



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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Fourth Sunday of Advent. Year C

19th December 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(20th - 25th December)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 21st 5:00pm (Side Chapel)

Wednesday, 22nd 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Thursday, 23rd 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Friday, 24th midday (Church)

Saturday, 25th 9:00am (Church)

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: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Dawn from on high will visit us, guiding our feet in the way of peace.



Died Recently

Kathryn Leslie

Phan Minh Hien

Anniversaries

Valmai Breen

Heather McElligott

Nick Turner

Jack Kennedy

Kath Kennedy

Kath Collins

Requiescant

in Pace

Angel's Candle

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of the Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the Angels:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly Hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

(Luke 2: 13-14)



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

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**

- ~Omakau NO 6pm Vigil
- ~Alexandra 9am
- ~Roxburgh 11am

Advent Confession time in Alexandra (Rite 1)

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

Friday 24th December Roster:

Omakau Christmas Vigil 6pm

Introduction: Joan; **Reader:** P. Cooney; **Euc/Minister:** R. Kilkelly; **Cleaning:** C Morris.

Alexandra Christmas Vigil 9pm

Greeters: Bernie Harvey; **Introduction/Prayers of the faithful:** Nick Lanham; **Readers:** Christine Latham, Rosalie Bennett; **Offertory:** Pat O'Connor; **Euc/Minister:** Julie Flannery; **Altar Servers:** Aureila Latham, Tom Latham, Angel Bruce; **Data Projectionist:** Jim Dunlay; **Sacristy:** Jim Dunlay.

25th Dec Christmas Roster

Alexandra Christmas mass 9am

Greeters: Panganiban Family; **Introduction/Prayers of the faithful:** Ellen Middendorf; **Readers:** Amy Delpont, Barry Gibbons; **Offertory:** Panganiban family; **Euc/Minister:** Jude Parbhu; **Altar Servers:** Olivia Delpont, Stefan Delpont, Georgie Moloney; **Data Projectionist:** Martin O'Connor; **Sacristan:** Donald Lamont.

Roxburgh Christmas mass 11am

Greeter: Rod Dyson; **Reader:** Michelle Clarke; **Special Minister:** Angela Campton; **Overhead:** Kylie Robb; **Gifts:** Margaret, Elizabeth; **Cleaner:** Glen Dyson.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2021

The brief report reflects what the Parish Council has been involved with over the past year.

PARISH– Fr. Sani

~Baptism 14, wedding 2, parishioners funerals 7, Rest Home visits, School visits, Communion to the sick.

CELEBRATIONS

- ~Word Day of Prayer
- ~Caritas Lenten Discussion Groups
- ~Sr Leona's 50th Jubilee Celebration & Mother's Day Parish Family Mass
- ~Farewell Mass and morning tea for Fonseca family
- ~Parish Community morning tea
- ~Jam for Joy Workshop
- ~Safeguarding Workshop

SCHOOL

- ~St. Gerard's & Parish Community working together
- ~Monday morning prayer in the Church
- ~Wednesday School Class Masses
- ~Altar servers—27 serving; Students doing Readings

CHOIR

- ~COVID restrictions have been restrictive over the past months.
- ~Singing resumed on 12th December
- ~Christmas Carols Vigil Mass 24th December
- ~More members welcome.

OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP

~Oasis continues to raise money for Catholic Social Services with many thanks going to the 40 volunteers who man the shop. \$47K was gifted to Catholic Social Services over the past 12 months.

UPCOMING 2022

- ~Synod– A Journey within our Parish
- ~Vacancies on Council February 2022.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

NEXT WEEK

26th December Readings: Ecc 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

25th-26th December Roster:

- Greeters:** Maureen Irving (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb);
Projector: (Omak); Charlotte O'Kane (Alex);
Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Varna Sim CB, Liberty Sim CH, Taine Ballantyne CH
Intro / POF: (Omak); Tom Lamb (Alex);
Volunteer (Roxb)
Readers: (Omak); Rosemary Bond, Barbara Grubb (Alex); Margaret Card (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Trish Schaumann (Alex);
Glen and Kylie (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: (Omak); Julie Flannery (Alex); Bill Clarke (Roxb)
Sacristan: Margaret Bennie, Jim Dunlay (Alex)
Cleaners: C. Morris (Omak); (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)