



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A—21 June 2020

### MASS TIMES

#### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Saturdays)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

#### Weekdays

##### Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)

Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)

Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)

Friday 12:00noon (church)

Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

##### Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (Presbytery)

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

#### Alexandra

Friday 11:00am-Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

#### Alexandra

Saturdays 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

#### Alexandra

Friday 12:00pm

(1st Friday of the months of March, June, September, December)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm

(1st Wednesday of the months of March, June, September, December)

Sunday Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



*Died Recently*

*Anniversaries*

Lois Chote

*Requiescant  
in Pace*

**FEAST OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**—On Wednesday, 24 June 2020 is the feast of our patron saint, St John the Baptist. 9:00am Mass as usual in the side chapel.

**OASIS OP SHOP LADIES MORNING TEA**—There will be morning tea at the Alexandra District club on Tuesday, 23 July at 10:00am. Mike Tonks from the Catholic Social Services, Dunedin will be visiting and be presented with a cheque for \$17,000.

This is a fine reflection on the good work our Oasis ladies provide for those most in need.

**WEEKLY HOLY HOUR**—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs in the Alexandra church of St John the Baptist each Friday, 11am-Noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:45am).

Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

## Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

# Where is your brother or sister?



Every year Caritas provides materials to mark the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. This year with a post-COVID society as our context, we are encouraging communities to reflect on the issue of migrant exploitation.

The resources are influenced by Pope Francis' concerns for the victims of various kinds of human trafficking, including the exploitation of migrant workers. During Pope Francis' apostolate, he has always expressed his concerns for migrants and refugees, and particularly so during the COVID-19 pandemic. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), he references Genesis 4:9 and asks us, "Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved?" He challenges us to not look the other way.

"I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry, 'Where is your brother?' (Gen: 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Let us not pretend to look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. This issue involves everyone!" - Pope Francis

Pope Francis has always seen the importance of this issue in all its forms. In 2017, the Migrants & Refugees (M & R) Section was established by Pope Francis himself and tasked to address human trafficking as well as migrant and refugee matters. In 2018, the M & R Section held consultations with church leaders, scholars and organisations working in the field, to address trafficking. Pope Francis acknowledges that the task of overcoming human exploitation takes **courage, patience and perseverance** but it is a task that we all must take part in. He challenges us to **open our eyes, to see the misery of those who are completely deprived of their dignity and their freedom, and to hear their cry for help.**

### OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Centrepoint Mall, Alexandra

The shop is open on Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Tuesday to Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Thank you for your support.

### SICK PARISHIONERS

If you're aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

### NEXT WEEK

**28 June 2020**—Readings: 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

#### **28 June Roster:**

**Greeters:** Trish Schaumann (Alex); Rod Dyson (Roxb)

**Projector:** Jim Dunlay (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

**Altar Servers:** Lily Middendorf, Varna Sim, David Fonseca (Alex)

**Intro / POF:** Ellen Middendorf (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)

**Readers:** Barbara Grubb (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)

**Offertory:** Trish Schaumann & Pat O'Connor (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Jude Parbhu, Julie Flannery, J Hogue (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

**Sacristan:** Loretta Fonseca/Jeremy Hogue (Alex)

**Cleaning:** (Alex); Angela Compton (Roxb)