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



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C

6th February 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(7th-12th February 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 8th 5:00pm (Side Chapel)

Wednesday, 9th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Thursday, 10th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Friday, 11th midday (Church)

Saturday, 12th 9:00am (Side Chapel)

Clyde

Monday 7th 9:00am (St Dunstan Church)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 9th 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: Is 6:1-8, 1Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



Died Recently
Fr Muliau Stowers

Anniversaries

Nancy Millar
Caroline Dallas
Stephen Dallas
Patricia Lockhart
Len O'Donnell

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Catechism themes: The Holiness of God (CCC 206-209)

Confronted with the size of catch, Simon realized the power and presence of God before him. As he begged Jesus to leave, he was shaken to his core. Before the sign, Simon has his life laid before him: another nameless, faceless fisherman who would live and die by the Sea of Galilee. After the sign, however, he faced with a reality that demanded a response. And a change.

An encounter with God is an experience that transcends our perceptions. Moses encountered God in the burning bush. When asked for a name, God responded with an enigma that transcended understanding: "I Am who I am." The name itself described the unknowable and totally Other. Yet, the name also revealed God's eternal presence. He who was beyond all understanding would be close, present to whom he revealed himself. The encounter and the name revealed to Moses that God always was and always would be present. God was eternally transcendent, yet eternally immanent. An encounter with such a reality demanded a response. It could not be ignored.

An encounter with God also transcends our expectations. God is radically free. And he calls us to his will. We do not call him to ours. Simon could not anticipate nor expect a call from God. Yet, he received a call to reach beyond himself and follow the Lord. We, too, receive the same call. Reach beyond and follow Jesus. *word-sunday-com*

Non Vaccine Pass Mass for Central Otago

The Cromwell Catholic Hall, beside the Catholic Church will be a Sunday Mass Venue in Central Otago for those who do not have a Vaccine Pass and wish to attend Mass. This mass will be relayed from the Cromwell Church into the Hall on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday's at 11am and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9am for those in attendance. Thanks. Fr Martin Flannery.

Education Appeal Collection: 13 February 2022

Happy Birthday Rona!



Rona Story, God willing will be 102 on 10th February 2022.

May the joy you have spread in the past come back to you on this day. Wishing you a very happy birthday!

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/>

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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Information can also be found on our website:

www.alexatholic.nz

(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

NEXT WEEK

13th February Readings:

12th-13th February Roster:

Greeters: Gerard Rogataski (Alex), Rod Dyson (Roxb)
Projector: Ruth (Omak); Peter Mulvihill (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Charlette O'Kane (CB), Mila O'Kane, Paige O'Kane
Intro / POF: Ruth (Omak); Rosalie Bennett (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Readers: Joan Kinney (Omak); Tom Lamb, Ellen Middendorf (Alex); Margaret Card (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Jane Kinney, Gerard Rogataski (Alex); Rod Dyson (Roxb)
Special Ministers: Neroli Laidlaw (Alex)
Sacristan: Margaret Bennie, S. Parbhu (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)
Cleaners: Joan Kinney (Omak); M Bennie, B Harvey (Alex); Kylie Robb (Roxb)