



Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 February 2020; Year A

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 (church)
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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16 23; Matthew 5:38-48

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



Died Recently

Msgr Des
McCarthy
Eileen Oswald

Anniversaries

Russell Bryant
William Oswald

Requiescant
in Pace

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—26th FEBRUARY—DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE—Alexandra at 9am. First whole school mass for this year—all welcome. Roxburgh mass at 5:15pm.

CARITAS—Lenten Appeal envelopes now available in the church foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—There will be the Stations of the Cross here in the Alexandra parish every Friday during Lent at 5pm (starting 28th February).

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNICE AND GEORGE BECKWITH ON THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

ALEXANDRA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—Due to some vacancies occurring on the Parish Council, nominations are now being called for. Forms are available on the table in the church foyer. **Nominations close Monday, 1st March.** Please leave your nomination form in the box provided or these could be placed in the collection tray in an envelope marked "Parish Council" or given to either Margaret Bennie or Brian McLean. Thank you.

HEALING WEEKEND—Father John Rea will be at Mercy Parish, St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin on the 6th and 7th of March 2020. Friday (6th) evening from 7pm to 9:30pm. **NOT 7:30pm as previously advertised.** Saturday (7th) from 9:30am to 3:30pm. There will be Mass at Midday followed by a shared lunch. All welcome. No need to register just come along.

Bushfire Appeal—A huge thank you to every parish in the diocese for the money raised for the Victorian St Vincent de Paul to support those affected by the bushfires in Australia.

The St Vincent de Paul will provide practical support and counselling as people rebuild their lives.

Amount raised:
\$14,196.40

Health Care Co-Ordinator

The Diocese of Dunedin is looking to employ a Registered Nurse to oversee the health and wellbeing of our priests. This will involve working throughout the diocese for up to 10 hours per week.

If you are interested or require more information please contact Fr Gerard Aynsley on gerard.aynsley@gmail.com

Applications close 9 March 2020.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Father Vaughan Hook is currently unwell and is in need of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

As a Catholic community, we invite you to keep praying for his full recovery. You may also wish to contribute to support Father Hook's family as they travel to visit him. Any funds received would be greatly appreciated by Father Hook and his family.

An online deposit may be made to:

Kavanagh College bank account: 06-0901-0107876-00
Reference: Fr Hook

Thank you.

OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP, Centrepoin Mall, ALEXANDRA

The shop is open on Monday from 1 to 4 pm and from Tuesday to Friday from 11am-4pm.

Reminder—Oasis morning tea at the Alexandra District Club Monday, 24th February at 10.30 am.

We welcome Fr Sani to join us.

THE COMMUNITY PANTRY

Presently we are urgently short of margarine, Vegemite/Marmite small and medium, peanut butter, jams, honey, 2-minute noodles, sugar, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, tinned fish, rice risotto, long-life milk, 100's tea bags or donations to go towards the purchase of meat and cheese.

Thank you for your continued support.

WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER— Ecumenical Service, Friday 6th March 2020

Observed on the first Friday in March each year, is a worldwide movement of informed prayer involving people of many denominations and languages in more than 170 countries. Each year the service is written by women in a different country who share the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, opportunities and needs, of their country. It affirms that informed prayer and prayerful action are inseparable.

For more information, please see the notice board in the church foyer.

NEXT WEEK

1 March Readings: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:4

29 February/01 March Rosters

Greeters: Ryan family (Alex); Margaret Card (Roxb).

Projector: Ruth (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); M Sale (Roxb).

Altar Servers: Lily Middendorf, Alia Ryan, Isabella Breen

Intro/POF: E Middendorf (Alex).

Readers: J Kinney (Omak); A White (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb).

Offertory: Ryan family (Alex); M Mckinnel & A McElligott (Roxb).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: M Matheson (Omak); C Grieve, L Fonseca, B McLean (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb).

Sacristan: L Fonseca / J Dunlay (Alex).

Cleaning: R Kilkelly (Omak); (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).