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



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Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday 11 December

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

13th—17th December

Tuesday 13th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 14th 9:00am (chapel)

Thursday, 15th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 16th 12:00pm (church)

Saturday, 17th 9:00am (chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 14th 5:15pm (presbytery)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)

Friday 11:00am—Noon

(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon

(or on request)

ANOIDING 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 : Isaiah 35: 1-6,

James 5: 7-10

Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11



Responsorial Psalm:

Lord come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!, alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the faith of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come and he will save us.

Advent Appeal 2022

As we enter into the season of Advent in preparation for the feast of Christmas we are encouraged to pray and also to act by doing practical things to help those in need.

This is a very meaningful way for us to prepare for Jesus.

By supporting our annual Advent Collection you are able to provide the means for groups to continue carrying out works of service and mercy to those who are vulnerable and in need in our local community. In recent years your generosity has allowed the Advent collection to support services such as refugee support, the night shelter, hospice care for the dying and the providing of accommodation for families. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as in the spirit of Jesus we look to support those in our community who are in need.

+Michael Dooley



Died Recently
Lyn Anderson

Anniversaries
Jack Kennedy
Maryann Kennedy
Kath Collins
Members of the
Mackie & Thompson
Families

Requiescant
in Pace

ON SALE NOW

2023

COLUMBAN ART

CALENDARS

\$12 EACH



The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, a time to rejoice. With the lighting of the the pink "Shepherds Candle" we are reminded of the joy the world will experience at the coming birth of Jesus.

Dunedin Diocesan Service Group

are having a day of Praise and Worship with ministry in Mercy Parish St Patricks Basilica Macandrew Road South Dunedin on the 11th of February 2023. The day will start at 10am with a cuppa followed by opening prayer and talk by Helen Smithson (National President of Charis N Z]

There will be Praise and Worship with opportunity for personal ministry. We will have a shared lunch and the day will conclude at 3 30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to be refreshed and restored in the Holy Spirit.

More information to follow. Contact Mary Snelling 0274256804 masnelling@xtra.co.nz or Kathy Mayo. 0211325400.

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE – MARCH 2023 'RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT POWER'

Friday, 24 March, 7 p.m. to Sunday, 26 March, 2 p.m.
This Conference will take place at El Rancho,
58 Weggery Drive, Waikanae Beach, Kapiti Coast.

SPEAKERS: Opening Message: Cardinal John Dew
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Dr Mary Healy (USA); Robert Falzon (MenALIVE); Fr John Rea SM

Final Mass Celebrant: Archbishop Paul Martin, SM
REGISTRATION FEE: \$135.00 which includes meals.
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN but close 8 March.
Onsite Accommodation is available at different rates.
REGISTRATIION: www.currentofgraceconference.info

Website for further information: charisnz.com or Facebook:
[m.facebook.com/charis/nz/](https://www.facebook.com/charis/nz/)
Check poster on parish noticeboard

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Information can also be found on our website: www.alexatholic.nz
(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

Community Pantry

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed grocery items throughout the year to our pantry basket.

Your generous donations have helped us feed our community. Please continue to support us with non perishable as you can.

And if you will like to make a donation or regular giving to the Community Pantry you may do so by making a bank payment to:

Community Pantry Account:
020 916 0124660 00
"May the Blessings Be"

Oasis Volunteers

Remember our



Afternoon tea
Thursday 15th
December @ 2pm
@ The District Club
Margaret
and Barbara

Laudato Si'



'...Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of
Mary our Mother...
and you gazed upon this world with
human eyes.

Today you are alive in every crea-
ture
in your risen glory.

Praise be to you!...
...God of love, show us our place in
this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth...

Enlighten ...[us all to] care for this
world in which we live...
to prepare for a better future...
of justice, peace, love and beauty...'

[from 'A Christian Prayer in Union
with Creation' – LS 246]

Next Week's Readings Fourth Sunday of Advent 17th and 18th December Readings:

1. Isaiah 7: 10-14, 2. Romans 1: 1-7 Gospel Matthew 1: 18-25

17th & 18th December	Alexandra St John the Baptist	Omakau St Peters	Roxburgh Our Lady of Peace
Greeters	Sue and Kevin Mackenzie	Volunteer	Rod Dyson
OHP	Sim Family	Ruth	Kylie Robb
Intro/ POF	Sr Leona	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Ellen Middendorf Brian McLean	L Van Boxel	Angela Compton
Offertory gifts	Carol and John Sawers	Volunteer	Neil and Rodd
Special Minister	Julie Flannery	R Kilkelly	-
Cleaners (11th 18th)	Felicity Clements and Maureen de Thierry	M Matheson	Clarke Family
Altar Servers Alexandra	Tara Mulholland (CB) Addi Mulholland (CH) Georgie Moloney (CH)		
Sacristans Alexandra	Margaret (S/U) and Jim T/U)		