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Second Sunday in Lent 25th February 2024

Mass times

Stations of the Cross (throughout Lent)
Fridays 5: 10 pm Alexandra

Alexandra:
Tuesdays 5pm (chapel)
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
9:00am (chapel)
Friday 12. MD (chapel)
Sundays 9.00 am (church)

Roxburgh
Caritas reflection programme :after Mass each
Wednesday (in the presbytery)
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 9.30—10am or by request

ANointing OF THE SICK

Quarterly

Alexandra 1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun,
Sep, Dec @ noon

Roxburgh 1st Wed of the months of Mar, Jun,
Sept, Dec @ 5:15pm

Today's Readings:

- Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18**
"The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith"
- Romans 8:31-34**
"God did not spare his own Son"
- Gospel of Mark 9: 2-10**
"This is my son, my beloved son, listen to him"

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land
of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!
*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.*
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



Let us remember and pray for
those who have
Died Recently
And for those who have

Anniversaries

about this time

William Oswald

Neville Paul Sklenars

Requiescant

in Pace



World day of Prayer (WDO) Service Next Friday - 1st March 9am

**St John the Baptist Church, Alexandra
And**

Our Lady of Peace, Roxburgh

WDP is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions from more than 170 countries who come together on the first Friday of March every year to have a continuing relationship in prayer and service, for the common good of all people everywhere.

Each year the service is written by women in a different country who share the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, opportunities and needs of their country. It affirms that informed prayer and prayerful action are inseparable. This year's services was written by Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7: "I beg you...Bear with one another in Love" - Come pray with us!

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Information can also be found on our website
www.alexatholic.nz

Remember to register for our **Parish Centennial** 20-21st April 2024

On line : @ www.alexatholic.nz forms also in foyer

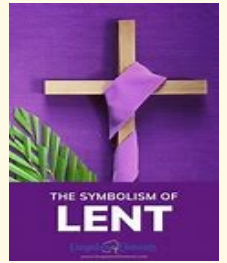
Next Week's Roster and Readings

March 2nd & 3rd March	Alexandra St John the Baptist Sunday 9am	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace Sunday 11am	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil 6pm
Greeters	Kevin & Sue MacKenzie	Averell McElligott	Volunteer
OHP	Sim Family	Glen Dyson	Jane
Intro/ POF	Nicole Heward	Volunteer	M Snodgrass
Readers	Sue MacKenzie Rosemary Bond	Margaret Card	Jill Paulin
Offertory gifts	Gerard Rogatski Dona Foley	Margaret & Elizabeth	Volunteer
Special Ministers	Felicity Clements Kathleen O'Kane Jude Parbhu	Rod Dyson	Pat Cooney
Sacristans Alex	Margaret & Nicole (Set Up) Jim & Donald (Tidy Up)	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Georgie CH: Addie CB: Paige	-	-
Church Cleaners	Marie Paulin Carolyn Mackie	Liyanaarachichi Family	R Nolan

Next Week's Readings:

3rd Sunday of Lent

1. Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17
2. Corinthians 1:22-25
3. Gospel According to John 2:13-25



Notices

Sunday 25th: Morning tea

join us for a cuppa and a chat at the conclusion of mass—everyone is welcome.



Tuesday 27th: St Gerard's Primary School Athletics Day @ Molyneux Park from 9.20am to 2:45pm. All support much appreciated. (postponement day is Wednesday 28th)

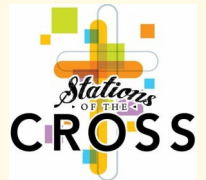


Wednesday 28th:

CARITAS Reflection programme continues Roxburgh Presbytery following 5:15pm Mass

Parish Council meeting 7pm in the side Chapel—Alexandra - this will be the first meeting of the year

Friday 29th: Stations of the Cross 5:10pm Alexandra approx. 20 minute service—all welcome



Saturdays: Sacrament of Reconciliation—Alexandra— 9.30am to 10am Please Note time change - otherwise and elsewhere by request.

CathNews—(cathnews.co.nz)

- The Pope's problem—today's seminarians and young priests, and denunciation of clericalism
- Filipino bishop appointed to Cook Islands
- Marcellin College outraged at pupil's vicious attack
- German Bishops pause Synodal Council plans following Vatican intervention
- Humanity is challenged to reconcile ecology and food security
- Too many products are easier to throw away than fix.....

Community Pantry Request for Lent

Thanks to everyone who generously supports this cause

During Lent it would be great if our Parish could make a real effort to help us boost supplies of Washing Powder, Toilet Rolls, dishwashing liquids, cleaning products or person items such as shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, soap and such like.

Items also to support pets are appreciated.

Please leave your items in the baskets in the foyer anytime Baskets are emptied usually on Sundays so this is a perfect time to bring goods along

Goods are distributed to those in need via the Food Bank

Caritas Thought for the Week - Lent wk 2

"God of all creation, we stand in awe of your presence. Sometimes life is tough and your plan for us is not clear. We choose to follow your instruction to listen to Jesus more. Let us be transformed by your light, so that those we encounter this week may draw closer to you along with us"

Vatican News headlines

(see www.vaticannews.va)

- Israeli protesters demand resignation of PM.
- Dozens killed in new ethnic clashes in Papua New Guinea.
- Cabo Verde's Lenten collection to go to victims of the war between Israel and Hamas.
- DR Congo: Church prays for peace in country's East.
- Pope creates study groups to explore themes from Synod's first session.
- Pope prays for Sudan, northern Mozambique as Catholic church attacked.
- Pope at Angelus: Journey through Lent listening to voice of God.