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The 16th 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. Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
2. Romans 8: 26-27
3. Gospel Matthew 13: 24-43

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

The Lord, gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



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

And for those who have
Anniversaries
About this time:

Irene and Peter Callaghan
Gerard Waigh
Fr Brian Fenton
David Stanaway
John Kilkelly
Errol Healey

**Requiescant
in Pace**

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.

Spread the word to past parishioners.

The organizing committee, made up of Kevin MacKenzie, Brian McLean, Margaret Bennie, Teresa Hughes and Fr Sani are keen to have a display of photos and articles relating to our Parish. If you have any we could borrow please one of the above.



The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated today. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

Roster and Readings for next week:

29th & 30th July	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Neroli Laidlaw Liz Anderson	Volunteer	Elizabeth Reid
OHP	Peter Mulvihill	Ruth	Volunteer
Intro/POF	Nic Lanham	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Coral Sawers Christine Lanham	P Cooney	Margaret Card
Offertory gifts	Donald Lamont Dona Foley	Volunteer	Michelle and Bill
Special Minister	Neroli Laidlaw	R Kilkelly	Volunteer
Cleaners	Margaret Bennie Bernie Harvey	W Maclean	Liyanarachichi Family
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Milla CH: Lilli CH: Elly Lanham	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 17th week, Ordinary time 1.

- 1Kings 3:5, 7-12
- Romans 8: 28-30
- Gospel Matthew 13: 44-52

Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's working document *Instrumentum laboris*

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the *Instrumentum laboris* (Working Document) published by the Synod Secretariat is another step towards the future, not its final word. "This working document is the product of the process of the Church listening to and hearing what the People of God have said during the parish, diocesan, national and continental stages of the Synod process that Catholics here and around the world have been part of," says Bishop Steve. "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to *Instrumentum laboris*: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

Link to a PDF of *Instrumentum laboris*: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf

Link to a PDF FAQ and Synthesis with detailed information about *Instrumentum laboris*: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FAQ_SYNTHESIS_IL_ENG-v2.pdf

New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference

Vacancy: Kaihāpai Māori (Māori Champion/Advocate/Promotor)

Will support several of the bishops' national agencies in advancing a deeper understanding of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi and a Māori way of working across all ministries.

Firstly, through uplifting our knowledge and application of tikanga and te reo. Secondly, in seeking opportunities to uplift Kātorika Māori in their faith journey by identifying and assisting in national initiatives in relation to ministry to Māori. If you or someone you know has the ability to engage in and demonstrate tikanga Māori and fluency in te reo Māori, please consider this role.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/kaihapai-maori/> for more information.

Catholic Women's League

'Catholic women will have a great responsibility in the future of the world'.

This was the vision of our [foundress, Margaret Fletcher](#), and so in 1906, the Catholic Women's League was formed in England. Margaret insisted that CWL needed women with "balanced commonsense", and that they should "utilize the average woman in convincing the Catholic world that business-like methods and intellectual gifts are excellent weapons in the **CWL Today** The League today is still flourishing and proving to be every bit the "weapon for God" that Margaret Fletcher first envisioned. Her intent in establishing the Catholic Women's League was for Catholic women to play a greater role in civic life. She would be delighted that her ideals and aspirations have blossomed into global unity. Established in New Zealand in 1931 the Aotearoa New Zealand League are meeting for their national conference this weekend. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug and 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

4-part series on our YouTube channel. Online. No fee.

Part 1: *Do we gather as consumers or celebrants?*

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference

Vacancy: Prison Chaplaincy Director

Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?

Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). The Prison Chaplaincy Director is a national role, providing pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in New Zealand prisons. This is a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church.

If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison for more information.