



**'CHRISTIANS FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE'**

**PRESENTATION:** Photo journalist Cole Martin (cousin of Ollie Yoeman, Deputy Principal of St Gerard's) has just returned from 6 months in the West Bank of Israel-Palestine. Hear/see his presentation this coming Thursday, 6 November, 7:30pm, at St Enoch's church lounge, 12 Centennial Ave. Q+A and supper to follow. All welcome.

**CENTRAL OTAGO CHOIR & ORCESTRA**

**CONCERT:** The Central Otago Regional Choir and the Central Otago Regional Orchestra combine to perform Fauré's Requiem plus other music including John Rutter carol arrangements and the orchestra's own selections. *Where and when?* Dunstan High School, Sunday 9 November at 2:30pm. Tickets are available online from [undertheradar.co.nz](http://undertheradar.co.nz) or door sales subject to availability. School students free.

**BIBLE DIARY 2026:** This book has the Scripture readings for each day as well as a short commentary about them or the feast of the day. It's a very helpful prayer and reflection resource. Cost is \$20. If you would like one for 2026 please place your order with Jill Paulin (03 448 6915) or Sr Leona (021 209 5811).

**SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Martin de Porres (1579-1639):** He was born in Lima, Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish trader and an ex-African slave. Raised Christian by his mother, he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle and was recognised for his miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and ability to communicate with animals. Many people of all ranks would go to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist and is the patron saint of people of mixed race, of barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, of all seeking racial harmony, and of animals.

**VATICAN NEWS ([www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va))** [For full access, click on article headings (emailed copies)]  
\* **Pope Leo: The message of 'Nostra aetate' remains as urgent as ever.** Pope Leo XIV addressed his remarks to representatives of world religions, members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, and Vatican and Church officials committed to interreligious dialogue. Nostra aetate, the Pope said, "opened our eyes to a

simple yet profound principle: dialogue is not a tactic or a tool, but it's a way of life – a journey of the heart that transforms everyone involved, the one who listens and the one who speaks." Authentic dialogue, he continued, "begins not in compromise but in conviction – in the deep roots of our own belief that gives us the strength to reach out to others in love. ... This is the journey that Nostra aetate invites us to continue ... to keep hope alive, to keep dialogue alive, and to keep love alive in the heart of the world."

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**COLUMBAN CALENDARS for 2026:** Available from church foyers. \$15 each. Great Christmas gifts.

**HUMOUR – TEACHER:** *'Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.'* **WINNIE:** *'Me!'*

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Omakau:** 6pm Vigil (Saturday), at St Peters.  
**Alexandra:** 9am, at St John the Baptist.  
**Roxburgh:** 11am, at Our Lady of Peace.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Alexandra:**  
Tuesday: 5pm  
Wed, Thurs, Sat: 9am  
Friday: Noon

**Roxburgh:**  
Wednesday: 5:15pm (in presbytery):



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**RECONCILIATION (Rite I)**

**Alexandra:** Saturdays 9:30-10am;  
Otherwise on request.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

(March, June, September, December)

**Alexandra:** First Friday Mass, noon.  
**Roxburgh:** First Wednesday Mass, 5:15pm, (in the presbytery)



**EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION**

**Alexandra** side chapel, Fridays 11:30-11:45am.

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[www.catholicocialservices.org.nz](http://www.catholicocialservices.org.nz).  
**Parish Website:** [www.alexatholic.nz](http://www.alexatholic.nz)  
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