

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 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

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)

Sunday Readings:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

O' God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
And healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption



Let us remember and pray for those who have

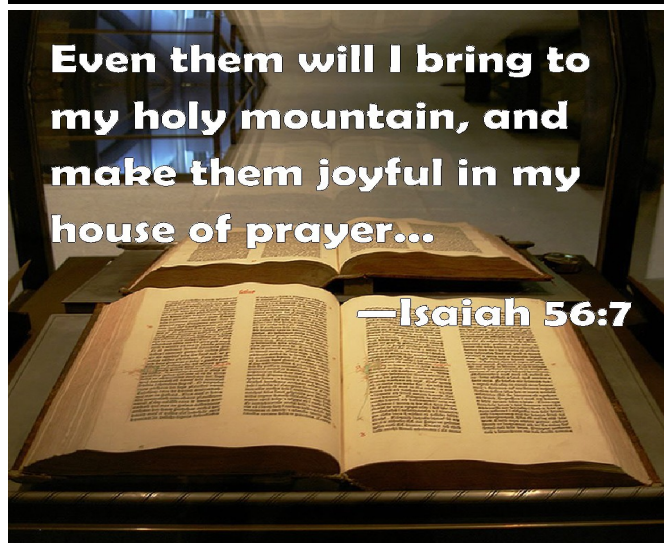
Died Recently:

And for those who have
Anniversaries
About this time:-

Bob Skelton
Patrick Gibbons
Verna Luyten
Doreen Whelan
Bob White

Requiescant in Pace

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer...



—Isaiah 56:7

Parish Centennial
20– 21st April 2024

Please spread the word to past and present Parishioners



Photos and articles relating to our parish would be appreciated.

Contact

Kevin MacKenzie, Brian McLean, Margaret Bennie, Teresa Hughes or Fr Sani

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"I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain"
Is. 56: 1, 6-7

Roster and Readings for next week:

26th & 27 August	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Bernie Harvey Bernie Brown	Volunteer	Margaret Card
OHP	Peter Mulvihill	Ruth	Angela Compton
Intro/POF	Nic Lanham	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Christine Lanham Eileen Middendorf	R Kilkelly	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	Marie and Gerald Healey	Volunteer	Neil and Rod
Special Minister	Margaret Bennie	Jill Paulin	Rob Dyson
Cleaners	Jill Paulin Maureen Stanaway	Raylene	Angela Compton
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Varna, CH: Milla CH: Elly	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 21st Week in ordinary time

1. Isaiah 22: 19-23
2. Romans 11: 33-36
3. Gospel of Matthew 16: 13-20

Today we Reflect: - The Canaanite woman in the gospel reading above showed great faith in the power and mercy of Jesus which was really amazing because as a Canaanite, she does not belong to the Chosen People. In fact, she was considered a dog! Here, we recall the the Centurion, another pagan who displayed great faith. In both instances, Jesus was so pleased with their great faith that He granted their wishes immediately. Let us compare the amazement of Jesus with the great faith of the two pagans above with His often frustration with His own disciples for their little faith or His own town folks in Nazareth for their lack of faith. This is just to show that indeed faith can be found in unexpected places. Like the Apostles or the people of Nazareth, many people do not develop faith instantly or even gradually. While we try to be patient with them, let us focus on our own faith. Like the Canaanite woman, let us cry out persistently thus, "Lord, help me." For indeed, our help comes only from the Lord (Psalm 121:1). Moreover, let us be ready to learn from everyone, including those whom we consider outside of our group. Finally, let us become the instrument, not the hindrance, by which people can find Jesus.

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Catholic Caring Sunday is the day we encourage support for the diocesan Catholic Caring Foundation.

The Fund is now at \$1.4m and interest from the fund supports our diocesan outreach to those most in need through Catholic Social Services and other areas of pastoral need.

Thank you to all our benefactors who through their donations and generous bequests has enabled practical help to be given to those in need.

As the Foundation capital increases so does the ability to support new initiatives in our diocese.

The focus is on supporting families and a variety of programmes take place including Catholic Social Service counselling, parenting courses etc. disaster relief and Prison Chaplaincy along with other needs that are required during the year.

I ask you to support my annual Caring Sunday appeal. With your help, we can continue this important part of our mission from Christ to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need.

Blessings
+Michael Dooley

Notices from Titipounamu

Study & Joy

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 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->



Social Justice Week 3– 9 September

Focus on Peace and Responding to conflict—
“PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU”

Caritas has created a reflection booklet as a resource which is available to all.

It covers What is peace, peace in our hearts, peace in our relationships, peace in our communities, peace in creation, peace in our work, peace begins with you

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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

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.