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of Dunedin

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



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

22th August 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(17th - 21st August)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 17th 5:00pm (side chapel)

Wednesday, 18th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 19th 9:00am (side chapel)

Friday, 20th midday (side chapel)

Saturday, 21st 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 18th 5:15pm (presbytery)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (side chapel)

Friday 11:00am—Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

ANOINTING 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)

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn6 6:60-69

Level 4 Lockdown:

Please note that all churches will remain closed until further Notice.

Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MICHAEL IN LOCKDOWN

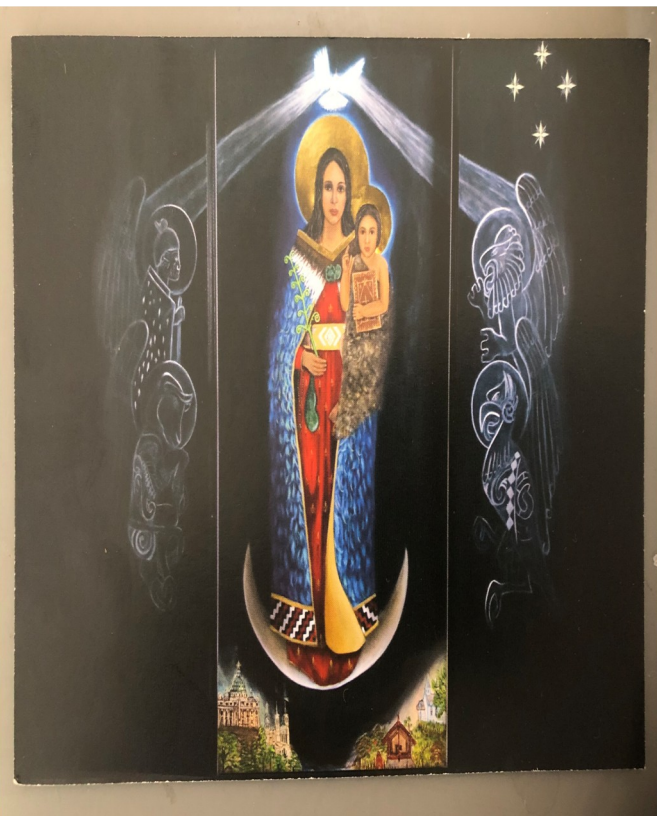
Kia ora koutou.

Once again we have had to go into lockdown in our country as a protection against the Covid virus. This is a difficult time for many and I encourage us all to watch out for each other as we work together to protect the health of our country. While we are in lockdown level 4 there will be no public liturgies and we will not be able to gather for our Sunday Masses. While our ability to gather is limited, we can still worship and I encourage you to pray, read the scriptures and perhaps participate in some of the online Masses being offered. Last Tuesday night at Te Tomairangi Marae in Invercargill we welcomed a very special artwork depicting Mary Mother of God into our Diocese. pandemic has meant that even Mary has to stay put in the lockdown. It is times like this that Mary can be a great solace and guide for us as we face danger and anxiety. May Mary Mother of God lead each one of us closer to her son Jesus during this time of lockdown.

Blessings, +Michael

TE ARA A MARIA

The Te Ara a Maria hikoī is currently on hold because of Lockdown. The beautiful artwork of Mary is currently sitting peacefully at Te Tomairangi Marae in Invercargill. Thanks so much to the whanau there who are looking after her so well. As in any hikoī/pilgrimage/journey in life there are always bumps in the road and unexpected delays, but we still know our God is with us. We have rededicated Aotearoa to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and we can be sure Mary is praying for us now! Kia kaha whanau and we will keep you updated on when the hikoī will resume.



Because of the current Covid-19 Lockdown, not all printed copies of the new (22 August) edition of NZ Catholic will reach churches and other outlets in a timely way. However the edition is available online in PDF format:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Issue-621-Aug-22-2021.pdf>

Faith-filled worship in time of lockdown

The National Liturgy Office has published a page of information to help everyone manage this lockdown period without the usual access to liturgies at church. For we people of faith, many who depend on the Mass celebrated on Sundays and throughout the week find ourselves struggling without the strength received from the Eucharist. The creative suggestions on this page will help:

www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/faith-filled-worship-in-time-of-lockdown/

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME

If you are new parishioners to our parish, we would like to inform you that there is a New Parishioner Form on the table in the church foyer, that you are invited to fill and place in the box provided. Many thanks.

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Information can also be found on our website:

www.alexatholic.nz

(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

NEXT WEEK

29th August Readings: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27;
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

21st/ 22nd August Roster:

Greeters: .R. Bennett, N. Laidlaw(Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector: Ruth(Omak); J Dunlay (Alex);
Angela C(Roxb)
Altar Servers: Liberty Sim, Lilly Middendorf, Milla O’Kane
Intro / POF: R.Kilkelly (Omak); Ellen Middendorf(Alex);
Michelle Clarke(Roxb)
Readers: R. Kilkelly (Omak); K. Mackenzie; R. Bennett(Alex)
M. Clarke(Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); R.Bennett, N. Laidlaw(Alex);
Margaret C,Elizabeth (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: M Matheson (Omak); R. Bennett, N Laidlaw,J.
Hogue (alex), Bill Clarke (Rox)
Sacristan: J. Hogue (Alex)
Cleaners: J. Kinney (Omak); (Alex);
G Dyson (Roxb)