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Pentecost Sunday

23 May 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)
Alexandra 9:00am
Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(25th to 29th May)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 25th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 26th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 27th 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 28th midday (side chapel)
Saturday, 29th 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 26th 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: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the mar-
vels of God, Alleluia!



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Kirsty Grainger
Henry Dougherty
Maureen Skelton
Myra Cahill

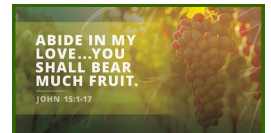
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

16th to 23rd May

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the Southern Hemisphere between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, thus from 16 May to 23 May in Aotearoa New Zealand for 2021.

The chosen theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A huge welcome to Anna-Lisa White, our new Parish Council member. Anna-Lisa, your willingness and commitment to representing our Parish for the next 3 years is truly appreciated. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP—this Sunday, 23 May at 10:30am

The workshop will be held in the side chapel, St John the Baptist Church. Morning tea will be provided.

FRIDAY—ADORATION & MASS AT ALEX

Please note that during the winter months, Adoration and Mass will now occur in the side chapel of St John the Baptist Church.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification. Amen.



THE NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event.



Registration details:

www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

INVITATION TO DANCE (Poster on notice board in the church foyer)

We are now days away from our May 2021 series "Invitation to the Dance."

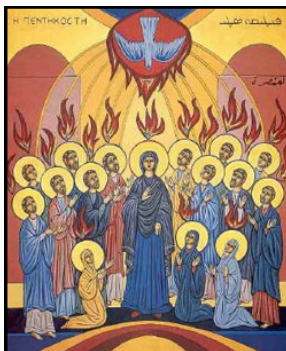
The Strauss Horn Concerto is a very enjoyable work for orchestra members. As we prepare, we appreciate our soloist Christian Martin. This week, as well as the regular practice for the whole orchestra, he has joined two extra venues in Wanaka and Queenstown spending time with smaller section orchestra members. Christian plays a gold brass Alexander 200 which was created for the 200th anniversary of the German instrument maker.

Sometimes during practice certain instruments stand out when playing particular parts of a work. The piccolo and flute section contribute alongside the horn during the concerto and the result is attractive - it really makes the rest of us listen up.

At Monday's practice we met some members of Jemma's Cromwell Dance group. They went through their routines with us and we look forward to joining this large group of dancers at the weekend. Children will be dancing to our "Invitation to the Dance" at all three concerts - Ranfurly, Cromwell and Wanaka. It will be an enjoyable occasion for everyone.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

When the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.



And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak (Acts 2, 1-4).

NEXT WEEK

30th May Readings: The Most Holy Trinity
Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17; Mt 28:16-20

29th/30th May Roster:

Greeters: D Lamont (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector: J Kinney (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Milla O'Kane, Freddie Ryan, Alia Ryan
Intro / POF: J Paulin (Omak); M Tait (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Reader: J Paulin (Omak); T Lamb & H Tait (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Ryan family (Alex); A McElligott & A Compton (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: J Kinney (Omak); F Clements, C Grieve, J Hogue (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca / D Lamont (Alex)
Cleaner: W Donnelly (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)