



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30th Day of prayer for Vocations



### Mass times

#### Alexandra:

Tuesdays 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

9:00am (chapel)

Fridays 12:00pm (chapel)

Sundays 9.00 am (church)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesdays 5:15pm (presbytery)

Sundays 11.00am (church)

#### Omakau:

Saturdays Vigil Mass 6pm

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (chapel)

Fridays 11:00am

(11:45am Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

#### Alexandra

Saturday 11:30—Noon or by request

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

#### Alexandra

Friday Noon

(1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

### Sunday's Readings:

1. Acts 2:14, 36-41
2. 1 Peter 1:20-25
3. Gospel: John 10: 1-10

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia!

### Communion antiphon:

The good shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock,  
Alleluia!



Let us remember and pray for those who have

### **Died Recently:**

*Isacc Levings*

And for those who have

### **Anniversaries**

About this time:

*Rona Story  
Robin Lockhart  
Irene Burton  
Fr Tony Ives*

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

### Alexandra Hospice Shop Volunteer positions available

We are currently looking for reliable, energetic and positive volunteers who are keen to support Hospice in Alexandra and would love to hear from anyone who can help.

### Time Commitment:

We run a shift roster with volunteers committing to one shift per week

### Potential shifts available:

Monday to Friday morning shift (10am—1pm) and afternoon shift (1pm—4pm)

Saturday morning 10am—1pm

Please contact Gitty (shop manager) on 034486956 or email her at [Brigitte.meyer@otagohospice.co.nz](mailto:Brigitte.meyer@otagohospice.co.nz) if you are interested. Thank you

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday  
it is also a Day of Prayer for Vocations with a Seminary Collection being taken.

## Roster for next week:

6 & 7 May	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
<b>Greeters</b>	Trish Schaumann Glenda Chapman	Volunteer	Averell McElligott
<b>OHP</b>	Sim Family	Ruth	Kylie Robb
<b>Intro/POF</b>	Tara Mulholland	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Brian McLean Milla O'Kane	R Kilkelly	Margaret Card
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Marie and Gerald Healey	Volunteer	Angela and Averell
<b>Special Minister</b>	Rosemary Bond	Pat Cooney	John Mckinnel
<b>Cleaners</b>	Marie Paulin Dona Foley	Volunteer	Angela Compton
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	SU: Margaret TU: Donald	-	-
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	CB: Addi Mulholland CH: Paige O'Kane CH: Rachael	-	-

### Next Weeks Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

1. Acts 6: 1-7
2. 1 Peter 2:4-9
3. Gospel John 14: 1-12

## Laudato Si - Reflection



Daily reports of climate change effects - extinctions, floods, disappearing glaciers, droughts - make people anxious, angry and sad.

We therefore pray with Pope Francis in Laudato Si:

"Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction." (LS 246)

## COLLECTIONS

March 2023

### Alexandra / Omakau

Parish	\$ 1,690.00
Presbytery	\$ 479.00

### Automatic Payments

Parish	\$ 3,255.42
Presbytery	\$ 1,627.71

### Roxburgh

Parish	\$ 709.60
Presbytery	\$ 340.00

### Automatic Payments

Parish / Presbytery	\$ 840.00
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Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and a day to pray for vocations:

Here is a message from Fr Mark Chamberlain



In Sunday's section of the Gospel of John, the phrase "they know his voice" has been with me as I have been reflecting and preparing towards Sunday. The hearing of or a sensing of a "voice" within is probably the most common characteristic of those wondering about priesthood or religious life. Those discerning a vocation frequently describe a quiet voice inspiring their search. In difficult seasons or in times of new energy for mission, this voice of the Good Shepherd is quietly heard, while it sustains and then eventually propels us into a new ministry future.

We are all grateful for the prayers for vocations to priesthood and religious life, we can all recall parishioners who do just that. At Waikouaiti, Sunday after Sunday, the congregation prays for vocations. God continues to answer our prayers but often in an unexpected or unplanned manner. On Friday the 14th we celebrated Peter's priestly ordination with such prayerful joy and such a tangible sense of the rightness of this moment, on Saturday 20th of May we will gather for the ordination to the permanent Diaconate for Iosefa in Balclutha and then on Saturday 24th June, we will celebrate the priestly ordination for Suu and Joseph. In reflecting with gratitude for each one we can recognise God's response to our prayers.

I invite us to continue to pray for Peter, Iosefa and Fania, Suu, Joseph, Tang and Shane.

May they always be encouraged in hearing his voice. Currently, I have two others who are prayerfully discerning, so prayers for John and Sam would be appreciated. May we have the grace to be open to his voice.

Thank you for drawing attention to the need for prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Mary in the Scriptures** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donation/Koha welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

### YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

## New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

Just a reminder that the Catholic Enquiry Centre has a new website.

Visit it to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

The former CEC website has now been removed.