



# Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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 (side chapel)  
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  
(on request)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

#### Alexandra

Friday 12:00pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

#### Roxburgh

Wednesday 5:15pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun) 9:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun)  
**Wanaka** 9:00am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun) 11:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun)  
**Queenstown** 6:30pm Vigil (Sat) 9:00am  
**Arrowtown** 11:00am  
**Garston** 11:00am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)  
**Glenorchy** 11:00am (4<sup>th</sup> Sun)

Sunday Readings: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

### Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.



### Died Recently

Mary Ryan  
Frank Ryan  
Fr Graeme Alexander

### Anniversaries

Mary Patricia  
Truesdale

Requiescant  
in Pace

**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 who has a world renowned Healing Ministry, is coming to Dunedin. He will be ministering at a Healing Meeting at St Patrick's Church, Macandrew Road on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 3.30pm. This is a great opportunity to receive prayer for healing of any physical emotional or mental afflictions. Scores of people around the world have attributed miraculous healings to the prayers of New Zealand Marist Priest Father John Rea over the past forty years.

If you or someone you know is in need of healing mentally, physically or spiritually please come and join us. For further information phone Kathy 03 4737115 or Mary 03 4556238

**ALTAR SERVERS**—This past week, our current Altar Servers and four new children, have been through training. Please continue to offer them and their parents a word of encouragement when you see them after Mass—it is wonderful to have some of our students from St Gerard's helping at Mass in this way.

**CHURCH MINISTRIES**—We are looking for more volunteers to help with church ministries. There are forms with a list of jobs, attached and some placed in the church foyer. If there is a job that you may be keen to help with, do indicate this on the form and have these placed in the box clearly marked. If you have any questions regarding this, do feel free to contact Fr Sani Lam ([alexatholic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alexatholic@xtra.co.nz)) or Loretta Fonseca on 0211667022 or [kiwis2001@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwis2001@xtra.co.nz). Thank you.

## 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.

## 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.

## OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP, Centrepont Mall, ALEXANDRA

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

There will be an Oasis morning tea at the District Club on Monday, 24th February at 10.30 am. Please indicate on the form in the shop if you will be attending.

**We welcome Fr Sani to join us.**

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS—On sale now for \$12

**SICK PARISHIONERS**—If you're aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or home-bound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive the Sacraments and pastoral care. Thank you.

## WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

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

## 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

## NEXT WEEK

**23 February Readings:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

### 22/23 February Rosters

**Greeters:** Fahey family (Alex); Rod Dyson (Roxb).

**Projector:** J Kinney (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); A Compton (Roxb).

**Altar Servers:** Joshua Brown, David Fonseca, Sophie Tait

**Intro/POF:** Mark Tait (Alex).

**Readers:** R Kilkelly (Omak); C Sawers (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).

**Offertory:** Fahey family (Alex); Dave & John (Roxb).

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** J Paulin (Omak); L Fonseca, J Hogue,

B Gibbons (Alex); J Mckinnel (Roxb).

**Sacristan:** L Fonseca / J Hogue (Alex).

**Cleaning:** R Kilkelly (Omak); J Paulin & M Stanaway (Alex); K Robb (Roxb).