

Parish Priest

Rev Fr Sani Lam

Cell: 021 840 259

sunctuslst@gmail.com

Presbytery

7 Killarney Street

Alexandra 9320

Ph: 03 448 8202

alexatholic@xtra.co.nz

www.alexatholic.nz

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Mr Pat Cooney

Cell: 027 768 9918

cooneys@xtra.co.nz

Chair of Finance Committee Maintenance & Planned Giving

Phil Peguero

Ph: 0274990277

Catholic Social Services

0800 277 669 (toll-free)

Ph: 03 448 5385 (Mon-Thurs)

St Gerard's Primary School

Principal

Mrs Julie Flannery

Director of Religious Studies

Mrs Neroli Laidlaw

Board Chair

Mr Nathan McLean



The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th 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

ANOIDTING 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. 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

2. Romans 8: 28-30

3. Gospel Matthew 13: 44-52

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands

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, the gracious, the merciful,

Has made a memorial of his wonders;

He gives food to those who hear him.



Let us remember and pray for
those who have

Died Recently:
Andrew Kinney

And for those who have

Anniversaries

About this time:-

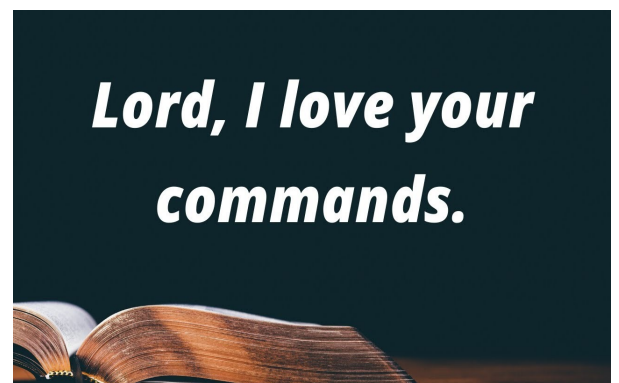
Betty Woodhouse

Fran Taylor

Catherine Schmidt

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Please Join us after mass for
a cuppa and a chat with your
church family.
Visitors are especially
welcome



YOU Have Asked for Wisdom....
Lord I love your commands

Roster and Readings for next week:

5th & 6th August	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Vicki and Brian McLean	Volunteer	Rod Dyson
OHP	Mulholland Family	Ruth	Kylie Robb
Intro/POF	Varna Sim	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Tara Mulholland Sr Leona	Leo Van Boxtel	Glen Dyson
Offertory gifts	Mulholland Family	Volunteer	Tony and Lynette
Special Minister	Julie Flannery	Jill Paulin	John McKinnel
Cleaners	Margaret Bennie Bernie Harvey	Raylene	Clarke Family
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Addi CH: Liberty CH: Curtis	-	-

Next Week's Readings: The Transfiguration of the Lord

1. Daniel 7: 9-10
2. Peter 1: 16-19
3. Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9

Laudato Si' - Care for Creation



– The Kingdom of Heaven is like

Jesus says "Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom new things as well as old." **Francis** comments-**LS#15**"... social teaching can help us to acknowledge (the crisis) (to) consider not only it's symptoms but also its deepest causes ... change is impossible without motivation and education"

#16 ...the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress,the proposal of a new lifestyle ... forthright and honest debate ..."**#19**: "and thus to discover what each of us can do about it."

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a precious pearl...The merchant sells everything to own it.

Call to Prayer and Action

Sunday 30 July is *World Day against Trafficking in Persons* – an industry Pope Francis described as a "scourge against human dignity". It is the day when individuals and communities all over the world join in heartfelt prayer and action to end human trafficking. Pope Francis frequently calls us to work against human trafficking and modern slavery in all its forms. In 2015 he challenged the world : "each according to his or her own responsibilities, is called to combat modern forms of enslavement. From every people, culture and religion, let us join our forces." Can we answer this call today?

To petition our own government to progress the proposed *Modern Slavery Act* into law, go to the mbie website : <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/modernslavery/>

"We pray that all people of faith will grow in the appreciation of the dignity of every person and work for the elimination of modern slavery and human trafficking". Amen

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

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Maria & Mike Noonan
Cell: 0212922753

safeguarding@cdd.org.nz

Information can also be found on our website:

www.alexatholic.nz

(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

STANDARDS

Maria & Mike Noonan

Prison Chaplaincy Director Position extended to Monday 28 August.

Role vacancy: Prison Chaplaincy Director

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

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 full-time 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 for more information. Applications close: Monday 28 August.