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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 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

(1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm

(1st Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Sunday Readings:

1. Isaiah 5 :1-7

2. Philippians 4: 6-9

3. Gospel of Matthew 21: 33-43

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Let us remember and pray
for those who have

Died Recently:
James (Jim) Love

And for those who have

Anniversaries

About this time::

Hector Anderton

**Requiescant
in Pace**



**SUPPORT LIFE
SUNDAY 2023**
TAUTOKONA TE RĀTAPU WHAKAORA

Te Kahu o te Ora
A Consistent Ethic of Life

...everything is connected...

...THIS MEANS
RESPECTING THE
RIGHT TO LIFE,
CONSISTENTLY
TREATING
EVERYONE WITH
UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE.

...THIS MEANS
CARING FOR
OUR COMMON
HOME - OUR
SISTER, MOTHER
EARTH - AND THE
MYRIAD OF LIFE
IT SUSTAINS.

...THIS MEANS
FOSTERING
INCLUSION AND
ACTIVELY OPPOSING
ALL FORMS OF
PREJUDICE
AND UNJUST
DISCRIMINATION.

...THIS MEANS
WORKING FOR
PEACE WITHIN
OURSELVES, OUR
FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES
AND BETWEEN
NATIONS.

Te Huianga o ngā Pīhopa
Kaitiaki o Aotearoa
New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference

THE NATHANIEL CENTRE
THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2023
#everythingisconnected #hehonongameakatoa

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This weekend 7 & 8 October is "Support Life Sunday 2023". The theme this year is :

Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life.

The work being done includes an extensive revision and updating of [the bishops' statement of that name from 1997](#), creating a new teaching document [which is now available](#):

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023>

Roster and Readings for next week:

14th & 15th October	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Donald Lamont Dona Foley	Volunteer	Rod Dyson
OHP	Delpont Family	Ruth	Glen Dyson
Intro/ POF	Ellen Middendorf	Volunteer	Volunteer
Readers	Margaret Bennie Kevin MacKenzie	Leo Van Boxtel	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	Marie and Gerald Healey	Volunteer	Tony and Lynette
Special Ministers	Jude Parbhu Brian McLean Dona Foley	Pat Cooney	Angela Compton
Cleaners	Bernie Harvey Margaret Bennie	Margaret	Liyanarachichi Family
Sacristans Alex	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Dan Vinod CH: Don Vinod CH: Damien Vinod	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 28th Week in ordinary time

1. Isaiah 25: 6-10
2. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
3. Gospel of Matthew 22: 1-14

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

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

If you have something to share

Many thanks

Margaret

Laudato Si' reflection



Matt 21:43 "I tell you then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit"

How might this apply to casting our votes?

Francis says :

LS 70: ...Acknowledgement that the gift of earth belongs to everyone.

LS 158:... A summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. ... this option is in fact an ethical imperative essential for effectively attaining the common good.

... **LS 181:** Continuity is essential ... policies ... cannot be altered with every change of government; ... A healthy politics is sorely needed, capable of reforming and co-ordinating institutions ... overcoming undue pressure and bureaucratic inertia[seeking] a genuine and profound humanism to serve as the basis of a noble and generous society.

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.

Parish Centennial

20– 21st April 2024

Please spread the word to past and present Parishioners

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/ or ask in your parish office for a printed copy if not available in your church foyer.

Notices from Titipounamu

The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.
Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.

Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Everyone is welcome.

