



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C

20th February 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(21st-26th February 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 22nd 5:00pm (no mass)

Wednesday, 23rd 9:00am (no mass)

Thursday, 24th 9:00am (no mass)

Friday, 25th midday (no mass)

Saturday, 26th 9:00am (no mass)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 23rd 5:15pm (no mass)

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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All masses in our Pastoral Area (Omakau, Alexandra and Roxburgh) are suspended starting from 19th February until further notice.



Died Recently
Fr Colin Durning

Anniversaries

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Free Will

Based on Matthew 5:43-45

We have the power to make choices. We can make small choices in everyday life, like what food to eat, what clothes to wear, what to do with free time. There are also large choices we can make, choices that affect our lives for years to come, like the way we treat friends and enemies. The power to make choices is called "free will."

We use free will when we choose between good and evil. If we choose to do good things, we will grow closer to God and closer to others. We will strengthen our character, since we will be able to turn away from selfishness. We will put the good of others along side our good. In this way, our enemies can become our friends, simply because we treat them well.

No matter how we choose, we must take responsibility for our actions. While there might be factors that limit responsibility for a certain choice, the choices we make have consequences. And we must take responsibility for those consequences.

Every person on the face of the earth has a God-given right to choose and must have that right respected. The right to choose is part of their dignity as human being.

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Parish Council meeting

Thursday 24th February
7pm side chapel

World Day of Prayer

February 4th March
St Aidan's Church
Shannon Street at 10am
Parishioners encouraged to attend.

Vaccine Pass Masses:

*Omakau: Saturday 6pm vigil
*Alexandra: Sunday 9am
*Roxburgh: Sun 11am

Annual Education Appeal: Feb 2022

This Month of February we take up our Annual Education Appeal. This Collection replaced the former Diocesan Needs collection. Proceeds from the Appeal support the funding of our Catholic Education Team and assists them in the support they provide our teachers and in the work of forming new Catholic teachers for our schools. If you would like to make an online donation please deposit into the parish account [your parish account number here] and reference 'Education Appeal'.

Planned Giving. During the disruptions caused by Covid-19 we are very grateful to all who have continued to provide financial support for our parish ministry. If you would like to give regularly with an automatic payment our account is [your parish account number here] please use your name as the reference and email [parish email] so that we can issue a tax receipt.

Fr. Gerard Aynsley
(Financial Administrator)

Catechism Theme: Conscience (CCC 1795-1802)

The Golden Rule guides the formation and use of conscience. The ability to see others the same way we see ourselves changes the way we think and act. Both are intertwined. A conscience cannot grow without the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule cannot be exercised without an act of conscience.

What exactly is a "conscience?" And, what is the duty of having a conscience? A "conscience" is the judgment of the mind about the morality of an action. A person must follow their conscience if the person is absolutely sure they are acting in a moral fashion. (1796, 1800)

But, can a conscience be wrong? Yes, someone's conscience can be wrong if the person did not use their mind to think about the reason they did the act, the means they would use, and the consequences of their act. A conscience can also be wrong if the person did not seek God's will by: 1) praying to God, 2) studying about the issue, and 3) talking to other moral people about the issue.

Prayer, study, and discussion are the means to developing a good conscience. (1798, 1801, 1802) The best way to develop a good conscience is simple, however. Used the **Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like them to treat you.** (Lk 6:31)

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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.

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

27th February Readings: Eccl 27:4-7, 1Cor 15: 54-58, Lk 6: 39-45

26th-27th February Roster:

Greeters: Vicki & Brian McLean (Alex), Averell McElligott (Roxb)
Projector: Ruth (Omak); Jim Dunlay (Alex); Angela Compton (Roxb)

Altar Servers: Varna Sim (CB), Charlie Diver, Angel Bruce

Intro / POF: Ruth (Omak); Milla O'Kane (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

Readers: L VanBoxtel (Omak); Barry Gibbons, Barbara Grubb (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)

Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Jane Kinney, Kevin Ridden (Alex); Dave & John (Roxb)

Special Ministers: Brian McLean (Alex)

Sacristan: Margaret Bennie, Santilal Parbhu (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)

Cleaners: J Flannery (Omak), Elizabeth Reid (Roxb)