



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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# Third Sunday of Advent. Year C

12th December 2021

## MASS TIMES

### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

### Weekdays

(13th - 18th December)

#### Alexandra

Tuesday, 14th 5:00pm (Church)

Wednesday, 15th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Thursday, 16th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Friday, 17th midday (Church)

Saturday, 18th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 15th 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: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

### Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the  
great and Holy One of Israel.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to  
bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



Died Recently

Anniversaries  
Johnny McMahon

Requiescant  
in Pace

## Shepherds Candle

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherds Candle" and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

*And there were shepherds living in the field nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:8-11)*



## VACCINE PASS MASSES:

~Omakau: Saturday 6pm vigil

~Alexandra: Sunday 9am

~Roxburgh: Sunday 11am

## OPEN MASS (i.e. NO vaccine pass required.)

~Cromwell: Sunday 5pm

5 Sligo Street. Ph 034450038

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.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday 24th December: **Christmas Eve**

- ~Omakau 6pm Vigil  
Carols from 5:30pm
- ~Alexandra 9pm Vigil  
Carols from 8:30pm

Saturday 25th December: **Christmas Day**

- ~Alexandra 9am
- ~Roxburgh 11am

Advent Confession time in Alexandra (Rite 1)

- ~Sunday 19th Dec from 1pm-1:30pm

### 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](http://www.alexatholic.nz)  
(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

The bishops believe dioceses and parishes will be welcoming the Vatican's four-month extension for the local phase of the Synod process. The deadline of the first (local) phase of the two-year international synodal process has been extended from next April to next 15 August. NZCBC Secretary Bishop Steve Lowe says the original timeframe was difficult for Southern Hemisphere countries because of our summer holiday period, with the Covid-19 restrictions making face-to-face contact hard. More information:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/local-synod-timing/>

Ngā mihi, David

David McLoughlin  
Communications Adviser, NZ Catholic Bishops

### PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive pastoral care.

### \*\*\*Aotearoa New Zealand Bible Diaries 2022\*\*\*

The Bible diary consists of daily prayers, readings, short reflections, Saints of the day and short quotes for the whole year. It is available in New Zealand. Please make an order now with the link below... <https://www.cognitofirms.com/AlexBailey1/AotearoaNewZealandBibleDiaries2022> it is a greatest gift for you and for your family and friends in New Year 2022.

### NEXT WEEK

**19th December Readings:** Micah5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

### 18th-19th December Roster:

**Greeters:** Kelly Moloney (Alex); Averell McElligott (Roxb);  
**Projector:** Jane (Omak); Olivia Delport (Alex);  
Angela Compton (Roxb)  
**Altar Servers:** Alia Ryan CB, Georgie Moloney CH, Taine Bellantyne CH  
**Intro / POF:** Jane (Omak); Varna Sim (Alex);  
Angela Compton (Roxb)  
**Readers:** L VanBoxtel (Omak); Barbara Grubb, Leona Garchow  
(Alex); Margaret Card (Roxb)  
**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); Kevin Ridden (Alex);  
Pene and Anne (Roxb)  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** M Matheson (Omak); Martin O'Connor (Alex); John Mckinell (Roxb)  
**Sacristan:** Margaret Bennie, Donald Lamont (Alex)  
**Cleaners:** M Matheson (Omak); (Alex); A Campton (Roxb)