



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

27 December 2020

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

This Week

(29th December to 2nd January)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 29th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 30th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 31st 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 1st 9:00am (St Dunstan's)
Noon **NO MASS**
Saturday, 26th 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 30th 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: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Joseph Tohill
Patrick Tohill
Mary Ellen Taylor

*Requiescant
in Pace*

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS—Friday, 01 January—Feast of Mary Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at St Dunstan's Church, Clyde at 9:00am. All welcome. **Please note:** No midday Mass in Alexandra that day.

SEMINARIAN PETER CHADWICK—Peter, who has been in our Pastoral Area for the last four months will now be taking the next steps in his journey as he moves on from Alexandra.

This Sunday (27th December) will be his last here. Thank you for taking the time to write out messages and sign the cards. These will be presented to Peter at Mass tomorrow.

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.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all those in our Parishes who have generously dedicated their time and service, all through 2020. Thank you everyone for all your efforts in making our Pastoral Area a wonderful faith filled community.

I wish you all the gifts of peace, love and joy during this blessed season.

Fr Sani

OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP—Thank you

Margaret and Barbara would like to thank our Oasis ladies who have made the shop the success it has become over the past 15 months. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas season and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

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.



PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2021

On sale now in church foyer for \$12 each.



COLLECTIONS & INCOME

November 2020

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$1,463
Sales	\$ 153
Alexo	\$ 100
Seminary	\$ 390

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 579.70
Sales NZ Catholics/books	\$ 90
Roxo	\$ 90
Seminary	\$ 80
Advent Charities	\$ 50
Diocesan Needs	\$ 10
Propagation of Faith	\$ 10

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$1,389
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Automatic Payments

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$2,730.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$1,356.33

NEXT WEEK

03 January Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

02/03 January Roster:

Greeters:	M Irving (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector:	R Kilkelly (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	Varna Sim, Liberty Sim, David Fonseca
Intro / POF:	A White (Omak); J McLean (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Reader:	A White (Omak); B Grubb (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); P O'Connor & K Ridden (Alex); Robb family (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	M Matheson (Omak); C Grieve, L Fonseca, B McLean (Alex); J McKinnel (Roxb)
Sacristan:	L Fonseca / J Dunlay (Alex)
Cleaner:	R Kinney (Omak); (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)