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Second week of Lent - 5th March 2023

Mass times

Alexandra
Tuesday, 7th 5:00pm (chapel)
Wednesday, 8th 9:00am (chapel)
Thursday, 9th 9:00am (chapel)
Friday, 10th 12:00pm (church)
Stations of the Cross 5pm (church)
Saturday, 11th 9:00am (chapel)
Sunday, 12th 9:00 am (church)

Roxburgh
Wednesday, 8th 5:15pm (presbytery)
Sunday, 12 11:00am (church)

Omakau
Saturday, 11th 6pm vigil

Stations of the Cross Friday's 5pm (Alex)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)
Friday 11:00am—Noon
(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

Today's Readings:

1. Genesis 12: 1-4
2. 2 Timothy 1:8-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.

Laudato Si reflection—The second Sunday in Lent

Transfiguration and Transformation:

"Sometimes when God speaks through the circumstances of our lives – sometimes pretty loudly – we can be afraid.

But God encourages us and moves us on."

[Caritas 2023 Lenten book pg 15]

The recent devastation in Te Ika a Maui (North Island) reminds us yet again, of the damage we cause God's gift of Creation.

LS #209: Pope Francis notes:

"An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits".

"Get up and do not be afraid" Jesus says in today's Gospel.



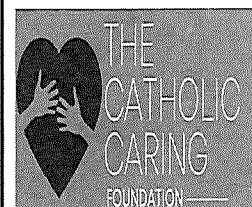
Died Recently
Jeremy Norbury

Anniversaries
Ray Garchow

Requiescant in Pace

Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal

The Catholic Caring Foundation has launched an appeal to support the communities impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations can be made to the Catholic Caring Foundation: 06 0901 0054866 00. Use your name as the code and please email pau-linel@cdd.org.nz so that a tax receipt can be issued. Thank you.



Today is the second Sunday of Lent

"God has saved us and called us to be holy" - Timothy

3rd week of Lent: Weekend of 11th—12th March

Readings:

1. Exodus 17: 3-7
2. Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
3. Gospel: John 4: 5-42

11th & 12th March	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Bernie Brown Bernie Harvey	Volunteer	Elizabeth Reid
OHP	Jim Dunlay	Ruth	Kylie Robb
Intro/POF	Rosemary Bond	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Barry Gibbons Barbara Grubb	A White	Margaret Card
Offertory gifts	Glenda Chapman Donald Lamont	Volunteer	Tony and Lynette
Euch. Minister	Jude Parbhu	R Kilkelly	John McKinnel
Cleaners	Jill Paulin Maureen Stanaway	M Matheson	Margaret Card
Altar Servers Alexandra	Addie (CB), Varna Sim (CH) Liberty Sim (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	Margaret (S/U) and Donald (T/U)		

Dates to Note:

Fridays during lent: Stations of The Cross Alexandra Caritas Lenten appeal continues throughout Lent for more info: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>

8 March: Charismatic Conference Registrations Close
24 March Charismatic Conference Opens
25 March: 2nd day of Women's(40 and Under) Lenten retreat

14 April: Ordination of Rev Peter Chadwick 7pm @ Holy Name Church North Dunedin.

24th June: Ordination of Rev Suu Van Ngyuen and Rev Joseph Long Van Ngyuen (together @11am) in St Therese of Lisieux Church, North Invercargill.

20th April 2024: Centenary Celebrations Alexandra Parish

Ordination—Peter Chadwick

As you are aware Peter was part of our Parish community latter part of 2021, preparing for his journey toward ordination to the Priesthood. Peter's ordination will be at Holy cross Mosgiel on Friday 14th April at 7pm. If you would like to make a contribution to help cover costs of Peter's parents to come from Samoa for this happy event, you can either place your donation in an envelope marked "Peter" and place it in the collection basket over the next two Sundays or you can pay into:

ANZ Bank A/c No. 06091 000454866. Please state "ordination" as the code and **your name** for a receipt. It would be very special for Peter to have his family present.

**COLLECTIONS
January 2023**

Alexandra / Omakau	
Parish	\$ 1,392.60
Presbytery	\$ 696.30
Automatic Payments	
Parish	\$ 3,095.93
Presbytery	\$ 1,547.96
Roxburgh	
Parish	\$ 495.90
Presbytery	\$ 245.00
Sales—Calendar	\$
Advent Charities	\$
Automatic Payments	
Parish / Presbytery	\$ 720.00

Lent Week 2: Jesus Falls the First Time
 Pray that we can stop people being traf-ficked and enslaved today.

The stories that have come out in the trafficking court cases in New Zealand tell us that traffickers offer employment to men and women in poor communities who are pleased to be able to work to support their families. They take all their savings, borrow from family members and often other villagers to pay for their working visa and fees the trafficker demands. Then when they realise they're enslaved they know the terrible shame of not being able to take money home but also of not being able to pay back the money they've borrowed. Their trafficking has further impoverished the people they were trying to help.

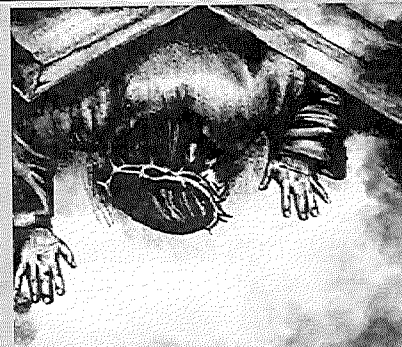


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We pray: May we all rise to life with Christ.

**St John the Baptist Parish Centenary
1924—2024**

Our Parish will be celebrating its 100 year centenary on 20th April 2024.

If you would like to be part of the Centenary Committee please email Fr Sani @ alexcatholic@xtra.co.nz

You are invited....

to a Liturgy Workshop based on Pope Francis' letter *Desiderio Desideravi* presented by Catherine Gibbs and Fr John O'Connor (from the National Liturgy Office) on Pope Francis' letter *Desiderio Desideravi*.

There are two opportunities in our diocese:

- Friday 24th March 6-8pm at St. Theresa's Invercargill, 40 Perth St.
- Saturday 25th March 10am-3pm (soup lunch with koha) at St. Bernadette's School in Dunedin, 16 Forbury Road

Please Register at: amya@cdd.org.nz