



ALEXANDRA CATHOLIC PASTORAL AREA

[Incorporating

St John the Baptist

(1924), Alexandra;

St Peter's (1870),

Omakau;

St Dunstan's (1903),

Clyde;

St Patrick's (1892), St

Bathans;

Our Lady of Peace (1950),

Roxburgh.]

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
(Sunday 23 June)

SCRIPTURE READINGS TODAY

- (1) **Job 38: 1,8-11.** – Here I have set the boundaries of the new sea.
- (2) **2 Corinthians 5:14-17** – All things are made new
- (3) **Mark 4:35-41** – Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS NEXT SUNDAY



- (1) *Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24*
- (2) *2 Corinthians 8: 7-9, 13-15*
- (3) *Gospel Mark 5:21-43*

**Our thoughts and prayers for those
who have died recently:**



Rita Dowling, Judith Campbell

And those who have Anniversaries:

John Reid, Lois Charter
May they Rest in Peace

SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2024 **Preparation and reception dates:**

30th June – Reconciliation presentation for parents and pupils after 9am Sunda Mass
26 June and 24 July – Pupils reconciliation preparation at St

30 or 31 July - 1st Reconciliation for pupils,
at St Gerard's (time to be finalised).

18 August – Confirmation presentation for parents and pupils after 9am Sunday Mass.

22 & 29 August – Confirmation preparation for pupils, at St Gerard's 11:40am-12:45pm.

20 October – Confirmation at 9am Mass,
Bp Michael Dooley presiding.

03 November – 1st Holy Communion presentation for parents and pupils after 9am Sunday Mass.

13 & 20 November – 1st Communion preparation for pupils, at St Gerard's, 11.40am-12.45pm.

24 November – Pupils' 1st Holy Communion
at 9am Sunday Mass.

(NB: For parents who would still like to enrol their child(ren) in the programme, please contact Fr Brendan asap and note the dates and times above.

ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Applications for 2025 are now open. For more information please email visit the college home page at <https://www.stkevins.school.nz>, or email enrolment@stkevins.school.nz.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS -: Caritas Aotearoa NZ encourages everyone to make today one of reflection and prayer for people displaced or forced to migrate due to the impacts of climate change. As Pope Francis has said, "We are faced with not two separate crises, one environmental and one social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental." More information and resources can be sourced from the website www.caritas.org.nz/day-prayer-refugees-and-migrants

PETER'S PENCE (Special Collection 30 June): The annual Peter's Pence collection is undertaken next Sunday. It *"is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. ... The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See"* (US Catholic Bishops Conference).

For those who have Peter's Pence Special Collection envelopes, these donations can be included in the collections over the next three weeks. If you do not have the Special Collection envelopes but would like to contribute, you can write your planned giving number and "Peter's Pence" on a blank envelope and place in the Collection baskets. Anonymous donations are also welcome. Thank you.

CARITAS 'YCC' DAY: 'YCC' stands for 'You and Caritas Combined; Also, 'Young Catholics Care'. Last year through the mufti and gold coin day at our schools, more than \$32,000 was raised to help Oecusse School in Timor Leste to fix their toilets. This year YCC Day will be on Friday July 5, in support of Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea, to help provide new desks, chairs and resources for the students there. See the promotional video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqEsNb22Dg>.

VATICAN NEWS

- **Cardinal Parolin: Dialogue is the only means to achieve peace**

Addressing world leaders gathered for a high-level Conference for Peace in Ukraine, the Vatican Secretary of State reiterates the Pope's message that the only means capable of achieving true, stable and just peace is dialogue between all the parties involved.

- **Martyred Polish priest beatified in Krakow by Cardinal Semeraro**

The Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints beatification in Krakow of martyred diocesan priest, Fr. Michał Rapacz, killed at the age of 42 by the communist regime. He praised his legacy in "spreading love for Christ" as "the only

effective antidote to atheism, materialism and all worldviews that threaten human dignity."

Saint of The Week.....St John the Baptist
The Nativity of St John the Baptist is held each year on 24 June:

Born to elderly parents Zechariah (a Jewish Priest) and Elizabeth (Mary's cousin) –John was second cousin to Jesus. Jesus and John it is believed did not meet until they were adults – when Jesus presented himself to John for Baptism in the river Jordon. John was born C 1st Century BC and was beheaded C 30 AD. Our church bears his name.

Saint John the Baptist, you were **conceived by God's special grace** and given to parents who were barren and advanced in years. Through your conception and birth, God spoke to the world that He can do anything He so chooses and bring forth His saving grace whenever He wills.

HUMOUR: *What do you call a sleep walking nun?A roamin' catholic*



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

March, June, September, and December, first Friday Masses (noon) in Alexandra, and first Wednesdays (5:15pm) in Roxburgh.

RECONCILIATION (Rite I) St John the Baptist, Alexandra, Saturdays 9:30-10am. Otherwise and elsewhere upon request.

EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION: Fridays, 11:30-11:50am, side chapel of St John the Baptist, Alexandra.

MASS TIMES	Sunday	Weekdays
St John the Baptist, Alexandra.	9am	5pm Tues; 9am Wed-Thur & Sat; Noon Friday.
Our Lady of Peace, Roxburgh	11am	5:15pm Wednesday
St Peter's, Omakau	Saturday Vigil 6pm	

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