



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

5th September 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)

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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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

Mass will continue again at level 2

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

## REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL: MARK 31-37

In our world, it is not the physical healing that Jesus performed that we are called to imitate; rather, our act of healing is a practical one, a daily one, a more immediate one. When someone receives bad news and closes out the world around them we are called to say, "Ephphatha – Be opened." When someone is rejected by their peers or friends that they loved and feels that no one cares for them we recite, "Ephphatha – Be opened." When someone who knows the truth has been silenced because no one respects his or her opinion, we must cry out, "Ephphatha – Be opened."

The way we say, "Be opened," is by saying the words of encouragement that others need to hear.



## Died Recently

Errol Healey

## Anniversaries

Marina Pessione

Conan Power

Eileen Van der Voort

Jim Burton

Catherine McGettigan

Gerald Gittens

Daphne Monwat

## Requiescant

in Pace

## Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

### Online Sessions (Evening):

**The Gospel of Luke - Introduction** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 06 September, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

**The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

Series of 5 parts. All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session or \$90/series of 5 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at**

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

### ONLINE MASS OPTIONS:

Sacred Heart Parish, Invercargill

Facebook Livestream Mass at 10:00am

Hills Suburb Pastoral Area, Dunedin

Facebook Livestream Mass at 11am

Holy Name, Dunedin North Pastoral Area\

Facebook Livestream Mass at 10am

Gore Parish

Facebook Livestream Mass at 10am

Shine TV Sunday Mass recorded from Auckland.

Watch on Shine TV at 2pm

St. Mary's Basilica Invercargill, 10:30am

Facebook livestream Mass at 10:30am



### 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.

### NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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Information can also be found on our website:  
[www.alexatholic.nz](http://www.alexatholic.nz)  
(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

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/](http://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/faith-filled-worship-in-time-of-lockdown/)