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



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Fourth Week of Lent - 19th March 2023

Mass times

Alexandra

Tuesday, 21st 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 22nd 9:00am (chapel)

Thursday, 23rd 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 24th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 25th 9:00am (chapel)

Sunday, 26th 9:00 am (church)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 22nd 5:15pm (presbytery)

Sunday, 26th 11.00am (church)

Omakau

Saturday, 25th 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:

1. Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

2. Ephesians 5: 8-14

3. Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Communion antiphon:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,

I saw and I believed in God.



Died Recently

Elizabeth
Mackive OP

Anniversaries

Avis- Campbell
Dyson
William Welnoski

Requiescant in Pace

Caring for Our Common Home – what do we see?



From the [Concluding statement](#) -

Federation of Catholic Bishops"
Conferences of Oceania 2023
Assembly, comes this comment:

*"We recognise ecological conversion
as an urgent mission priority not only
for us, but also for the whole
Church."*

St John the Baptist Parish Centenary 19-24 to 2024 MEETING

The first of the planning meetings for the
above celebrations is scheduled for

Thursday 23rd March @ 6pm
in the side Chapel

If you have indicated that you are
Interested in being involved then come
along....

If you have not yet let Fr Sani know that
you are interested in being involved....

Come along
and help us begin the
Planning of this very special occasion.

*Lent Week 4: In the presence of the Lord, God, they anointed
David, King of Israel*

5th week of Lent: Weekend of 25th / 26th March**Readings:**

1. Ezekiel 37: 12-14
2. Romans 8: 8-11
3. Gospel John 8: 1-11

25th/ 26th March	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Neroli Laidlaw Jane Kinney	Volunteer	Tony O'Driscoll
OHP	Peter Mulvihill	Ruth	Angela Compton
Intro/ POF	Margaret Bennie	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Amy Delpont Olivia Delpont	P Cooney	Michelle Clarke
Offertory gifts	Tara and Mahe Mulholland	Volunteer	Angela and Averell
Special Minister	Dona Foley	P Cooney	Bill Clarke
Cleaners	Pam Soper Cathy Hill	K White	Kylie Robb
Altar Servers Alexan- dra	Addie Mulholland (CB) Paige O'Kane (CH) Liberty Sim (CH)		
Sacris- tans Alexan- dra	Margaret (S/U) Jim (T/U)		

Planned Giving Envelopes

New envelopes for the 23/24 financial year are now available for those who contribute in this way.

Please collect your at the church entrance at Sunday Mass.

See either Phil or Fr Sani.

Any problems, contact Phil on 027 4990277

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>

Thursday 23 March: Centennial Group Meeting

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 001.

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.

Thank you for your generous support.

Catholic bishops support *Staying Safe on Social Media* campaign

New Zealand's Catholic bishops are supporting a campaign to help people stay safe on social media. The campaign follows diocesan communications and pastoral staff around the country noticing increased suspicious activities on Church social media pages they manage.

The Staying Safe on Social Media campaign starts next Monday, 20 March, featuring special posts each day for seven days on Church Facebook and other social media suggesting people take such precautions as "never accept a friend request from someone you don't know personally."

Recent suspicious activity includes comments, "likes" and emoji symbols such as "hands in prayer" being posted on Church social media pages from fake profiles; the infiltration of Catholic Facebook groups by fake profiles; and the sending of friend requests and private messages to people within the Catholic community from these fake profiles.

Palmerston North Diocese communications coordinator Isabella McCafferty has helped initiate Staying Safe on Social Media. She says the main concern is that people might not be aware of the possibility of fake profiles, and therefore risk being taken advantage of.

"Our campaign aims to draw attention to ways in which people can keep themselves safe on social media. We have come up with seven key points, which we will share across all Catholic social media pages in the country – one point a day from Monday March 20 to Sunday March 26," Isabella McCafferty says.

"We are looking for help to ensure this campaign reaches as many people as possible. If you run a Catholic social media page, please download the campaign resources [attached and linked to this statement] and share them across your pages during the campaign. They are clearly labelled so you will know which one to put up on which day. Alternatively, if you don't run a social media page but know someone who does, please send these resources on to them."

The resources are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/>