



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

16 August 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 (side chapel)  
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: Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28

### Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.



**Died Recently**  
Glenys Anderson  
John Graham

**Anniversaries**  
Eileen Lynch  
Bob Skelton  
Verna Luyten  
Doreen Whelan

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

## Under Alert Level 2, the following protocols must be adhered to for Sunday Masses on 16 & 23 August:

- 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 before entering the Church. Please ensure you use the sanitiser provided.
- 3) Holy Water has been removed from the fonts and there will be no Sign of Peace.
- 4) Holy Communion will be under one kind (to be received on 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.
- 6) Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## Message to the Dunedin Diocese from Bishop Michael Dooley

The Prime Minister announced on Friday at 5:30pm, that we will continue at Level 2 for another 12 days. For many, the restrictions will be disappointing but we pray for a swift return to our normal Masses and worship.

Staying at level 2 means that Masses will continue in the Diocese with a maximum of 100 people. Social distancing, contact tracing and sanitising of hands needs to be practiced. Some parishes may cancel Sunday Masses due to issues with management of numbers of people. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation is in place for Level 2.

There is an online Mass available from Mercy Parish, South Dunedin, at 9:30am on Sunday morning. There is a link to this Mass on the parish webpage: [www.mercyparish.nz](http://www.mercyparish.nz). There is also Mass screened on Shine TV on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you all for your cooperation and support in these challenging days.

We pray at this time for God to bless each one of us and our country with protection and guidance.

+Michael Dooley

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN—15 August

Happy feast day to you all.

The Rosary will be prayed at the side Chapel at 3:00pm.  
All welcome.



## COMMUNITY PANTRY

If you do wish to contribute, the Food-bank is presently short of 420g size tins of baked beans, spaghetti and soup - both packet and tinned.

Thanks for your continued support.

## OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Centrepont Mall, Alexandra

The shop is open on Monday from 1:00 to 4:00pm and Tuesday to Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Thank you for your support.

## NEXT WEEK

**22 August 2020 Readings:** Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

### 22/23 August Roster:

**Greeters:** Vicki & Brian McLean (Alex); Rod Dyson (Roxb)  
**Projector:** Joan Kinney (Omak); Jacob Fonseca (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)  
**Altar Servers:** Joshua Brown, Taine Ballantyne, Isabella Breen (Alex)  
**Intro / POF:** Joan Kinney (Omak); Tom Lamb (Alex); Allan Favel (Roxb)  
**Readers:** Joan Kinney (Omak); Barbara Grubb (Alex); Allan Favel (Roxb)  
**Offertory:** Kevin Ridden, Gerard Rogatski (Alex); Robb family (Roxb)  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** **None during Alert Level 2**  
**Sacristan:** L Fonseca (Alex)  
**Cleaner:** C Morris (Omak); (Alex); M Card (Roxb)