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## Fourth Sunday of Advent 24th December 2023

### Mass times

**Alexandra:**  
Tuesdays 5:00pm (chapel)  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00am (chapel)  
Friday 12. MD (chapel)  
Sunday 9.00 am (church)  
& Christmas Vigil 8.00pm (church)  
**Roxburgh**  
Wednesdays 5:15pm (presbytery)  
Sundays 11.00am (church)

**Omakau:**  
Christmas Vigil Mass Sunday 6pm

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (chapel)  
Fridays 11:00am  
11:45am (Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

Alexandra  
Saturday 11:30—Noon or by request

### Advent Reconciliation:

Tuesday 18th 4pm—4.30pm



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

### Sunday Readings:

1. Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16
2. Romans 16 : 25-27
3. Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38

### Responsorial Psalm:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### Communion antiphon:

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son  
And his name will be called Emmanuel



Let us remember and pray for  
those who have  
**Died Recently**

And for those who have  
**Anniversaries**

About this time:

**Mary Ellen Taylor  
Joseph Tohill  
Mary Paulin**

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

### THE ADVENT CANDLES



The candle for the fourth Sunday of Advent is the Love candle. Love is at the very core of the Christmas story—Mary's love for her son, Zechariah and Elizabeth's love for each other and for John, the love and respect of the Magi and Shepherds for Jesus,

and God's love for all the world. Also known as the Angel's candle, the fourth Advent candle picks up where the Shepherd's candle often leaves off—with the angel's declaration of the Good News of love.

The fifth remaining (white) candle is lit on Christmas day. It is known as The Christ Candle and represents the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Best wishes for a very love filled  
Christmas to you and your family**



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### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### OMAKAU :

Christmas Vigil Sunday 24th at 6pm  
(with carols at 5.30pm)

#### ALEXANDRA:

Christmas Vigil Sunday 24th at 8pm  
(with carols at 7.30pm)

Christmas Day 9am

#### ROXBURGH:

Christmas Day 11am

**Roster for our  
Christmas  
Services 24th & 25th**



December 24th and 25th	Alexandra Christmas Vigil 24 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Alexandra Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Roxburgh Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> 11am	Omakau Christmas Vigil Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Alexandra St John the Baptist Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Omakau St Peters Saturday Vigil 30 <sup>th</sup>	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Greeters</b>	Dona Foley Glenda Chapman	Liz Anderson Nicole Heward	Margaret Card	Volunteer	Kevin and Sue MacKenzie	Volunteer	Averell McElligott
<b>OHP</b>	Sim Family	Marty and Rosemary	Angela Compton	Volunteer	Jim Dunlay	Julie Flannery	Lynette O'Driscoll
<b>Intro/ POF</b>	Margaret Bennie	Nic Lanham	Volunteer	Volunteer	Rosemary Bond	M Williams	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Barry Gibbons Barbara Grubb	Margaret Bennie Christine Lanham	Michelle Clarke	Volunteer	Sue MacKenzie Barry Gibbons	M Williams	Margaret Card
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Glenda Chapman Gerard Rogatski	Marie and Gerald Healey	Tony and Lynette	Volunteer	Donald Lamont Glenda Chapman	Volunteer	Angela and Averell
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Margaret Dona and Barry	Margaret B Jude Parbhu Rosemary B	Bill Clarke	Volunteer	Dona Foley Julie Flannery Kathleen O'Kane	Jill Paulin	Angela Compton
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	Margaret Donald Jim	Margaret Jim/ Donald/ Nicole			Jim and Donald		
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	<b>CB:</b> Varna <b>CH:</b> Liberty <b>CB:</b> Curtis				<b>CB:</b> Dan <b>CH:</b> Dom <b>CH:</b> Daminan		

**Next Week's Readings  
31st December  
The Feast of the Holy Family**

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14
2. Colossians 3: 12-21

**Prayer For Christmas Day**

Dear Lord, Don't let us miss **You** this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas !*

**Diocesan Special Collection Christmas day**

Reminder that a Special Christmas Collection will be taken for your Christmas Offering at our Christmas Services

