



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st August

### MASS TIMES

#### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

#### Weekdays

(23—27th August)

#### Alexandra

Tuesday, 23rd 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 24th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 25th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 26th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 27th 9:00am (chapel)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 17th 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: : Isaiah 66: 18—21  
Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13  
Gospel Luke 13: 22-30

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

No one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;

You bring forth bread from the earth and

wine to cheer the heart.



### Died Recently

#### Anniversaries

Patrick Gibbons

Verna Luyten

Doreen Whelan

### Requiescant in Pace

### A Message re: the Synod:

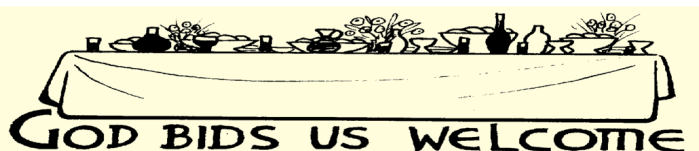
from David McLoughlin—

Communications Adviser, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

Parishes and dioceses around the country took part in the local phase of Pope Francis's synodal path to the Church's future, which will culminate in an Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October next year. The NZ bishops have just published the National Synod synthesis document that emerged from the diocesan phase of the process and the national hui held in Wellington in June. The national document has been sent to Rome as one of the many such documents from around the Catholic world as part of the Synod process.

A copy of the National Synod document is attached. The document, a summary of its contents, and an outline of the Synod process are online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nz-synod-synthesis/>



## Hospitality—connecting with our People

Recently proposals were put forward to the Parish council re the configuration of several of the back church pews to be removed or turned around in order to create a potential hospitality seating area for after Mass morning teas and gatherings. Parishioners were asked for their feed back which was of mixed views.

At the Parish council meeting last week, further consideration was given to your suggestions. The decision has been made to trial this arrangement and to gauge it support for this hospitality area. Sunday 11th September has been set aside for the initial trial commencement date for monthly morning tea gatherings. Morning tea will be served in the church.



The Parish Council look forward to your support in the running of these trials.

If they prove successful, in terms of support, we will be looking for volunteers to assist in the setting up and clean up; a roster may be drawn up for continuation of monthly morning teas.

## This year's annual Combined Churches "Light Party" update

The first meet has been held for the planning of this year's light Party to be held on Saturday 29th October. As an alternative to Halloween Party celebrations. Each Church has been asked to send a couple of representatives to the meeting to help make this a community success. Thank you to Sally and Amy who have agreed to help from our church. If you would like to be involved it's not too late!

Planned meetings are to be held as follows:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm (Labour day) – invite people to help make up bags etc

The meetings are held at The Baptist Church  
15 Ngapara Street, Alexandra

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**

UPGRADE OF  
THE PARISH  
HALL/SCHOOL  
WE NEED A  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
24TH AUGUST  
AT 7 PM  
ST GERARDS  
SCHOOL-  
STAFFROOM**



This is a great space that the school and parish need and want. It needs to be brought up to standard and have some added features to make it an asset to our children's education and community.

If you have the following skills, we need you

- Building background / knowledge
- Grants application skills
- Design skills
- Finance skills
- Or just awesome ideas and want to help

**Please come along to the meeting!**



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(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

## NEXT WEEK

**28th August Readings:** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22,-24

Gospel Luke 14: 1,17-14

**27th/ 28th August Roster:**

**Greeters:** Dona Foley & Donald Lamont (Alex)  
Rod Dyson (Roxburgh)

**Projector:** Martin O'Connor & Rosemary Bond (Alex);  
Ruth (Omak); Angela Compton (Roxburgh)

**Altar Servers:** Varna Sim (CB), & Freddy Ryan & Liberty Sim (CH)

**Intro / POF:** Sue McKenzie (Alex);

Omakau & Roxburgh : Volunteer

**Readers:** Sr leona(R1), Rosemary Bond (R2) (Alex )

Rod Dyson (Roxb), P Cooney (Omak);

**Offertory** Marie & Gerald Healey (Alex)

Glen and Kylie (Roxburgh)

**Special Ministers:** Dona Foley (Alex) Joan Kinney (Omak),

**Sacristan:** Margaret (SU), Donald (TU) (Alex),

**Cleaners:** J Kinney (Omak), Angela Compton (Roxb),

Sue MacKenzie and Barbara Grubb (Alex)

(NB: commencing 14th August for Alexandra)