



Diocese
of Dunedin

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



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First Sunday of Advent. Dear C

28th November 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(22rd - 27th November)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 30th 5:00pm (Side Chapel)

Wednesday, Dec 1st 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Thursday, 2nd 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Friday, 3rd midday (Church)

Saturday, 4th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, Dec 1st 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 33:14-16; Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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
Arthur Daly

Anniversaries
Letecia Paris
Elesio Paris

Requiescant
in Pace

The symbolism of Advent Wreath Candles

Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles; three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. As a whole, these colored advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

Prophecy Candle

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



The **Combined Churches Foodbank** would like to thank the Catholic Parish members for their continued support throughout the year. This is always appreciated especially as recently we have had an increase in demand for food parcels. When we can add dish liquid, washing powder and personal toiletries. Also needed are spaghetti, baked beans, coffee, pasta, rice, tinned fish, lunch snacks, spreads, and soup. For the Christmas food parcel hampers, reduced creams, pks of onion soup, jellies fruit salad and Christmas confectionery.

If you can donate any of the above items, you will be helping our local families that are in need at this time of the year.

Many thanks. Vicki McLean.

DUNEDIN DIOCESE SYNOD GATHERING 2021

Nau mai, haere mai. All are invited to our Diocesan Wide Pastoral Gathering on Saturday 11th December from 10am-2pm at Burns Lodge at Holy Cross in Mosgiel. This is our Diocesan synodal meeting, following on from our parish synodal sessions, where we will be doing more listening for Pope Francis's Synod on communion, participation and mission.

All are welcome.

Any questions please contact

Amy: amya@cdd.org.nz / 027 237 6319.

Or for more information go to: www.cdd.org.nz/synod

-Anointing mass : 1st Dec: Roxburgh 5:15pm, 3rd Dec: Alex 12 noon.

-Link to download **Vaccine Pass**: MyCovidRecord.nz

-Advent Charities Collection: 28th November

COLLECTIONS & INCOME OCTOBER 2021

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$	515.00
Prop of the Faith	\$	328.00

Roxburgh

Parish	\$	284.00
Roxo	\$	8.00
Prop of the Faith	\$	35.00

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$	742.00
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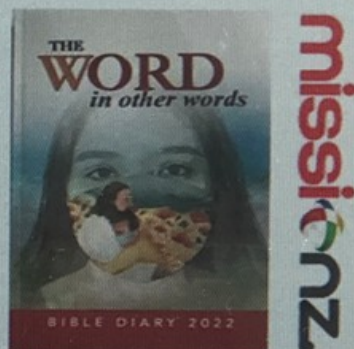
Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$	1380.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$	2761.33

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NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME

If you are new parishioners to our parish, we would like to inform you that there is a New Parishioner Form on the table in the church foyer.

You are invited to fill and place in the box provided. Many thanks.

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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Information can also be found on our website:
www.alexatholic.nz
(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

NEXT WEEK

5th December Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 125. R /v3; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

4th-5th December Roster:

Greeters:	Trish Schaumann (Alex); Margaret Card (Roxb);
Projector:	Ruth (Omak); Jim Dunlay (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	Charlotte O'Kane, Mila O'Kane, Paige O'Kane
Intro / POF:	Ruth (Omak); Tom Lamb (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)
Readers:	Joan Kinney (Omak); Barbara Grubb, Rosemary Bond (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); Gerard Rogatski (Alex); Angela and Averell (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers:	R Kilkelly (Omak); Felicity Clement (Alex), Bill Clarke (Roxb)
Sacristan:	Donald Lamont (Alex)
Cleaners:	C Morris (Omak); (Alex); Clarke Family (Roxb)