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## St Gerard's Primary School

Principal

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# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 September

## Mass times

### Alexandra:

Tuesdays 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

9:00am (chapel)

Fridays 12:00pm (chapel)

Sundays 9:00 am (church)

### Roxburgh

Wednesdays 5:15pm (presbytery)

Sundays 11.00am (church)

### Omakau:

Saturdays Vigil Mass 6pm

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (chapel)

Fridays 11:00am

(11:45am Benediction)

## RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30—Noon or by request

## ANointing OF THE SICK

Quarterly

Alexandra

Friday Noon

(1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

## Sunday Readings:

1. Isaiah 55: 6-9
2. Philippians 1: 20-24, 27
3. Gospel of Luke 8: 16-18

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son,

Alleluia, alleluia!

## Communion antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.



Let us remember and pray  
for those who have

### **Died Recently:**

*Dick Schaumann*

And for those who have

### **Anniversaries**

About this time:-

Jim Breen

Cuth Mowat

### **Requiescant**

**in Pace**

A very warm welcome to

## Father John Adams

Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Palmerston  
North who is officiating at our mass this  
morning.

Welcome Father and to all our visitors  
joining us for Mass today.

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat at the  
conclusion of Mass.

Everyone is most welcome.



## Oh Lord

Thank You for spring, the  
season of Your expression of joy!

Let every bloom remind me of  
Your grace. Let each sunny day

bring light to my soul. As I

spring ahead let these months

give birth to warm thoughts

and kind gestures.

Amen

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***“Why are you jealous because I am generous?”***

***- Matthew 20: 1-16***

## Roster and Readings for next week:

30th September & 1st October	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
<b>Greeters</b>	Bernie Harvey Glenda Chapman	Volunteer	Margaret Card
<b>OHP</b>	Rosemary Bond Martin O'Connor	Ruth	Lynette O'Driscoll
<b>Intro/ POF</b>	Amy Delpert	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Kathleen O'Kane Olivia Delpert	R Kilkelly	Glen Dyson
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Donald Lamont Volunteer	Volunteer	Glen and Kylie
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Margaret Bennie Jude Parbhu Rosemary Bond	R Kilkelly	John McKinnel
<b>Cleaners</b>	Dona Foley Marie Paulin	Rhonda	Margaret Card
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	CB: Stefan Delpert CH: Freddy Ryan CH: Tommy Ryan	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 26th Week in ordinary time

1. Ezekiel 18: 25-28
2. Philippians 2: 1-11
3. Gospel of Matthew 21 : 28:32

### Marriage Preparation Weekend

**14-15 October 2023**

Tirohanga Camp  
214 Tirohanga Road,  
North Taieri

**\$250 per couple**

includes  
accommodation and food.

**Please register  
by 1st October 1st.**

On our website  
[www.cdd.nz](http://www.cdd.nz)

### Centenary Booklet

We are now in the process of complying our Centenary Booklet. Any memories, anecdotes, or contributions from parishioners would be welcome for consideration.

Please email:

[margaret@bennies.co.nz](mailto:margaret@bennies.co.nz)

If you have something to share

Many thanks

*Margaret*

### Notices from Titipounamu

**Liturgical Spaces** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/> for more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN

We are seeking comments on our draft Diocesan Strategic Plan from our wider diocesan whānau and communities (school boards, parish councils or leadership teams, ethnic groups, etc). We are all an integral part of this diocese and want to continue in a synodal way. Please read over this draft plan and offer your comments on the form provided on the website. You can access the plan on the cdd.nz website

<https://sites.google.com/cdd.nz/cddwebsite/about-us/strategic-plan>

### Celebration Sunday Oct 1 for Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa

Sunday 1 October will be marked by the Catholic Church as a national day of celebration for the Venerable Suzanne Aubert-Meri Hōhepa, who founded the Sisters of Compassion, who continue her work. The National Liturgy Office has prepared parish and other resources for this special day, which aims to promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Suzanne Aubert to as many people as possible. Go here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-celebration-for-venerable-suzanne-aubert/>

The Sisters of Compassion have produced a booklet containing material for the Celebration Sunday, which is attached. The Home of Compassion website gives more information and is here:

### TE KUPENGA – CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE BACHELOR OF DIVINITY 2024 COURSE

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College will start accepting enrolments on September 25 for the 2024 First Semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology courses. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, CTC has a programme that will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable.

Register now at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply)

### Laudato Si' reflection



In spite of conflicts and sufferings around the globe the unfolding of Spring reminds us of many things.

'The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities...from the very heart of things something new can always emerge...' (LS80)

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love...Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference ...love the common good, advance the weak and care for this world in which we live.' (LS 246)

### Parish Centennial

20– 21st April 2024

Please spread the word to past and present Parishioners