



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



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# First Sunday of Advent—Year A

## MASS TIMES

### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

### Weekdays

#### 29th November—3 December

Tuesday 29th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 30th 9:00am (chapel)

Thursday, 1st 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 2nd 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 3rd 9:00am (chapel)

### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 30th 5:15pm (presbytery)

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)

Friday 11:00am—Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

## RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

## ANOIDING 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)

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Readings : 1. Isaiah 2: 1-5  
2. Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel Matthew 24: 37-44

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!, alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



Died Recently

Tanya White

Anniversaries

Clara Hurley  
Eileen McMahon  
Leslie Ward  
Daphne Ward  
Alice Anderton

Requiescant  
in Pace

## Community Christmas Carols 4th

December 5pm

On St Enoch's Village Green

With

The Roxburgh Brass Band  
Ukes in Thyme Ukelele Band



Free Entry  
Free Sausage Sizzle  
All Welcome

Supported by the combined Christian Churches of  
Alexandra

ON SALE NOW

2023

COLUMBAN ART

CALENDARS

\$12 EACH



Often called the Hope candle, the first Advent candle represents the hope born out of all that God has done and will do for humanity.

## Advent Appeal 2022

As we enter into the season of Advent in preparation for the feast of Christmas we are encouraged to pray and also to act by doing practical things to help those in need. This is a very meaningful way for us to prepare for Jesus.

By supporting our annual Advent Collection you are able to provide the means for groups to continue carrying out works of service and mercy to those who are vulnerable and in need in our local community. In recent years your generosity has allowed the Advent collection to support services such as refugee support, the night shelter, hospice care for the dying and the providing of accommodation for families. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as in the spirit of Jesus we look to support those in our community who are in need.

+Michael Dooley  
Bishop of Dunedin

## Laudato Si'

### -Caring for our Common Home Creation, consumerism and throw-away culture

Advent - preparation for Christ's coming; How can we live more simply and creatively? Gift giving is wonderful but: LS 203: "Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending..." Creation wastes nothing - everything returns to Earth/Papatuanuku to feed and sustain living things. by buying carefully both ecologically and ethically, we can avoid contributing to a wasteful world.



Tenohotahi me te Aroha!  
Living our lives with love

## Titipounamu Study & Joy

### Online Sessions (Evening):

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December:

### The Father (2020)

Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

More info: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

The Central Otago Regional Choir will be performing a concert "From Mozart to Madden" featuring music by Mozart including Missa Brevis, Laudete Dominum, Ave Verum Corpus and Panis Angelicus. Conductor Richard Madden has composed numerous pieces, often based on biblical text and written especially for family occasions. His song, How Beautiful Upon the Mountains was sung at Sir Edmund Hillary's Memorial Service in 2008. Kemp English will accompany on the organ and also perform with Yuka Eguchi (violin).

Friday 2nd December, Lake Wanaka Centre at 7:30pm

Saturday 3rd December, Athenaeum Hall Arrowtown at 7:30pm

Sunday 4th December, Dunstan High School Alexandra at 2:30pm.

Adults \$35.00, school students free.

Tickets available at the door.

## Next Week's Readings Second Sunday of Advent Morning tea will follow our service—all welcome

### 3rd and 4th December Readings:

1. Isaiah 11: 1-10, 2. Romans 15: 4-9 Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

3rd + 4th December	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Bernie Brown and Bernie Harvey	Volunteer	Pene Morris
OHP	Sim Family	Ruth	Glen Dyson
Intro/ POF	Brian McLean	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Amy Delpport Olivia Delpport	Joan Kinney	Margaret Card
Offertory gifts	Jane Kinney and Donald Lamont	Volunteer	Neil and Rod
Special Minister	Brian Mclean	J Paulin	-
Cleaners (27th—4th)	Pam Soper Cathy Hill	W Maclean	Liyanarachichi Family
Altar Servers Alexandra	Milla O'Kane (CB), Paige O'Kane (CH) and Aurelia Lanham (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	Margaret (S/U) and Jim T/U)		



## Oasis Volunteers

Early reminder

That there will be an afternoon tea on Thursday 15th December at the District Club. Further communication with you all nearer the time.

Margaret and Barbara

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