



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



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# 5th Sunday of Lent. Year C

3rd April 2022

## MASS TIMES

### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

### Weekdays

( 4th - 9th April 2022)

### Alexandra

Tuesday, 5th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 6th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 7th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 8th midday (church)

Saturday, 9th 9:00am (chapel)

### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 6th 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

(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)

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**Readings:** Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8: 1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ king of endless glory!

### Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



## Died Recently

### Anniversaries

Fr Dan Cummings

Rose Patterson

Patricia Hagman

### Requiescant

in Pace

## Catechism Theme: The Sixth Commandment and Chastity

Instead of condemning the woman, Jesus invited her to return to a sinless life, a life of honor. Her sin was adultery. Her duty not to sin again was more than avoiding a situation of temptation. She was to become chaste.

The woman sinned against the sixth commandment. What does the sixth commandment teach us? The sixth commandment teaches us that love is the basic duty for everyone. Jesus tells us to love God above everything else, and to love others as ourselves, whether they are male or female. The equality of love calls us to respect others' dignity and to accept ourselves, especially our own sexual identity. (2392,2393)

Jesus invited her to return to a chaste life. What is chastity? Chastity is the virtue of self-control in sexual matters. Because sexuality includes our psychological, physical, moral, and social worlds, chastity helps us to integrate these areas in a healthy way. Chastity is more than saying "no" to sexual thoughts or desires; chastity points to the goal of sexual expression, the lifelong commitment of marriage. Everyone is called to live in chaste life, whether married or not. (2394, 2395, 2394)

How many times have we stood "sinless" before the Lord? How many times could we claim honor in the eyes of God? Never? Our past might condemn us, but before God we are innocent. Like the woman in the passage, we stand without sin if we are willing to receive the gift of grace. For, only faith in God's grace convinces us that the Father will allow us to be free from sin. We have honor before him, but only as his children.

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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

**Reconciliation Rite II** : Saturday 9th March,  
11:30am at St John the Baptist Church, Alexandra.

### ALEXANDRA (Church of St John the Baptist)

Palm Sunday, 10th April at 9:am

Holy Thursday, 14th April at 7:00pm

Good Friday, 15th April at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, 16th April at 8:00pm (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday, 17th April at 9:00am

### OMAKAU (St Peter's Church)

Palm Sunday, 9th April at 6:00pm Vigil

Holy Saturday, 16th April at 6pm (Easter Vigil)

### ROXBURGH (Church of Our Lady of Peace)

Palm Sunday, 10th April at 11:00am

Easter Sunday, 17th April at 11:00am

### Daily Reflections during Lent

Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at

[www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

*Food For Faith - an Aotearoa New Zealand based  
online mission*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to those who completed the Ministries Form over the last past 3 weeks and to Sr Leona and Kelly Boscher who have made themselves available for our Parish Pastoral Council.

God bless you all in your roles in our Parish.

## MINISTRIES ROSTER

The Ministries Roster for the period 10th April to 5th June will be emailed out next week. In the meantime those rostered on for Palm Sunday (10th April) are on this weeks Parish Bulletin.

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

"Prayer for Ukraine" is a hymn composed in 1885, during a time when Ukrainian language was suppressed by the government of Imperial Russia. The text is by poet Oleksandr Konynsky and the music by composer Mykola Lysenko. It is used as a hymn by the various churches in Ukraine, including the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and became a spiritual anthem for Ukraine. It makes a haunting aid to prayer in the current situation.

The hymn can be heard at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxcNuaH4qrY&t=1s>



## 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.

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## NEXT WEEK

**10th April Readings:** Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22: 14-23:56

### 9th-10th April Roster:

**Greeters:** (Alex), Rod Dyson (Roxb)

**Projector:** Ruth (Omak); Mulholland family (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)

**Altar Servers:** Charlotte O'Kane (CB), Aurelia Lanham, Tom Lanham

**Intro / POF:** Ruth (Omak); Tara Mulholland (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

**Readers:** Pat Cooney (Omak); Barbara Grubb, Pam Soper;  
Gospel: Barry Gibbons, Margaret Bennie, Fr. (Alex);  
Angela Compton (Roxb)

**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); Gerard Rogatski, Milla O'Kane (Alex),  
Margaret & Elizabeth (Roxb)

**Special Ministers:** Jude Parbhu (Alex)

**Sacristan:** Margaret Bennie, Donald Lamont (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)

**Cleaners:** C Morris (Omak), Sally Ferreira, Ann Rayner (Alex),  
Clarke family (Roxb)