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## St Gerard's Primary School

Principal

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## Director of Religious Studies

Mrs Neroli Laidlaw

## Board Chair

Mr Nathan McLean



# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd 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. Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

2. 1 Thess. 1:1-5

3. Gospel of Matthew 22: 15-21

## Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honour

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## Communion antiphon:

Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,  
Who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from  
death, to keep them alive in famine.



Let us remember and pray  
for those who have

**Died Recently**

And for those who have

**Anniversaries**

Occur at this time:

**Kathy Watt**

**Ben Gibbons**

**Eugene Woodhouse**

**Janet McLean**

**William and Catherine**

**McKissock**

## Mission Sunday Donation

To make a direct donation to the  
Mission Sunday appeal on line please  
use the following details:

MISSIOAOTEAROA,

Missio Benevolent Society,

ANZ 06-0411-0021447-30.

If you require a receipt for  
your donation,

please email your details

to Fr Aidan Cunningham at email:

[amcu@xtra.co.nz](mailto:amcu@xtra.co.nz)

Thank you.



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

22 October 2023

"Hearts on fire,  
feet on the move"

## NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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Please join your parish family  
at the conclusion of this morning's Mass for a chat over morning tea  
Everyone is Welcome!



## Roster and Readings for next week:

29th October	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara and Peter Clark	Volunteer	Averell McElligott
<b>OHP</b>	Peter Mulvihill	Ruth	Volunteer
<b>Intro/POF</b>	Milla O'Kane	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Barbara Grubb Rosemary Bond	A White	Glen Dyson
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Barbara and Peter Clark	Volunteer	Michelle and Bill
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Kathleen O'Kane Margaret Bennie Dona Foley	J Paulin	Rod Dyson
<b>Cleaners</b>	Jill Paulin and Maureen Stanaway	Win	Kylie Robb
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	SU: Margaret TU: Donald and Jim	-	-
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	CB: Paige O'Kane CH: Lilli Saunders CH: Annie Lochaden	-	-

Next Week's Readings: 30th Week in ordinary time

1. Exodus 22: 20-26
2. 1 Thess. 1:5-10
3. Gospel of Matthew 22: 34-40

### Laudato Si' reflection



*"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's. (Mt 22:21)*

In his new document, *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), a follow-on to *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis asks us to rethink the question of human power. "Let us stop thinking, then, of human beings as autonomous, omnipotent and limitless, and begin to think of ourselves differently, in a humbler but more fruitful way." (LD68). "We have made impressive and awesome technological advances... at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival." (LD 28).

Pope Francis comments:

"Praise God" is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies." (LD73)

## World Mission Sunday "Hearts on fire, feet on the move"

For this year's World Mission Sunday Pope Francis has chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move**".

Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen.

In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way.

By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

*Hearts on Fire*  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**

### Notices from Titipounamu

**The Gospel of Mark** with Kieran Fenn frms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

#### YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

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

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### Ministry Roles

There are some Ministry Role forms in the church foyer. If you would like to be part of our parish ministries then please complete a form ticking the roles you would like to be involved in. Place the completed form in the box provided please.

Thank you

### Parish Centennial

20– 21st April 2024

Please spread the word to past and present Parishioners  
Photos and articles relating to our parish would be appreciated.

Contact

Kevin MacKenzie, Brian McLean, Margaret Bennie, Teresa Hughes or Fr Sani