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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2024

Mass times

Waitangi Day Mass—Tuesday 6th
9am St Dunstan's Clyde

Alexandra: Tuesday 6th

No Mass in Alexandra today

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

9:00am (chapel)

Friday 12. MD (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

(1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh

Sunday Readings:

1 Job 7:1-4. 6-7: In spite of his many sufferings, Job will not turn against God.

2 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23: Paul did not spare himself for the sake of the Gospel.

3 Mark 1:29-39.: Having spent himself in ministering to those in need, Jesus seeks a place of quiet to rest and pray.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness and endured our suffering

Alleluia!



Let us remember and pray for those who have

Died Recently

And for those who have

Anniversaries

About this time:

**Stephen Dallas
Caroline Dallas
Patricia Lockhart
Len O'Donnell**

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Thought for the Week Fr Bendan

The Treaty of Waitangi – A Historical Perspective

When the Treaty was signed in 1840, the United Kingdom government did not take the treaty lightly. It insisted that its representatives, the Governors, should observe the terms and conditions to the letter. For a time, under the naval Governors Hobson and Fitzroy, this was done. However their successor, Governor Grey, an army officer, sought to minimize the obligations inherent to the Treaty, and asked the British Colonial Secretary Lord Stanley how far he had to abide by it.

The reply was utterly uncompromising. Lord Stanley wrote:

“... I repudiate with the utmost possible earnestness the doctrine maintained by some, that the treaties which we have entered into with the Maori people are to be considered as a mere blind to amuse and deceive. ... In the name of the Queen I utterly deny that any treaty entered into and ratified by Her Majesty's command, was or could have been made in a spirit thus disingenuous, or for a purpose unworthy. You will honorably and scrupulously fulfill the conditions of the Treaty of Waitangi ...” (From the Commission report by Paul Temm, QC.)

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Next Week's Roster and Readings

February 10 & 11 February	Alexandra St John the Baptist Sunday 9am	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace Sunday 11am	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil 6pm
Greeters	Barbara and Peter Clark	Elizabeth Reid	Volunteer
OHP	Peter Mulvihill	Angela Compton	J Flannery
Intro/ POF	Rosemary Bond	Volunteer	M Williams
Readers	Barbara Grubb Coral Sawers	Margaret Card	M Williams
Offertory gifts	Mulholland Family	Glen and Kylie	Volunteer
Special Ministers	Margaret Bennie Jude Parbhu Barry Gibbons	John McKinnel	P Cooney
Sacristans Alex	Margaret and Nicole (Set Up) Jim and Donald (Tidy Up)	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Ashna CH: Rachael CB: Addi	-	-
Church Cleaners	Glenda Chapman Nicole Heward	Lynette O'Driscoll	R Nolan

Next Week's Readings—

6th Sunday in Ordinary time

1. Leviticus 13, 1-2, 45-46
2. 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1
3. Gospel According to Mark 1: 40-45



Notice of up coming

Diocesan and Special Collection Dates 2024

- 11 February Education Appeal
- 31 March Easter Offering
- 21 April Seminary Appeal
- 30 June Peter's Pence
- 20th October Propagation of the Faith
- 1 December Advent Charities

From St John Bosco (feast day Wed 31 January) re correction of children.

My sons, in my long experience very often I had to be convinced of this great truth. It is easier to become angry than to restrain oneself, and to threaten a boy than to persuade him. Yes, indeed, it is more fitting to be persistent in punishing our own impatience and pride than to correct the boys. We must be firm but kind, and be patient with them.

... See that no one finds you motivated by impetuosity or willfulness. It is difficult to keep calm when administering punishment, but this must be done if we are to keep ourselves from showing off our authority or spilling out our anger.

... They are our sons, and so in correcting their mistakes we must lay aside all anger and restrain it so firmly that it is extinguished entirely.

There must be no hostility in our minds, no contempt in our eyes, no insult on our lips. We must use mercy for the present and have hope for the future, as is fitting for true fathers who are eager for real correction and improvement.

In serious matters it is better to beg God humbly than to send forth a flood of words that will only offend the listeners and have no effect on those who are guilty.

Lent— Ash Wednesday, 14th February, marks the start of Lent this year, when particular focus is given to the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for celebrating Easter.

Lenten donation envelopes, in support of the work of *Caritas* to aid people in need across the Pacific and wider afield, will be available from the church foyer from next Sunday.

Time to Register for our Parish Centennial

Event to be held 20-21st April 2024

On line : @ www.alexatholic.nz
or

By completing a form from the church foyer
All past and present parishioners are welcome!

Catholic Diocese of Dunedin Insurance Proposal

Please see attached the proposal and the video link for updated information from recent discussions with Parish Priests and Finance Committee's on insurance.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jc9o6Zrqu55AQhPcurAHsnQ7pRCeyTuc/view?usp=sharing>

Vatican News (29/01/2024): Pope Francis decries attack on Istanbul church;

He invites Catholic communicators to go against the flow; He says

'Never let children stop being children';

On the Holy Land war he says 'Without two states, true peace remains distant; ... (For more in-depth reading see www.vaticannews.va)

Thank You!

The Parish Council extends its thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to Fr Sani's farewell.

The response was overwhelming. Aside from the Alexandra Bridge print, we were able to purchase many gift vouchers redeemable at various retailers.

We know it was not what Fr Sani wanted but we felt we had to overrule his wishes on this one occasion
Nga mihi
Thank you!