



Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2023

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. Is 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8
2. 1 Cor 1:3-9
3. Gospel of Mark 13:33-37

Responsorial Psalm:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
And behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all
people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia

Communion antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Let us remember and pray for
those who have

Died Recently
Joan Hastie

And for those who have

Anniversaries

About this time:

Requiescant
in Pace



THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today We light the first of our
advent candles

This purple candle is known as
"The Profits candle"

it symbolizes **Hope**

Reminding us all that
Jesus is coming!

On Sale now

**COLUMBAN
ART
CALENDARS**
\$12 EACH

(From Church Foyer)

**An ideal
Christmas gift**



NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Maria & Mike Noonan
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Please join us for a time of fellowship over a

cuppa at the conclusion of mass.



Everyone is welcome!

Roster and Readings for next week:

9th & 10th December	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Bernie Harvey Nicole Heward	Volunteer	Margaret Card
OHP	Mulholland Family	J Flannery	Glen Dyson
Intro/ POF	Kathleen O'Kane	M Snodgrass	Volunteer
Readers	Kevin MacKenzie Addie Mulholland	Pat Cooney	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	Mulholland Family	Volunteer	Margaret and Elizabeth
Special Ministers	Julie Flannery Nicole Heward Margaret Bennie	M Williams	Angela Compton
Cleaners	Marie Paulin Carolyn Mackie	Win Donnelly	Angela Compton
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald / Jim/ Nicole	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Don CH: Dan CH: Damian	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent

1. Is 40 : 1-5, 9-11
2. 2 Pet 3: 8-14
3. Gospel of Mark 1: 1-8

COLLECTIONS October 2023

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish \$ 920.20
Presbytery \$ 460.10

Automatic Payments

Parish \$ 3068.84
Presbytery \$ 1,534.42

Roxburgh

Parish \$ 485.20
Presbytery \$ 215.00

Automatic Payments

Parish \$ 766.67
Presbytery \$ 383.33

Please Remember: collection for Advent Charities TODAY

All Past and Present Parishioners are invited to attend our Parish Centennial Celebrations. The Programme and Registration form Are available on the Parish Website: www.alexatholic.nz
If you do not have computer access or are having difficulty completing an Electronic form, there will be forms in the foyer shortly to make this a little easier or ask for help

ALEXANDRA PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



REGISTRATION FOR PARISH CENTENNIAL APRIL 20 - 21 2024

PROGRAMME

Saturday • 20 April 2024

Dinner at Alexandra District Club • 6pm • \$50/person • Bar available

Sunday • 21 April 2024

Centennial Mass • 9am • Followed by Morning Tea

* AS A CENTENNIAL PROJECT *

- * We will be updating the signage near the Killarney Street roadside.
- * We will also have a commemorative Centennial Booklet for sale.

Donations to assist these projects are most welcome.

Catholic Social Services

Recently Mike Tonks spoke to a group of 100+ caring people in Dunedin about the work CSS does. Following on from this the group, who wanted to help, set up a "Give a Little Page" for this purpose.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/100and-people-who-care-or-dunedin-22-november-2023>

If you know anyone else that would like to support us, you are free to pass

Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum



"...We stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever-increasing power... (LD24)

We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage... to produce substantial changes...(LD56)

Titipounamu—Study and Joy

St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthies.

Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

SAVE the DATE

Friday



26th January

4.00pm

(for a very special wedding—
Here in our parish)

More details to follow

including how you can be involved