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



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6th Sunday of Easter. Year C

22nd May, 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(23rd - 28th May 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 24th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 25th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 26th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 27th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 28th 9:00am (chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 25th 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:

Acts15: 1-2. 22-29, Apoc21: 10-14. 22-23, Jn14: 23-29

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, say the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Brian Bonney
Enrique Convozar
Rev B.R. O'Brien
Neville Altenburg
Dorothy Dunlay
Florence Breen

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Christ and the Spirit

Jesus gave us God's spirit, our Guide. The Spirit invites us to follow Jesus, to love God, and to love others. When we say "Yes" to the Spirit, we know we are children of God.

The sacraments of the Church celebrate the work of the Spirit in our lives. We first received the gift of the Spirit in our baptism; this was our first step as children of God. The Spirit urges us to take part in God's forgiveness with the sacrament of Reconciliation, especially when we don't follow the command of Jesus to treat others with love. In the Eucharist, the bishop or priest prays the Spirit will come upon the gifts of bread and wine so they will become the body and blood of Jesus. Through the power of God's Spirit, the Risen Jesus becomes present to us in the Eucharist. We become one with Jesus when we receive him in Communion. Finally, the Spirit gives us his gifts in Confirmation: fortitude, counsel, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, reverence, and awe of others, as ways to show our love for them.

As the Spirit works in our lives, we are changed for the better. We might not feel different (in fact we might not feel anything). When we pray and when we act for the good of others, however, we know that the Spirit is helping us.

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Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ
Calls Us To Be

Pastoral Ministry Virtual Conference
26th - 28th May 2022
aliveinthepirit.com.au



PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive pastoral care.

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)

Laudato Si'

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” (John 14:23) What beautiful words. To dwell is to be ‘at home’, in safety and joy. When we love, we dwell in God and God dwells in us.

In *LaudatoSi'*, Pope Francis writes “The Climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all” (LS 23). He adds that the climate crisis is now creating a “tragic rise” in the number of people forced to leave their homes due to environmental degradation. They have no legal recognition and protection, and they face “widespread indifference” to their suffering (LS 25).

Does New Zealand’s recent Emission Reduction Plan deliver the “transformative change” for the ecological healing and social justice our Pope is calling for? How can we hasten this change in our systems and personal practices?

We cannot dwell in love, when the hungry and the homeless are outside our doors, or on the edges of our oceans and floodplains.

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NEXT WEEK

29th May Readings: Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23, Lk 24:46-53

28th-29th May Roster:

Greeters: Vicki & Brian McLean (Alex), (Roxb)
Projector: Joan (Omak); Peter Mulvihill (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Altar Servers: charlotte O’Kane (CB), Milla & Paige O’Kane
Intro / POF: Joan (Omak); Nick Lanham (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Readers: Joan Kinney (Omak); Varna Sim, Christine Lanham (Alex), Margaret Card (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Panganham Family (Alex), Margaret and Elizabeth (Roxb)
Special Ministers: M Matheson (Omakau), Jeremy Hogue (Alex)
Sacristan: Margaret Bennie, Jim Dunlay (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)
Cleaners: J Flannery (Omak), Pam Soper and Cathy Hill (Alex), Pene Morris (Roxb)