



Diocese
of Dunedin

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



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B. 29th Aug 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: Deu:4:1-2,6-8;

James 1:17-18,21-22,22-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

Thank you.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Doreen Whelan

Gladys Waigth

Requiescant

27th August 2021

Message from Bishop Michael Dooley

As I write this we are still very much in the centre of this Covid pandemic and will be remaining in level 4 lockdown until at least next Wednesday 1st September. If we do move down to level 3 next week then we will still be unable to gather for Sunday or weekday liturgies in our churches and our schools will remain closed. It is possible to hold funerals or weddings with a limit of ten people physically attending but at this stage we are encouraged to stay at home.

This is a difficult time we are all facing and has disrupted the personal and working lives of most people. A time like this calls on our faith to be patient with ourselves and caring of others by carrying out sacrifices for the good of the community.

I encourage you to keep praying and while we cannot gather physically to worship there are opportunities through online Masses or Shine TV to participate with others in the Church. Please keep in contact with those who may be struggling with lockdown or who are on their own. Please pray with me for the health for our nation and for our world and that here in the Church in Otago and Southland we will grow closer together and become stronger in our faith through these trials.

Yours in Christ

+Michael Dooley

Bishop of Dunedin

TE ARA A MARIA

The Te Ara a Maria hikoi 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 hikoi/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 hikoi will resume.

The new (22 August) edition of NZ Catholic 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/

There is a wise person of prayer who once wrote these words: “When I was young I was a revolutionary. My prayer to God was: ‘Lord, give me the energy to change the world.’ As I approached middle-age and realized that my life was half-gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.’ Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change myself.’ If I had prayed for this from the start, I would not have wasted my life.” Wise words.

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)

COLLECTIONS & INCOME

July 2021

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$	965.00
Peter's Pence	\$	5.00

Roxburgh

Parish	\$	297.20
Roxo	\$	49.80
Peter's Pence	\$	35.00

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$	897.00
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Automatic Payments

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$	2,872.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$	1,436.33