



*Jam'nia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. So ... they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas ... took up a collection, man by man, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. ... Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.' (2 Maccabees 12:32-45). The New Testament provides the example of St Paul praying for his dead friend Onesiphorus 'May the Lord grant him to find mercy' (2 Timothy 1:16-18).*

To have a Mass offered for deceased family and friends, place their names in the boxes at the front of church altars. Any monetary offerings that may be included will be donated to the recent Mission Sunday appeal. -Fr. Brendan.

**ST GERARD'S PRIMARY NEWS:**

\*St Gerard's school Mass, this coming Thursday, 9:05am, Alexandra. All welcome.



\*A banner marking Parihaka Day (5 Nov 1881) and the singing of the hymn 'The Irish Blessing', were features of the school assembly last Friday in the church. 'Parihaka is a historic Maori settlement in Taranaki. In 1881 it had grown to become the largest Maori village in NZ, and would later become renowned for a major campaign of non-violent resistance by it's people to aggressive British colonial confiscation of land and property at the time. The events at Parihaka later influenced non-violent movements globally, such as those led by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.' (AI)

**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. 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).

**CENTRAL OTAGO CHOIR & ORCESTRA**

**CONCERT:** The Central Otago Regional Choir and Orchestra combine to perform Fauré's Requiem plus other music including John Rutter carol arrangements and the orchestra's own selections. *Where and when? Today, Sunday 9 November, 2:30pm at The Terrace School hall* (NOT Dunstan High School, as previously advertised). Tickets available from door sales. School students free.

**LOST:** A set of church and presbytery keys, including 4 larger keys, one smaller one, and a small multi-function pocket knife. If found please notify Fr Brendan asap. Thank you.

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

**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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