



Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2020; Year A / Weekdays Year 2

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)
Alexandra 9:00am
Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays [this coming week]

Alexandra

Tuesday 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday 12:00pm (church)
Saturday 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm (church)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra

Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am—Noon
(or on request)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

Alexandra

Friday 12:00pm
(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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OTHER CENTRAL OTAGO PARISH SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Ranfurly 5:00pm (Sun) or
4:00pm during daylight
savings
Cromwell 11:00am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
9:00am (2nd, 4th Sun)
Wanaka 9:00am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
11:00am (2nd, 4th Sun)
Queenstown 6:30pm Vigil (Sat)
9:00am
Arrowtown 11:00am
Garston 11:00am (2nd Sun)
Glenorchy 11:00am (4th Sun)

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Matthew 5:13-16

Responsorial Psalm

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows
me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the
hungry he fills with good things.



Died Recently

Raymond John
Clarke

Anniversaries

Yvonne Tohill
Caroline Dallas
Stephen & John
Dallas
Patricia Lockhart
Nancy Millar

Requiescant
in Pace

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING—Thursday 13 February, 7pm in the side
chapel.

HEALING WEEKEND—Father John Rea who has a world renowned Healing Ministry,
is coming to Dunedin. He will be ministering at a Healing Meeting at St Patrick's
Church, Macandrew Road on Friday, March 6th at 7pm and Saturday, March 7th from
9.30am to 3.30pm. This is a great opportunity to receive prayer for healing of any
physical emotional or mental afflictions. Scores of people around the world have at-
tributed miraculous healings to the prayers of New Zealand Marist Priest Father John
Rea over the past forty years.

If you or someone you know is in need of healing mentally, physically or spiritually
please come and join us. For further information phone Kathy 03 4737115 or Mary 03
4556238

CHURCH MINISTRIES—We are looking for more volunteers to help with church minis-
tries. There are forms with a list of jobs, placed in the church foyer. If there is a job
that you may be keen to help with, do indicate this on the form and have these placed
in the box clearly marked. If you have any questions regarding this, do feel free to
contact Fr Sani Lam (alexatholic@xtra.co.nz) or Loretta Fonseca on 021 1667022 or
kiwis2001@xtra.co.nz. Thank you.

THE COMMUNITY PANTRY—Presently we are urgently short of tinned spaghetti,
baked beans and pasta. Also needed: tinned fish, rice risotto, 2-minute noodles, long-
life milk, 100's tea bags, peanut butter, veggie/marmite approx. 250g size. Thank you
for your continued support.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRE COLLECTION—Many thanks for your generous
donation toward this cause.

Roxburgh—\$128, Alexandra & Omakau—\$400

February 8 is the Feast of St Bakhita.

St Bakhita is the patron of all those who are enslaved or trafficked.

Bakhita was a Sudanese child who was kidnapped, sold several times, tortured and ill-treated and finally protected by the Canossian Sisters in Italy and freed. She became a sister herself and lived in Italy, dying in 1947. She was canonised in 2000 by Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis has made her the patron of the anti-slavery movement.

Pope Francis' essential message on this subject is that "human trafficking is an "open wound on the body of contemporary society, a crime against humanity and an atrocious scourge that is occurring in many of our own neighbourhoods,"

Let us join Pope Francis in praying for all who are trafficked and their perpetrators.

(See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josephine_Bakhita)

St Bakhita pray with us to rid the world of modern slavery, so that no children or adults are subjected to the inhumane treatment you suffered.

Bless us God with hearts that grieve injustice. May your Spirit be with us and Christ companion us. May your blessing flow in us, strengthening our commitment to stop the trafficking and slavery of humans in this country and around the world.

We ask this, confident that you desire freedom for all people.

Amen



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Send the Parish an email (alex catholic@xtra.co.nz) and request to go on the mailing list.

OASIS OPPORTUNITY

SHOP—The Oasis shop is open from Tuesday to Friday from 11am-4pm.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS—

On sale now for \$12

SICK PARISHIONERS—If you're 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 the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK

16 February Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; St Paul 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

15/16 February Rosters

Greeters: Glenda Chapman(Alex); A McElligott (Roxb).

Projector: Ruth (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).

Altar Servers: D Irving-Dowling, T Mulholland, Taine Ballantyne

Intro/POF: Margaret Bennie (Alex).

Readers: P Cooney (Omak); Barbara Grubb (Alex); A Favel (Roxb).

Offertory: G Chapman & P O'Connor (Alex); Elizabeth & Angela (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: R Kilkelly (Omak); F Clements, J Flannery, M O'Connor (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

Sacristan: L Fonseca (Alex).

Cleaning: M Matheson (Omak); M Paulin & L Fonseca (Alex); M Clarke(Roxb).