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7th Sunday of Easter: Ascension. Year C

29th May, 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(30th May - 4th June 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 31st 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 1st 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 2nd 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 3rd 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 4th 9:00am (chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 1st 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:

Acts 15: 1:1-11. Eph 1:17-23. Lk 24:46-53

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Robert Angus
Kristy Grainger
Henry Dougherty
Maureen Skelton

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Catechism Themes: Christ already reigns, through his Church.....(CCC 668 -670) & Until all things are subject to him. (CCC 671-672)

Christ's Ascension into heaven symbolized his Lordship. He now revealed his participation in the Father's power and authority. What the Son possessed by his divinity nature, he made manifest in his economy of salvation.

While Christ now reigns with his Father, he still dwells in his Body, the Church. Through the Church, Christ acts in the world. Through the Church he announces the immanence of God's kingdom. The Church, imperfect as an assembly of sinners, still dares to declare the Kingdom. For the Church is made whole through the work of Christ's Spirit.

The Church continues the mission of the Master in her evangelization. Part of the invitation to Christ is our worship. As Jesus praises the Father, so should we. In Luke, the risen Lord inspired his followers to praise God and wait. The vision was before them. But they needed something more. A little help from heaven above. That help would come soon in the form of wind and fire.

Like the disciples in that forgotten room, we need inspiration. God has given us living inspiration, the Spirit itself. The Spirit moves us to vision and action, to praise and worship. We will soon celebrate the gift of the Spirit. Until that time, let us see the wider picture and thank God for his vision, not just our own.

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LAUDATO SI WEEK 2022

22 –29 May - the 7th anniversary of Pope Francis' Publication "Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home"

"... May they all be one With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realize that it was you who sent me" (John 17:21)

In May 2015 Pope Francis appealed "to every person living on this planet"; LS No 13: "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded".

In 2021 Francis reiterated his call for an urgent effort in this next 7 years. "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage ..." (LS 14)

With Jesus within us and Laudato Si' as our guide, could we change our lifestyles to become 'completely one', that the world will realize Jesus in our lives?

Laudato Si' Encyclical is free online: www.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

Laudato Si' Summary is available at <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/laudato-si-summary-action-steps>

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.

COLLECTION & INCOME APRIL 2022

Alexandra / Omakau

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| Parish | \$ | 596.00 |
| Lent Appeal | \$ | 320.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 534.00 |

Roxburgh

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| Parish | \$ | 214.00 |
| Roxo | \$ | 15.00 |
| Education | \$ | 10.00 |
| Lent Appeal | \$ | 50.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 121.00 |

Pastoral Area

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| Presbytery | \$ | 950.00 |
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Automatic Payments

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| Pastoral Area (2/3) | \$ | 2446.00 |
| Presbytery (1/3) | \$ | 1223.00 |

Dear friends

On January 25, 1959, in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, Pope John XXIII announced his intention to convoke an ecumenical council. It was at the closing ceremony for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been a formal cooperative work involving the Holy See and the World Council of Churches since 1958. Times of prayer for Christian Unity date back to the 1700s.

The Week of Prayer takes place in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (29 May-5 June). The theme this year is "We saw his star in the east, and we came to worship him", from Matthew's account of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus.

The star of Bethlehem has meaning beyond Christmas. It is a sign that God calls his people to unity, walks with them, feels their pain, hears their cries, and shows them compassion. It reassures us that though circumstances change and terrible disasters may happen, God's faithfulness is unfailing.

I ask you to pray this week for Christian unity, even for just a few minutes, so that the witness of all those who follow Christ may be a star, a light for the world. You will find resources to help your prayer on your diocesan website and on <https://catholic.org.nz/>.

Cardinal John A Dew

President, New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



NEXT WEEK

5th June Readings: Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23, Lk 24:46-53

4th-5th June Roster:

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| Greeters: | Vicki & Brian McLean (Alex), Margaret Card (Roxb) |
| Projector: | Ruth (Omak); Sim Family (Alex); Pene Morris (Roxb) |
| Altar Servers: | Olivia Delpont (CB), Stefan Delpont, Pippa Williams |
| Intro / POF: | J Paulin (Omak); Tom Lamb (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb) |
| Readers: | J Paulin (Omak); Barbara Grubb, Sr Leona (Alex), Kylie Robb (Roxb) |
| Offertory: | Volunteer (Omak); Donald Lamont, Milla O'Kane (Alex), Dave and John (Roxb) |
| Special Ministers: | Joan Kinney (Omakau), Margaret Bennie (Alex) |
| Sacristan: | Margaret Bennie, Donald Lamont (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb) |
| Cleaners: | J Flannery (Omak), (Alex), Pene Morris (Roxb) |