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## St Gerard's Primary School

Principal

Mrs Julie Flannery

## Director of Religious Studies

Mrs Neroli Laidlaw

## Board Chair

Mr Nathan McLean



# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 October 2023

## 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. Ezekiel 18: 25-28

2. Philippians 2: 1-11

3. Gospel of Matthew 21 : 28:32

## Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies O Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## Communion antiphon:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am



Let us remember and pray  
for those who have

**Died Recently:**

**Des Paulin**

And for those who have

**Anniversaries**

About this time::

Gavin Dunlay

Neil Raffills

**Requiescant**

**in Pace**

## 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:

<https://compassion.org.nz/our-places/our-ladys-home-of-compassion/>



## NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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## Parish Centennial

20, 21st April 2024

Please spread the word to past and present  
Parishioners



## Roster and Readings for next week:

7th & 8th October	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue and Kevin MacKenzie	Volunteer	Elizabeth Reid
<b>OHP</b>	Mulholland Family	Ruth	Kylie Robb
<b>Intro/ POF</b>	Christine Lanham	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Nick Lanham Sue MacKenzie	P Cooney	Michelle Clarke
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Glenda Chapman Gerard Rogatski	Volunteer	Angela and Averill
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Neroli Laidlaw Julie Flannery Kathleen O'Kane	Jill Paulin	Bill Clarke
<b>Cleaners</b>	Bernie Harvey Margaret Bennie	Margaret	Margaret Card
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	CB: Varna Sim CH: Addi Muholland CH: Elly Lanham	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 27th Week in ordinary time

1. Isaiah 5 :1-7
2. Philippians 4: 6-9
3. Gospel of Matthew 21: 33-43

### 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**

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)

### NZ Bishops' 2023 Election Statement

The NZ Catholic Bishops have published their 2023 Election Statement, which urges the politicians elected on 14 October to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation rather than the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate. The NZCBC election statement can be read on their website: [www.catholic.org.nz/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/) or ask in your parish office for a printed copy if not available in your church foyer.

### DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN

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>

### COLLECTIONS

August 2023

#### Alexandra / Omakau

Parish \$ 863.20

Presbytery \$ 431.60

#### Automatic Payments

Parish \$ 2,887.33

Presbytery \$ 1,443.67

#### Roxburgh

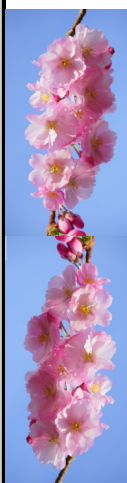
Parish \$ 356.00

Presbytery \$ 181.00

#### Automatic Payments

Parish \$ 613.33

Presbytery \$ 306.67



### Laudato Si' reflection



In today's Gospel, one son ignores his Father's command, but then changes his mind and helps with the mahi in the vineyard. The other son agrees verbally but then goes his own way.

Many of us are changing our minds and our behaviour. As the Pope notes, "For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love." (LS 58) To care for our environment is an act of self-and-other care. It feels good to work with others to allow healing to occur. In fact, often doing the mahi helps change our minds. In this period of 'deep crisis' which involves 'bold decisions' (LS 59), how can we each belong more fully to our beautiful world? Let us pray for guidance here, as participants in a world that needs us all.

### 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)