



Diocese
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 January 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

This Week (26th to 30th January)

Alexandra
Tuesday, 26th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 27th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 28th 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 29th Noon (church)
Saturday, 30th 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh
Wednesday, 27th 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
(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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Readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.



Died Recently

Sr Pauline Gallagher

Anniversaries

Joan Kennedy
Catherine Scanlan

Requiescant in Pace

DUNEDIN DIOCESE: KEEPING IN TOUCH

The experience we have had as a Church community in 2020 during the Covid-19 lockdown has reminded us all how important communication is within our Church communities. We have an opportunity to improve our ways of communicating and we would value your assistance by providing us with your details.

We would like to know how to get in touch when there is something important going on or when we need your help. Please complete the following online survey. It will take approximately 3 minutes to complete.

Thank you for taking the time. Your information will not be shared outside of the Catholic Diocese of Dunedin.

[Dunedin Diocese: Keeping in Touch \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Fr Gerard Aynsley, Vicar General, Dunedin



FATHER JOHN REA

Father John Rea will be holding a Healing Seminar at Mercy Parish on the 5th and 6th of March 2021 (Friday evening at 7pm and Saturday from 9.30 am till 3 pm).

Father John has a well known ministry for praying for the sick and injured, over many years and seeing people healed. A woman whose cancer disappeared, a child violinist whose crushed hand was restored, a dumb teenager with paralysis whose paralysis and speech was reversed. Father John though in advancing years is in demand in New Zealand and overseas, some of you will remember him from last year when he visited.

Please mark the dates on your calendar and we'll be back with a reminder in the New Year. Enquiries phone Mary 0274256804 or Kathy 03 4737115.

PRISON CHAPLAIN (CATHOLIC) - PART-TIME

Based at Otago Corrections Facility - Milburn

Challenging and rewarding part time role - 20 hours flexible

Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?

We're looking for a Catholic Chaplain who is ready to journey with prisoners in the Otago Corrections Facility working with the chaplaincy team and with our faith-based volunteers. The role requires a special combination of experience, skill, formation and personal qualities.

Applicants should demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral formation and experience, a high level of personal maturity and judgment, a resilient personality and success working in teams.

Applicants should note that the successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment screening required by the Department of Corrections.

Hours will be negotiable with successful applicant.

The Job Description and Application Form are available on the diocesan website www.cdd.org.nz

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, contact the Senior Catholic Prison Chaplain Sister Veronica Casey on 027 523 3983 or by email vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz

Please apply by submitting your CV, cover letter and completed Application Form to vcasey@nzcbc.org.nz by 3 February 2021.

NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS URGE EVERYONE TO HAVE A COVID-19 VACCINE

The country's Catholic bishops are strongly urging their faithful and everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand to get a Covid-19 vaccine when it becomes available. NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President, Cardinal John Dew, cited this country's 2019-20 measles epidemic and the endorsement of Covid-19 vaccines by Pope Francis as reasons the bishops are calling on everyone to get vaccinated.

Pope Francis this week lamented that some people were saying they would refuse vaccination, adding: "I believe that morally, everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life and the lives of others."

Pope Francis and his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI were both vaccinated against Covid-19 this week at the Vatican. Cardinal Dew said the bishops took their advice about vaccines from reputable doctors, scientists and the bishops' own bioethics agency, the Nathaniel Centre.

"We reject the false information circulating on the internet and elsewhere that claims vaccines should not be used," Cardinal Dew said. "Vaccines work, and they protect against a wide range of illnesses. Because of vaccines, once-universal diseases such as smallpox have been wiped out, saving countless lives.

"To protect everyone against a disease, it is vital that most people in a country be vaccinated. The 2019-20 New Zealand measles epidemic happened because only about 80 per cent of the population was vaccinated. As a result, the disease was carried from Auckland to Samoa where more than 80 people died, most of them babies and children.

"Everyone, including Catholics, has a moral responsibility to protect themselves and others by getting a Covid-19 vaccine as soon as they become eligible for it under the Government's planned vaccine programme," said Cardinal Dew.

150 YEARS OF DOMINICAN SISTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

18 February 2021 will mark 150 years since ten Dominican sisters arrived from Ireland to begin the congregation in New Zealand. The sisters are taking this opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who have enabled and supported our life in this country: family, friends, women who have shared our life, former pupils, parishioners, benefactors and supporters in prayer and ministry.



A public mass will be held at St Mary's Church, Mosgiel, at 10am on Saturday 20 February, to which all are welcome.

NEXT WEEK

31 January Readings: Deut 18:15-20, 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

30/31 January Roster:

Greeters:	Panganiban family (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Projector:	R Kilkelly (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	Charlie Diver, Milla O'Kane, Charlotte O'Kane
Intro / POF:	L VanBoxtel (Omak); R Bond (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)
Reader:	L VanBoxtel (Omak); C Sawers (Alex); M Clark (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); Panganaban family (Alex); Dyson family (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	M Matheson (Omak); M Bennie, B McLean, M O'Connor (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb)
Sacristan:	L Fonseca / J Dunlay (Alex)
Cleaner:	J Flannery (Omak); (Alex); K van de Water (Roxb)