



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

20 September 2020

### MASS TIMES

#### Sundays

**Omakau** 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)  
**Alexandra** 9:00am  
**Roxburgh** 11:00am

#### Weekdays

**Alexandra**  
Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)  
Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)  
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)  
Friday Noon (Church)  
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

**Roxburgh**  
Wednesday 5:15pm (Presbytery)

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (Church)  
Friday 11:00am—Noon  
(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

**Alexandra**  
Saturday 11:30am-Noon  
(or on request)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

**Alexandra**  
Friday Noon  
(1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

**Roxburgh**  
Wednesday 5:15pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call him.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.



### Died Recently

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### Anniversaries

Sr Eleanor Pelvin  
Frank Graham  
Brian McEligott  
Jim Breen

Requiescant  
in Pace

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**—The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 September at 7:00pm in the side chapel.

**FATIMA**—The Central Cinema is considering bringing the film 'Fatima' to Alexandra. For this to happen, we need to gauge support for it to take place. If you would like to see this movie, please express your interest to either Vicki or Brian McLean on 03 4489128 or 0272028766.

### Under Alert Level 2, the following protocols must be adhered to for Sunday Mass:

- 1) As numbers are limited to a hundred, we encourage you to consider the other alternatives; Vigil Mass at Omakau and Sunday Mass at Roxburgh (please note Mass times on the side of this newsletter).
- 2) For contact tracing purposes, **you will be required to sign in or scan the code** before entering the Church. Please ensure you use the sanitiser provided.
- 3) Holy Water has been removed from the fonts. There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass.
- 4) Holy Communion will be under one kind (to be received on your hand only) and distributed by Fr Sani.
- 5) Please note that there is dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass should you feel you have any health related concerns. **If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from getting to church.**
- 6) Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

## Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

### A Discerning Heart—8 Day individually Guided Retreat, Burns Lodge Centre, Holy Cross Mosgiel, 2020

This silent retreat is framed within the dynamic and tradition of the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, as we seek to listen and open to the invitation of God in our hearts and lives at this time.

The retreat includes daily accompaniment with your director, opportunity for Eucharist and contemplative prayer.

The retreat begins Friday, 20 November at 12:00pm followed by a shared lunch and concludes with morning tea on Friday, 27 November at 10:00am. Cost: \$870.

Enquires to: [admin@ignatianspirituality.nz](mailto:admin@ignatianspirituality.nz)



### The Catholic Bishops' of Aotearoa New Zealand 2020 Election Statement:

The Statement online: [www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf)

A link is also on the NZCBC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>

Here is an online media statement: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-election-statement-2020/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-election-statement-2020/)

### Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary** with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.

Topic on Monday, 21 September, 7-

8.30pm: **Marian Dogmas – Do they Speak to Today?**

Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM.

For more information and registra-

tion: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual->

**Our Parish website:** [www.alexatholic.nz](http://www.alexatholic.nz)

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### NEXT WEEK

**27 September Readings:** Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

#### **26/27 September Roster:**

**Greeters:** B Lanham (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb)

**Projector:** R Kilkelly (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)

**Altar Servers:** Alia Ryan, Dani Irving-Dowling, Varna Sim (Alex)

**Intro / POF:** J Kinney (Omak); M Bennie (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)

**Readers:** J Kinney (Omak); K MacKenzie (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)

**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); K Ridden & G Rogatski (Alex); Roos family (Roxb)

#### **Extraordinary**

**Ministers:** J Paulin (Omak); R Bond, B Lanham, B McLean (Alex); J McKinnel (Roxb)

**Sacristan:** P Chadwick/J Dunlay (Alex)

**Cleaner:** R Kilkelly (Omak); B Lanham & J Whitaker (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)