



Diocese
of Dunedin

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

30 August 2020

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

Alexandra
Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)
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: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Died Recently

Tony Brady

Anniversaries

Stan Pelvin
Gladys Waigh

Requiescant
in Pace

ALEXANDRA PASTORAL AREA SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020—First Reconciliation

This Sacrament will occur on Sunday, 30 August at 2:00pm in the Church of St John the Baptist. Please remember the children in your prayers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK: 6th – 12th September 2020, 'Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential'

"Today we want to keep dreaming. We celebrate all the opportunities which enable us not to lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities." (Pope Francis, 2015)

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference gives us Social Justice Week, to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme is *Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential*. Let us take this opportunity to delve deeper into our Church's social teaching and consider how we promote love, peace and justice.

For resources and more information please visit:
caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.

ANointing MASS

There will be Anointing at the 5:15pm Mass in Roxburgh on Wednesday, 2 September and at the midday mass in Alexandra on Friday, 4 September. All welcome.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 31 August, 7-8.30pm: **Mary in Paul, Mark, and Matthew**. Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons.

For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-mother-of-god-i-with-kieran-fenn-fms-3/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son) with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-the-prodigal-son/>

Message to the Dunedin Diocese from Bishop Michael Dooley

The Prime Minister announced Friday (14 August) at 5:30pm, that we will continue at Level 2 for another 12 days. For many, the restrictions will be disappointing but we pray for a swift return to our normal Masses and worship.

Staying at level 2 means that Masses will continue in the Diocese with a maximum of 100 people. Social distancing, contact tracing and sanitising of hands needs to be practiced. Some parishes may cancel Sunday Masses due to issues with management of numbers of people. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation is in place for Level 2.

There is an online Mass available from Mercy Parish, South Dunedin, at 9:30am on Sunday morning. There is a link to this Mass on the parish webpage: www.mercyparish.nz. There is also Mass screened on Shine TV on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you all for your cooperation and support in these challenging days. We pray at this time for God to bless each one of us and our country with protection and guidance.

+Michael Dooley

COLLECTIONS & INCOME July 2020

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$ 1,365
Donation	\$ 100
Parish Function (Alexo)	\$ 85

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 503
Donations	\$ 100
Parish Functions (Roxo)	\$ 66.10
Peter's Pence	\$ 5
Easter Dues	\$ 5

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$ 980
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Automatic Payments

July 2020

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$2,624.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$1,312.33

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at St John the Baptist Church each Friday, from 11:00am to noon (concluding with Benediction at 11:45am).

Come along and spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord.

TRANSPORT TO SUNDAY MASS

If anyone is in need of a ride to Mass or happy to offer one, please let Fr Sani know on alexatholic@xtra.co.nz

Thank you to those who have offered their services.

NEXT WEEK

6 September 2020 Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

5/6 September Roster:

Greeters:	J & A Kinney (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Projector:	J Kinney (Omak); R Bond (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	David Fonseca, Joshua Brown, Alia Ryan (Alex)
Intro / POF:	L VanBoxtel (Omak); R Bennett (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Readers:	L VanBoxtel (Omak); Hannah Tait (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); J & A Kinney (Alex); G Dyson & A McElligott (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	J Paulin (Omak); R Bennett, N Laidlaw, J Hogue (Alex); R Dyson (Roxb)
Sacristan:	L Fonseca / J Hogue (Alex)
Cleaner:	M Matheson (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)