



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

27th September 2020

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra
Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday Noon (Church)
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh
Wednesday 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)

Readings: Ezek 18: 25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 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 follow me. 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 brought low.



Died Recently

Fr Brian Traynor
Owen Nolan

Anniversaries

Cuth Mowat

Requiescant
in Pace

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER—Message from Fr Gerard Aynsley

Printed copies of the diocesan newsletter are available in the Church foyer for those who haven't received this by email. If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter, please sign up on the diocesan database by going to: www.cdd.org.nz
The newsletters are a great way of highlighting some of the good initiatives around the diocese and helping us feel connected with each other.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION WEEKEND

Please note that due to the pandemic, the Pope had postponed the Peter's Pence Collection weekend to 4th October 2020 (next Sunday).

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.). More information will be available on www.vatican.va

FATIMA the movie.

A special screening for Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area including family and friends will be held at the Central Cinema on Wednesday the 7th of October @5:30pm. Tickets \$10 each. Secure your seat by phoning Vicki McLean on 03 4489128 or 0272028766.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naive to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.
- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATION DAY—4th October 2020

Suzanne Aubert Celebration day will be celebrated on Sunday October 4, which is the first Sunday in October closest to the anniversary of her death (1st October 1926).

The purpose of this important national day of celebration is promote and celebrate the spirituality and good works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert to as many people as possible. And in doing so, our hope is that as more people learn of this amazing missionary woman who came to New Zealand at the age of 25 and made this country her own, will be inspired by what she did and what she achieved. It also provides all Catholics the opportunity to commit to praying that the church will soon recognise this remarkable woman of great faith, as a Saint.

We are very grateful that the Bishops and parish priests around the country allow us this opportunity once a year to better inform all of who Suzanne Aubert was and all that she did.



COLLECTIONS & INCOME

August 2020

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$ 1,515
Donation	\$ 550
Diocesan needs	\$ 85

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 669.80
Donations	\$
Parish Functions (Roxo)	\$ 110.20
Peter's Pence	\$ 5
Diocesan needs	\$ 50

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$ 1,369
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Automatic Payments

August 2020

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$2,552.03
Presbytery (1/3)	\$1,276.01

NEXT WEEK

4th October Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

3rd/4th October Roster:

Greeters:	J & A Kinney (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Projector:	J Kinney (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	O Delpport, J Brown, T Ballantyne (Alex)
Intro / POF:	J Paulin (Omak); A Delpport (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Readers:	J Paulin (Omak); T Lamb (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); J & A Kinney (Alex); M Card & E Reid (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	M Matheson (Omak); C Grieve, F Clements, J Hogue (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Sacristan:	P Chadwick / J Hogue (Alex)
Cleaner:	R Kinney (Omak); (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)