



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday & Vocation Sunday 25 April 2021



### MASS TIMES

#### Sundays

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

#### Weekdays

(27th April to 1st May)

#### Alexandra

Tuesday, 27th 5:00pm (side chapel)  
Wednesday, 28th 9:00am (side chapel)  
Thursday, 29th 9:00am (side chapel)  
Friday, 30th midday (church)  
Saturday, 1st 9:00am (side chapel)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 28th 5:15pm (presbytery)

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)  
Friday 11:00am—Noon  
(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

#### Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon  
(or on request)

### ANOIDING 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 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become  
the cornerstone.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock. Alleluia!



### Died Recently

Fr Frank O'Regan  
Jocelyn Moran

### Anniversaries

Antoinette Van Boxtel

Requiescant  
in Pace

### SEMINARY APPEAL—Sunday, 25 April

This Sunday's collection will go towards the Seminary Appeal.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts may be collected from Doug Stanaway outside church this Sunday  
before Mass. Thank you.

### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Council were disappointed not to have received any nominations. We  
strongly urge you to come forward to be part of this team that work towards the  
benefit of our parish and parishioners.

The Council meet four to five times a year and have short discussions on  
happenings within our Parish, School, Catholic Services and any other matters  
brought forward. This is a great place to come up with solutions together so as to  
ensure the smooth running of our parish and parish community.

Please do ask Fr Sani, Pat Cooney or Margaret Bennie should you require any  
further information or clarification in this regard. Nomination forms are in the  
church foyer which please fill in and place in the box provided by Sunday, 16 May.  
Thank you.

## **CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH**

**33 Days—30 March to 01 May**

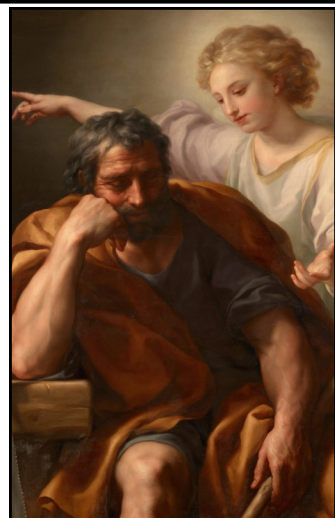
Pope Francis declared this year as The Year of St Joseph.

St Joseph is the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Universal Church and Pillar of Families. Throughout the year we strive to honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness.

“Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the Church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St. Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical Body, that is, the Church.”

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

(from <https://yearofstjoseph.org>)



## **MORNING TEA SERVICE**

**Bringing our Parish Community together**

The Parish Council is pleased to advise that once every school term, there will be a morning tea service after Mass on Sundays. This is to welcome new parishioners and to bring our existing parishioners together.

The next one will be held on Mothers’ Day, 9th May. This will also be the day we celebrate Sister Leona’s 50 years as a Sister of Mercy.

If you’d like to assist with this service in any way, please get in touch with Jen McLean on 021 2700760. Thank you to those that have already offered to help.

## **SISTER LEONA GARCHOW—Celebrating 50 years of Religious Life as a Sister of Mercy.**

A celebration for Sr Leona will take place at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 9 May at St John the Baptist Church, followed by morning tea. All are very welcome.

### **COLLECTIONS & INCOME March 2021**

#### **Alexandra / Omakau**

Parish \$1,725  
Alexo \$ 90

#### **Roxburgh**

Parish \$ 643.80  
Roxo \$ 94  
Education Appeal \$ 125

#### **Pastoral Area**

Presbytery \$ 1,488

#### **Automatic Payments**

Pastoral Area (2/3) \$ 2,932  
Presbytery (1/3) \$ 1,466

### **NEXT WEEK**

**2nd May Readings:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

#### **1st/2nd May Roster:**

**Greeters:** S & K MacKenzie (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)  
**Projector:** J Kinney (Omak); J Dunlay (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)  
**Altar Servers:** Alysha O’Connor, Liberty Sim, Dani Irving-Dowling  
**Intro / POF:** P Cooney (Omak); K MacKenzie (Alex); M Card (Roxb)  
**Reader:** P Cooney (Omak); B Grubb & L Garchow (Alex); M Card (Roxb)  
**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); G Chapman & K Ridden (Alex); Neil & Allan (Roxb)  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** J Kinney (Omak); J Flannery, J Hogue, L Fonseca (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)  
**Sacristan:** L Fonseca / J Hogue (Alex)  
**Cleaner:** J Flannery (Omak); M Paulin & L Fonseca (Alex); K van de Water (Roxb)

## **Upcoming Safeguarding Workshops**

**—conducted by Maria and Mike Noonan, Safeguarding Officers, Dunedin Diocese**

Safeguarding is about creating a safe and welcoming environment, where everyone is respected and valued and where all work together to prevent abuse. It is also about being ready to respond safely and well if there is a problem.

Everyone in the parish has a role to play in safeguarding. As part of our Diocesan commitment to safeguarding, there will be several Introductory and Leadership safeguarding workshops in the coming months. Others will be planned as needed and later in the year we hope to develop an online training for the introductory workshop.

**SGW1—Introductory Workshop Level 1:** This workshop is designed to raise our awareness and understanding of safeguarding and to make changes to what we do in order to make safer parish communities. All involved in ministry with children, young people and those who are vulnerable need to attend this workshop as part of their training. All parishioners are welcome to join the introductory workshops.

**Safeguarding leadership—**Prevention of abuse is fundamental to safeguarding. This requires a recognition of a call at a scriptural level to call to care, heal and protect those who are young and or vulnerable as well as an awareness that this has not always occurred and requires repentance. In practical terms such repentance needs to be reflected in our attitude and commitment towards safeguarding and in our determination to get things right. Our structural policies and procedures will then uphold these attitudes. It is about all of us learning how to keep ourselves safe, how to keep others safe and how to use our *safeguarding lens* so that we can ultimately look after each other in our parish settings and activities.

**SGW2—Safeguarding Workshop 2:** This workshop is aimed at parish leaders in ministry and in parish leadership. It offers a refresher on Workshop 1 as well as updates and deepens knowledge around safeguarding and what is expected in Catholic parishes and entities.

### **Ministries that are required to attend safeguarding training:**

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, in their homes or retirement homes.
- Liturgy of The Word with Children.
- Choir with children and young people.
- Anyone who conducts home visits on behalf of the Parish/Diocese Entity.
- Altar Servers Co-ordinators.
- Any other activity or role that includes children and young people and vulnerable adults in the parish, eg. musical choirs, Couples for Christ, Sacramental Programmes and other such groups that each individual parish hosts.
- Any ministries where the minister acts with the power and authority of the Church.

**Safeguarding Workshop 1 will be held on Sunday, 23 May at 10:30am in the side chapel, St John the Baptist Church.**

For more information or if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask Fr Sani Lam or Loretta Fonseca on [alexatholic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alexatholic@xtra.co.nz)