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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 August

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. 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

2. Romans 9: 1:5

3. Gospel of Matthew 14: 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,

Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Let us remember and pray for
those who have

Died Recently:

And for those who have

Anniversaries

About this time:-

Frank Kinney

Pat Kelly

John Story

Eileen Lynch

Requiescant

in Pace

St John the Baptist Parish Centennial 20-21st April 2024



Please spread the word to past and present
Parishioners

Saturday 20th April

Dinner at the Alexandra District Club

Sunday 21st April

Mass followed by morning tea

If you have any photos or articles relating to our Parish

Please let the organizing committee know

Kevin MacKenzie, Brian McLean, Margaret Bennie,

Teresa Hughes and Fr Sani

Join us for a cuppa
and a chat at the
conclusion of mass



Everyone
is welcome!

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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"Command me to come to you over the water"

- Matthew 14: 22-33

Roster and Readings for next week:

| 19 \$ 20 August | Alexandra St John the Baptist | Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil | Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Greeters | Donald Lamont Dona Foley | Volunteer | Averell McElligott |
| OHP | Jim Dunlay | Ruth | Glen Dyson |
| Intro/POF | Margaret Bennie | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Readers | Brian McLean Barbara Grubb | A White | Margaret Card |
| Offertory gifts | Gerard Rogatski Pat O'Connor | Volunteer | Angela and Averell |
| Special Minister | Barry Gibbons | R Kilkelly | Angela Compton |
| Cleaners | Sally Ferreira Anne Rayner | Raylene | Angela Compton |
| Sacristans Alex | SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim | - | - |
| Altar Servers Alex | CB: Addi CH: Georgie CH: Ashna | - | - |

Next Week's Readings: 20th Week in ordinary time

1. Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
2. Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
3. Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28

Laudato Si' – Reflection

A life-giving vision, today, from the psalmist:



“ Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.” [Psalm 85:10-11]

[LS 160]“... When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced, we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? ...”

Social Justice week 3-9 September Caritas Resources

Social Justice week runs from 3-9 September this year. It is the beginning of something very special, for the next three years the focus will be on Peace and responding to conflict.

Caritas has created a Reflection Booklet as a resource for parishes and small groups to explore the themes around personal peace, encapsulated in this year's focus, “Peace begins with You!”

The booklet covers 7 sessions on building personal peace

Session 1: What is Peace?

Session 2: Peace in our hearts

Session 3: Peace in our relationships

Session 4: Peace in our communities

Session 5: Peace in creation

Session 6: Peace in our work

Session 7: Peace begins with you

You can find this and our other resources available for download on our website

To order free additional hard copies of the Reflection Booklet, please contact us on

0800 22 10 22, or email us at

caritas@caritas.org.nz. <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>.

Notices from Titipounamu

Study & Joy



Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

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

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Catholic Prison Chaplains positions Milburn and Invercargill Prisons closing soon....

If you would like to discuss this opportunity contact :

Fr Gerard Aynsley gerarda@cdd.org.nz

Job description & Application form available : www.cdd.org.nz

Please apply submitting your CV, cover letter and completed application form to gerarda@cdd.org.nz by 18th August.