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



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Fifth Week of Lent - 26th March 2023

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

Reconciliation Rite II:

Saturday 1st April, 11:30am, Alexandra

ALEXANDRA

(Church of St John the Baptist)

Palm Sunday, 2nd April 9:00am

Tuesday 3rd April 5pm (chapel)

Wednesday 4th April 9am (chapel)

Holy Thursday, 6th April 7:00pm

Good Friday, 7th April

Combined Churches service 9:00 am

The Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

OMAKAU (St Peter's Church)

Palm Sunday, 1st April 6:00 pm

(Vigil)

Holy Saturday, 8th April, 6:00 pm

(Easter Vigil)

ROXBURGH

(Church of Our Lady of Peace)

Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 11:00 am

Wednesday 4th April 5:15pm

(Presbytery)

Holy Saturday, 8th April, 7:00 pm

(NO Easter Sunday mass)

Anointing of the Sick— Quarterly

Alexandra: First Friday of the months of March, June, September and December

@ Noon and

Roxburgh: First Wednesdays of the above months at 5:15pm

Today's Readings:

1. Ezekiel 37: 12-14

2. Romans 8: 8-11

3. Gospel John 8: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion antiphon:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no

more.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Fr Dan Cummings

Rose Patterson

Requiescant in Pace

Lent Week 5: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

Pray that we stop those who traffic women and children and profit from people's misery.



We saw the thousands of Ukrainian women and children who fled the invasion of their country by Russia. Not only did they lose their homes and communities but unbeknown to them sex traffickers arrived to prey on unsuspecting women by "befriending" them and offering rides to "safe" houses. And they targeted children who had become separated from their families. At the same time, authorities like the Red Cross and UNICEF were on the lookout for traffickers and were warning the women and children. Unfortunately, when in times of emergency and disasters and the relief agencies move in to help — traffickers also weasel their way into gathering places, intent on further stripping dignity from those already suffering and in shock.

We pray: May we all rise to life with Christ.

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5th Sunday of Lent

"I shall put my spirit in you and you will live"

Holy Week—Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) 1st and 2nd April
Readings:

1. Isaiah 50: 4-7
2. Philippians 2: 6-11
3. Gospel of Matthew: 26: 14-27, 66



TODAY: I
 immediately after Mass—
 Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa
 and a chat at the back of the church

Dates to Note:

14 April: Ordination of Rev Peter Chadwick 7pm @ Holy Name Church North Dunedin. If you would like to make a contribution to a travel fund to allow Peter's mother to be present at this special occasion these can be made to:

ANZ Bank A/c No. 06 0901 00054866 001.

Please state "ordination" as the code and your name for a receipt.

24th June: Ordination of Rev Suu Van Ngyuen and Rev Joseph Long Van Ngyuen (together @11am) in St Therese of Lisieux Church, North Invercargill.

20th April 2024: St John the Baptist Parish Centenary Contact Fr Sani if you would like to be part of the planning committee alexcatholic@xtra.co.nz

1st and 2nd April	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	School	Volunteer	Averell McElligott
OHP	School	Jane Kinney	Glen Dyson
Intro/ POF	School	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Barry Gibbons (N) Fr Sani (J) Margaret Bennie (o)	R Kilkelly	Kylie Robb
Offertory gifts	School	Volunteer	Neil and Rod
Special Minister	Neroli Laidlaw or Julie Flannery	R Kilkelly	Rod Dyson
Cleaners	Bernie Harvey Margaret Bennie	K White	Liyanarachichi Family
Altar Servers Alexandra	School (CB) School (CH) School (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	School (S/U) School (T/U)		

Caring for Our Common Home –



The pandemic makes people isolate for the health of others

This gives an opportunity to wonder at the natural world around us.

“ Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture...” [LS 237]

COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE
Friday 7th April, 9am



St John the Baptist Catholic Church
3 Killarney Street, Alexandra.
Come and pray

COLLECTIONS
February 2023

Alexandra / Omakau

Parish \$ 942.20
 Presbytery \$ 438.60

Automatic Payments

Parish \$ 2,998.95
 Presbytery \$ 1,499.47

Roxburgh

Parish \$ 465.50
 Presbytery \$ 235.00

Automatic Payments

Parish / Presbytery \$ 1,190.00

Planned Giving Envelopes

New envelopes for the 23/24 financial year are now available for those who contribute in this way.

Please collect your at the church entrance at Sunday Mass.

See either Phil or Fr Sani.

Any problems, contact Phil on 027 4990277