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Second Sunday of Advent—Year A

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

6th—10th December

Tuesday 6th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 7th 9:00am (chapel)

Thursday, 8th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 9th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 10th 9:00am (chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 7th 5:15pm (presbytery)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)

Friday 11:00am—Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

ANOIDING 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 : 1. Isaiah 11: 1-10,
2. Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God Alleluia!, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Johnny McMahon

Requiescant
in Pace

Community Christmas Carols

this evening at 5pm

On St Enoch's Village Green

With

The Roxburgh Brass Band
Ukes in Thyme Ukelele Band



Free Entry
Free Sausage Sizzle
All Welcome

Supported by the combined Christian Churches of
Alexandra

ON SALE NOW

2023

COLUMBAN ART

CALENDARS

\$12 EACH



Today we light the second of our advent candles. It too, is purple and often known as the Bethlehem candle, it symbolizes the faith and love in the journey of Joseph and Mary headed for Bethlehem. It calls you out "to prepare for the way of the Lord".

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Laudato Si'



At Christmas – living simply

Can we try and emulate the humility of Jesus' birth - and keep our gift-giving simple and affordable this Christmas? **Ideas:** *A Family Secret Santa, *Family photo montage *[Handmade book of your favourite recipes](#) * A plant for the garden. *, *Homemade produce - shortbread, mince pies, truffles, sweets, jam, chutney - with homemade Christmassy labels, or perhaps, * a Caritas gift of love, <https://www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts>

Oasis Volunteers

Reminder....

Afternoon tea

Thursday 15th

December @ 2pm

@ The District Club

Further communication with you soon
from

Margaret and Barbara



Morning Tea today:

Please Join us at the end of Mass for a cuppa and a chat. This is a time to connect with your fellow parishioners, visitors and family. Immediately after mass—at the back of our church.



Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees

with Beate Matthies

Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm.

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December:

The Father (2020)

Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at:

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

The Central Otago Regional Choir
will be performing their final concert performance of
“**From Mozart to Madden**”
here in Alexandra this afternoon @ 2:30pm
At Dunstan High School.

Adults \$35.00, school students free.

Tickets are available at the door.

Advent Appeal 2022

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 the 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

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday of Advent 10th and 11th December Readings:

1. Isaiah 35: 1-6, 2. James 5: 7-10 Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11

10th & 11th December	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Brian and Vicki McLean	Volunteer	Margaret Card
OHP	Martin and Rosemary	Joan	Pene Morris
Intro/ POF	Kevin MacKenzie	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Tara Mulholland Thomas Lamb	J Paulin	Glen Dyson
Offertory gifts	Delpport Family	Volunteer	Glen and Kylie
Special Minister	Dona Foley	M Matheson	-
Cleaners (11th 18th)	Felicity Clements and Maureen de Thierry	W Donnelly	Clarke Family
Altar Servers Alexandra	Freddie Ryan (CB) Olivia Delpport (CH) Stefan Delpport (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	Margaret (S/U) and Donald (T/U)		

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