



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C

30th January 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(31st Jan-5th February 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 1st 5:00pm (Side Chapel)

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

Thursday, 3rd 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Friday, 4th midday (Church)

Saturday, 5th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 19th 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)

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Readings: Jer 1:4-5. 17-19, 1Cor 12:31-13:13,
Lk 4: 21-30

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they
shall possess the land.



Died Recently
Robert Kinney
Betty Foley

Anniversaries
Michael Reilly
Gordon Cossens
Karen McDonald
Rose MacKenzie

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Catechism themes: Praying at difficult times (CCC 2752-2758)

Why does prayer sometimes seem so hard? Prayer is sometimes difficult because we fight against ourselves and the temptations around us (including the devil). Prayer can become hard when we use prayer for selfish ends (Praying only for a particular need or to reduce stress), or when we don't take the time to pray on a regular basis, or when we reject prayer as a "waste of time." Prayer can be extremely hard when we sense personal failure; we have the temptation to give up instead of persevering. As a result, we can feel dry and can be easily distracted in prayer; we can even lose faith and become depressed.

What can we do when prayer becomes hard? We can take two strategies when prayer becomes hard. First, we can realize that our faith is being tested; we can change our prayer in order to seek God's will for us. Second, we can realize that prayer is never wasted; we are challenged to use prayer as a means to overcome frustration in prayer. As St. Paul said, "Pray constantly." (1Thess 5:17)

How did Jesus pray in his time of difficulty? In John 17, Jesus prayed a prayer for his disciples called the "priestly prayer." Even before his death, he prayed for the unity of his followers and for union with his followers. His prayer teaches us the true measure of prayer, the desire to be one with God at every point in life.

COLLECTIONS & INCOME DECEMBER 2021

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$ 960.00
Sales –NZ Catholic etc	\$ 10.00
Advent Charities	\$ 55.00
Christmas	\$ 1147.00

Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 113.90
Donation	\$ 50.00
Advent Charities	\$ 25.00

Pastoral Area

Presbytery	\$ 734.50
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Automatic Payments

Pastoral Area (2/3)	\$ 2784.67
Presbytery (1/3)	\$ 1392.23

2022 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS NOW FOR SALE



\$12.00

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)

Tonga Relief Appeal

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has mobilized prepositioned supplies to be of immediate assistance, and will continue to work with Caritas Tonga to best assist those in need. We have also pledged a solidarity grant to go immediately to assist with the response to the disaster. If you would like to donate to the emergency relief work of Caritas in Tonga, Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 - please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card over the phone by calling 0800 22 10 22.

Applications sought for NZCBC Manager, Wellington-based

Role vacancy: Manager

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Applications are invited for the position of Manager for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). The NZCBC coordinates the national activities and ministries of the Catholic Church of which the Manager will be a key leadership role. The main functions of the position are coordinating people, projects, and agencies; leading or supporting a broad range of ad-hoc initiatives and events; and supporting strategic planning. We offer a supportive, family-friendly, and flexible workplace. The successful applicant will have excellent project and people skills and a professional background. This is a permanent role, based at the Catholic Centre in Wellington, and can be part or full-time negotiable.

The closing date for applications for the new Manager role with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference in Wellington has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday 9 February. Full details about the role and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/>

NEXT WEEK

6th February Readings:

5th-6th February Roster:

Greeters:	Trish Schaumann (Alex), Margaret Card
Projector:	Joan (Omak); Varna Sim (Alex); Pene Morris (Roxb)
Altar Servers:	Tara Mulholland (CB), Addison Mulholland, Freddie Ryan
Intro / POF:	Ruth (Omak); Coral Sawers (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Readers:	R Kilkelly (Omak); Rosemary Bond, Brian Mclean (Alex); Michelle Clarke (Roxb)
Offertory:	Volunteer (Omak); T Schaumann, Glenda Chapman (Alex); Glen and Kylie (Roxb) Pene and Anne (Roxb)
Special Ministers:	Felicity Clements (Alex)
Sacristan:	Margaret Bennie, Jim Dunlay (Alex), Angela Compton (Rox)
Cleaners:	(Omak); M Bennie, B Harvey (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)