



Diocese  
of Dunedin

# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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



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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 2 April 2023

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

#### Reconciliation Rite II:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 11:30am, Alexandra

#### ALEXANDRA

(Church of St John the Baptist)

**Palm Sunday**, 2nd April 9:00am

**Tuesday** 4th April 5pm (chapel)

**Wednesday** 5th April 9am (chapel)

**Holy Thursday** 6th April 7pm

**Good Friday** 7th April

Combined church service 9am

The Lord's Passion 3pm

**Holy Saturday** 8th April 8pm

(Easter Vigil)

**Easter Sunday** 9th April 9am

**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**, 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

### Today's Readings:

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

### Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God why have you abandoned me?

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

### Communion antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, Your will be done.



### Died Recently

#### Anniversaries

Patricia Hagman

Netta Frewan

Bruce McKinnel

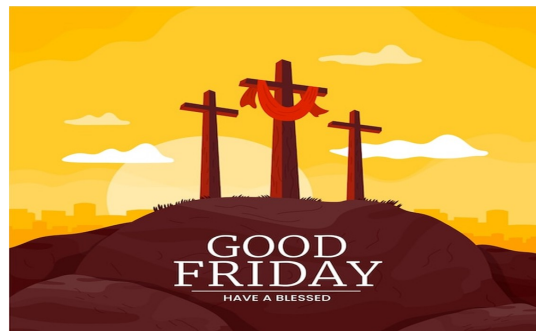
#### Requiescant

in Pace

### COMBINED CHURCHES SERVICE

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 9am

Here in St John the Baptist Church



Please Come and Join us and Pray

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*

## Roster for this coming Holy Week:

6th— 9th April	Alexandra Holy Thursday 6th April 7pm	Alexandra Good Friday 7th April 3pm	Alexandra Easter Vigil 8th April Sat 8pm	Alexandra Easter Sunday 9th April 9am	Omakau St Peters Easter Vigil Saturday 6pm	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace Easter Vigil Saturday 7pm
<b>Greet-ers</b>	Sr Leona Margaret Bennie	No greeters	Bernie Brown	Liz Anderson Jane Kinney	Volunteer	
<b>OHP</b>	Sim Family	Jim Dunlay	Martin and Rosemary	Mulholland Family	Jane Kinney	Glen Dyson
<b>Intro/ POF</b>	Ellen Middendorf	No introduction Coral Sawers	Margaret Bennie	Coral Sawers	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Reader</b>	Brian McLean 1 Rosemary Bond 2	Sr Leona (N) Fr Sani (J) Jill Paulin (O)	Barry Gibbons 1 Sr Leona 2 Tara Mulholland 3 Barry Gibbons 4	Margaret Bennie Tara Mulholland	R Kilkelly	Kylie Robb
<b>Offer- tory gifts</b>	Glenda Chapman Pat O'Connor	Tara and Addie Mulholland	Volunteer	Addie and Mahe Mulholland	Volunteer	Neil and Rod
<b>Special Minis- ter</b>	Jude Parbu	Brian McLean	Dona Foley	Margaret Bennie	R Kilkelly	Rod Dyson
<b>Clean- ers</b>				Bernie Harvey Bernie Brown	W Donnelly	Liyanara- chichil Family
<b>Sacris- tans Alex</b>	Margaret Donald	Margaret Jim	Margaret Donald	Margaret Jim		
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	Tara Mulholland (CB) Olivia & Stefan Delpont (CH)	Varna Sim (CB) Liberty Sim (CH) Paige O'Kane (CH)	Milla O'Kane (CB) Paige O'Kane (CH) Varna Sim (CH)	Varna Sim (CB) Liberty Sim (CH) Milla O'Kane (CH)		

### *Laudato Si* reflection for Palm Sunday

Jesus was soon condemned by the crowds who had welcomed him. Perhaps we do the same, welcoming 'green' ideas one moment, but then rejecting Love's greater call.

Pope Francis writes "we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*" (LS, 49)

May our lives be transformed from personal environmental action into great compassion for all.



### National Liturgy Office Resources for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Sunday 26 March is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week leading to Easter. The National Liturgy Office has extensive resources for Palm Sunday, which are online here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/palm-sunday-of-the-passion-of-the-lord-2/>  
The NLO will also progressively post resources for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. These will be posted on this page as they become available: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

### New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

Just a reminder that the Catholic Enquiry Centre has a new website. Visit it to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

The former CEC website has now been removed.

### Executive Director sought for NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, Wellington-based

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference—Te Huinga o ngā Pthopa Katorika o Aotearoa is seeking a Wellington-based Executive Director who will be responsible for working with NZCBC agencies in implementing the decisions of the bishops. The closing date for applications is 17 April, 2023. Full details of the position and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/exec-director/>

### Update: Cardinal John Dew

As he let us know earlier, Cardinal John had surgery on 21 March. He is doing well in his recovery. He is still in a little pain, but this was expected. He continues to take things slowly and will do for some time yet. He has been very touched by the messages of support he has received and thanks everybody for their continued prayers for him.