



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2020

MASS TIMES



Sundays

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

This Week

(1st to 6th December 2020)

Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (church)
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: Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Clara Hurley
Eileen McMahon
Leslie & Daphne
Ward
Alice Anderton

Requiescant in Pace

NO MORNING MASS OR RECONCILIATION THIS SATURDAY—Please note that there will not be a Mass at 9:00am this Saturday (28 November) or Reconciliation at 11:30am, as Fr Sani will be attending the Reflection Day in Dunedin.

WEDNESDAY WHOLE SCHOOL MASS—The 9:00am Mass this Wednesday (02 December) will be celebrated in the church. All are welcome.

ANOINTING MASS—There will be anointing at the 5:15pm Mass in Roxburgh on Wednesday, 2 December and at the midday mass in Alexandra on Friday, 4 December. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 December at 7:00pm in the side chapel.

ADVENT APPEAL 2020

As we enter into the season of Advent in preparation for the feast of Christmas we are encouraged to pray and also to act by doing practical things to help those in need. This is a very meaningful way for us to prepare for Jesus.

By supporting our annual Advent Collection, you are able to provide the means for groups to continue carrying out works of service and mercy to those who are vulnerable and in need in our local community. In recent years your generosity has allowed the Advent collection to support services such as refugee support, the night shelter, hospice care for the dying and providing of accommodation for families. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as in the spirit of Jesus we look to support those in our community who are in need.

+Michael Dooley
Bishop of Dunedin

Royal Commission into Historical Abuse in Care

Starting Monday 30th November survivors will give public evidence to this Royal Commission concerning abuse in Catholic Parishes, schools and institutions. The evidence will be live streamed and can be accessed on this website abuseincare.org.nz. These hearings continue until Friday, 11th December 2020. This evidence will probably be reported widely in the media and our communities need to be aware that there will be confronting information. The bishops and congregational leaders requested to be part of this Inquiry and see it as a way of being open about acknowledging what has happened and getting recommendations about actions for improvement and healing in the future.

+Michael J Dooley DD
Bishop of Dunedin

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT

Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Go to his site and sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

NZpray2day

The Church's National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS) is delighted to announce the launch of the NZpray2day app for iPhones and other Apple devices. This follows the earlier launch of the now much-beloved Android version. A statement about this is online at: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzpray2day-apple/

Share Peace, Love and Joy this Christmas!

Community Christmas Carols

All welcome!

Sunday, 06 December 2020 at 7:00pm
At St John the Baptist Catholic Church,
3 Killarney Street, Alexandra



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.



Join in on evenings of reflections on Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis' new encyclical urging the world to live together as one human family.

[Mercy Parish - Whanau Aroha - YouTube](#)



COLLECTIONS & INCOME

October 2020

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$1,585
Alexo	\$ 160
Peter Pence	\$ 55
Propagation of faith	\$ 10

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 587.10
Sales NZ Catholics/books	\$ 24
Roxo	\$ 60
Peter Pence	\$ 5
Propagation of faith	\$ 85

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$1,016
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Automatic Payments

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$2,466.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$1,233.33

NEXT WEEK

06 December Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

05/06 December Roster:

Greeters:	R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Projector:	(Omak); R Bond (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	Aurelia Lanham, Alia Ryan, Isabella Breen
Intro / POF:	(Omak); C Lanham (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Readers:	(Omak); N Lanham (Alex); A Favel (Roxb)
Offertory:	(Omak); Ryan family (Alex); Robb family (Roxb)
Extraordinary	
Ministers:	(Omak); R Bennett, N Laidlaw, M O'Connor (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb)
Sacristan:	L Fonseca / D Lamont (Alex)
Cleaner:	(Omak); R Bond & M Irving (Alex); M Card (Roxb)