



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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# 4th Sunday of Lent. Year C

27th March 2022

## MASS TIMES

### Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

### Weekdays

(28th Mar - 2nd April 2022)

#### Alexandra

Tuesday, 29th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 30th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 31st 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 1st midday (church)

Saturday, 2nd 9:00am (chapel)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday, 30th 5:15pm (presbytery)

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)

Friday 11:00am—Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

## RECONCILIATION

#### Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

#### Alexandra

Friday Noon

(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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Readings: Josh 5:9-12, 2Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15: 1-3. 11-32

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



### Died Recently

### Anniversaries

Avis Campbell  
Dyson  
William Welnoski

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

## Catechism Theme: The Sacrament of Second Chances

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance is a sacrament of second chances. Also known as the sacrament of conversion, confession, or penance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation forgives sins committed after Baptism. We can sin after Baptism, for sin hurts God (it denies God's honor and love), ourselves (it denies our dignity as children of God), and other people (the Church). (1487)

In spite of sin, God continually calls us back. How? God leads us back to himself and to the Church through his grace. This movement is called repentance or conversion; it consists of sorrow for past sins committed and a firm promise not to sin in the future. (1489, 1490)

The sacrament allows the penitent the chance for self-honesty, spiritual counseling, and the opportunity to right past wrongs. In the absolution, the priest recognizes the process of conversion in the penitent, and declares it complete. Indeed, sin has been forgiven.

The story of the Prodigal Son was as much a story of transition as it was of second chances. Let us remember that second chances are invitations to transition; let us consider the importance of celebrating second chances. Christianity is a lifelong celebration of second chances, not a presumption of God's mercy. That is why we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a chance to wipe the spiritual slate clean, a chance to start anew as a child of the Father.

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## Parish Council

Nominations for representatives on our Parish Pastoral Council close next Sunday 3th April.

## Parish Ministries

Last day for submission of Ministries Form is Sunday 3rd April. Both forms are available in the Church foyer.

### To the parishioners of St John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Over the past couple of years, the Parish Council has tried on a few occasions to organize “*after Mass morning tea*” for parishioners to stay around after Mass for a catch up and a cup of tea or coffee – these have been partially successful and factors impacting on their success has been the weather and location.

We have limited control over the weather but we may be able to offer an alternative, warmer, and more sheltered option for the “*after Mass morning tea*” occasions.

A couple of parishioners have suggested to the Parish Pastoral Council that we rearrange some pews at the rear of the Church, thereby providing an indoor area within the Church for after Mass social occasions.

The Parish Pastoral Council does not currently have a view on this proposal but wishes to get some feedback from the parishioners as to whether there is support for such a change.

The suggestion is for pews in rows 2 and 3 to be removed from their present location (to be placed instead along the sides of the Church), with the pews in row 4 being turned around, facing the pews in row 1. That means that a “social gathering” area between rows 1 and 4 on both sides of the Church would be available for the morning teas, with a tea urn, crockery etc being placed in this area, enabling parishioners to stay indoors to enjoy a time to socialise and have a cuppa after Sunday morning Mass.

If there is some measure of support for this option, the Parish Pastoral Council will likely look to having a trial period to see how and if the proposal will work in practice. It is likely that if it was to go ahead, the trial would not start until the Covid-19 Protection Framework [traffic lights] went from Red to Orange at least.

To assist the Parish Pastoral Council in its consideration of the suggestion from the parishioners, would you please let us know as to whether you think that it would be a good idea to rearrange the pews in the rear of the Church to provide an area to parishioners to meet after Mass on a Sunday.

Would you please pass on your views to Fr Sani, Margaret Bennie (Secretary), or Pat Cooney (Chairman) so that the Parish Pastoral Council can then give further consideration to the proposal.

### Daily Reflections during Lent

Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

*Food For Faith - an Aotearoa New Zealand based online mission*

### NEXT WEEK

**3rd April Readings:** Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14, Jn 8: 1-11

#### **2nd-3rd April Roster:**

**Greeters:** T Schaumann & Bernie Harvey (Alex), Margaret Card (Roxb)

**Projector:** Joan (Omak); Peter Mulvihill (Alex); Pene Morris (Roxb)

**Altar Servers:** Varna Sim (CB), Liberty Sim, Charlie Diver

**Intro / POF:** Joan (Omak); Tara Mulholland (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

**Readers:** L. VanBoxtel (Omak); Tom Lamb, Jada O'Neil-Cooney (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)

**Offertory:** Volunteer (Omak); Amy & Hendrik Delport (Alex), Glen & Kylie (Roxb)

**Special Ministers:** Jeremy Hogue (Alex)

**Sacristan:** Margaret Bennie, Donald Lamont (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)

**Cleaners:** C Morris (Omak), Sally Ferreira, Ann Rayner (Alex), Clarke family (Roxb)

### COLLECTION & INCOME FEBRUARY 2022

#### Alexandra / Omakau

Parish \$ 800.00  
Sales– Calendar etc \$ 52.70

#### Roxburgh

Parish \$ 215.00  
Donation \$ 500.00  
Education Appeal \$ 45.00  
Propagation of the faith \$ 5.00

#### Pastoral Area

Presbytery \$ 799.00

#### Automatic Payments

Pastoral Area (2/3) \$ 2803.15  
Presbytery (1/3) \$ 1401.57