pause), their face (pause), their presence (pause), how they blessed you (pause), and how you blessed them (pause).



Just as Matariki now rises, let it be a reminder to you, that so too, our loved ones rise to new life.

- May they rest in peace.