



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



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Third Week of Lent - 12 March 2023

Mass times

Alexandra

Tuesday, 14th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 15th 9:00am (chapel)

Thursday, 16th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 17th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 18th 9:00am (chapel)

Sunday, 19th 9:00 am (church)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 15th 5:15pm (presbytery)

Sunday, 19th 11:00am (church)

Omakau

Saturday, 18th 6pm vigil

Stations of the Cross Friday's 5pm (Alex)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)

Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11.30—Noon or by 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)

Today's Readings:

Exodus 17: 3-7— Give us water to drink

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Herbert and Betty

Williams

Peter Chote

Kathryn Lucas

Glen Thow

John Dallas

Requiescant

in Pace

Laudato Si Laudato

Si', mi' Signore-

Praise be to you, my

Lord

'God of Life, You love the universe into being,

Let us give praise. You

embrace the world without distinction,

Let us give thanks. You call humanity to

make flesh Your tenderness, Let us live accordingly. You endow all creation with

Your divine beauty and wisdom, Let us

acknowledge. You forgive all trespasses.

Let us learn Your ways. You grace us

unconditionally, Let us receive humbly.

You are our hope, Let us remember.

Amen.'

[from [Laudato Si' Movement Prayer](#)

[Book](#)- prayers from around the world,



Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal

The Catholic Caring Foundation has launched an appeal to support the communities impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Caring Foundation: 06 0901 0054866 00.

Use your name as the code and please email paulinel@cdd.org.nz so that a tax

receipt can be issued. Thank you.



Lent Week 3: Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry the Cross

4th week of Lent: Weekend of 18th / 19th March

Readings:

1. Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
2. Ephesians 5: 8-14
3. Gospel: John 9: 1-41

18th / 19th March	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Donald Lamont Liz Anderson	Volunteer	Rod Dyson
OHP	Martin and Rosemary	? Jane	Kylie Robb
Intro/POF	Brian McLean	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Tara Mulholland Milla O'Kane	Leo Van Boxtel	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	Gerard Rogatski Pat O'Connor	Volunteer	Glen and Kylie
Special Minister	Barry Gibbons	Jill Paulin	Angela Compton
Cleaners	Pam Soper Cathy Hill	M Matheson	Kylie Robb
Altar Servers Alexandra	Tara Mulholland (CB), Stefan Delport (CH) Freddy Ryan (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	Margaret (S/U) and Jim(T/U)		

Please join us directly after Mass for an opportunity for fellowship over morning tea at the back of the church.



All parishioners, their families and our visitors, here today are warmly welcomed

Dates to Note:

Fridays during lent: Stations of The Cross Alexandra
Caritas Lenten appeal continues throughout Lent
for more info: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>

24 March Charismatic Conference Opens

25 March: Little Sisters Lenten Retreat for young women (second day) Email: sc@lspdun.co.nz or phone 03 4762028

14 April: Ordination of Rev Peter Chadwick 7pm @ Holy Name Church North Dunedin. If you would like to make a contribution to a travel fund to allow Peter's mother to be present at this special occasion these can be made to: **ANZ Bank A/c No. 06 0901 000544866**. Please state "ordination" as the code and **your name** for a receipt.

24th June: Ordination of Rev Suu Van Ngyuen and Rev Joseph Long Van Ngyuen (together @11am) in St Therese of Lisieux Church, North Invercargill.

20th April 2024: St John the Baptist Parish Centenary

Lenten Appeal 2023 - to support the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Money raised through the NZ Catholic Bishops Lenten Appeal helps Caritas fund development and emergency relief work worldwide. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are available in the foyer of the Church.

Donation envelopes can be returned during the offertory collection or you can send them to Caritas directly.

NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2023 will be sent receipts for the 2022/23 tax year.

Donations received by Caritas after 1 April 2023 will be sent receipts for the 2023/24 tax year.

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Notices from Titipounamu

Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning... (Repeat on Special Request)

The Creation Stories (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/in-the-beginning/>

YouTube Recording

The Notion of 'Church' with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>



Lent Week 3: Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry the Cross

Pray that we have the courage to support actions aimed at stopping slavery.

One court case in New Zealand highlighted how an enslaved person was "saved" by a person who acted despite being blindsided by hearing of slavery in her neighbourhood.

A person who was enslaved told a woman at Church about her position. The story so worried the woman that she contacted the authorities which led to an investigation into the case. The trafficker was charged and the workers were freed. One person did the right thing at the right time and it made a difference. Let's not pretend that slavery's not in our country — know the signs to look out for.

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We pray: May we all rise to life with Christ.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/guilty-first-human-trafficking-convictions-in-new-zealand/OVWWFGE4DITJ4D623XLZHJ2YQM/>

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/result-mistreated-massage-workers>