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## The Epiphany of the Lord 7th January 2024

### Mass times

**Alexandra:**  
Tuesdays 5:00pm (chapel)  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00am (chapel)  
Friday 12. MD (chapel)  
Sundays 9.00 am (church)

**Roxburgh**  
Wednesdays 5:15pm (presbytery)  
Sundays 11.00am (church)

**Omakau:**  
Saturdays Vigil Mass 6pm

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

**Alexandra** (chapel)  
Fridays 11:00am  
11:45am (Benediction)

### RECONCILIATION

**Alexandra**  
Saturday 11:30—Noon or by request

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Quarterly

**Alexandra**  
Friday Noon  
(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)

### Sunday Readings:

1. Isaiah 60: 1-6
2. Ephesians 3:2 - 3, 5-6
3. Gospel of Matthew 2: 1-12



### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.  
Alleluia!

### Communion antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with  
gifts to adore the Lord



Let us remember and pray for  
those who have  
**Died Recently**

And for those who have  
**Anniversaries**  
About this time:

**Margaret Welnoski  
Patrick Tohill**

**Requiescant  
in Pace**

### Epiphany Prayer

Lord,  
Keep us in that wisdom which you  
revealed to the Wise Men.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we  
may always seek you and your  
kingdom.

Enable us to follow your holy Word,  
as those from the East followed the  
leading of a star.

Give us grace at all times and in all places to confess  
your holy name.

Amen



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# Next Week's Roster and Readings



December 13th & 14th January 2024	Alexandra Sunday 9am	Roxburgh Sunday 11am	Omakau Saturday Vigil 6pm
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara and Peter Clark	Rod Dyson	Volunteer
<b>OHP</b>	Peter Mulvihill	Kylie Robb	J Flannery
<b>Intro/ POF</b>	Kevin MacKenzie	Volunteer	M Williams
<b>Readers</b>	Barbara Grubb Milla O'Kane	Glen Dyson	M Williams
<b>Offertory gifts</b>	Barbara and Peter Clark	Neil and Rod	Volunteer
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Margaret Bennie Brian McLean Nicole Heward	John McKinnel	J Paulin
<b>Sacristans Alex</b>	Margaret Jim Donald	-	-
<b>Altar Servers Alex</b>	<b>CB:</b> Paige <b>CH:</b> Freddy <b>CB:</b> Tommy	-	-
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Bernie Harvet Margaret Bennie	Elizabeth Reid	W Maclean

**Next Week's Readings—  
Second week in ordinary time**

- 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
- 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
- Gospel of John 1: 35-42

**REGISTER NOW** for our Centennial **CENTENNIAL** of Alexandra Catholic Parish of **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** 20-21 APRIL 2024

On line [alexatholic.nz](http://alexatholic.nz)

Or by completing The form in the Church Foyer

*All past and present parishioners are invited to attend*

Programme and Registration form on Parish website [www.alexatholic.nz](http://www.alexatholic.nz)

## Farewell to Fr Sani

The weekend of 20th and 21st January will be the last Masses Fr Sani will be celebrating as our Parish Priest.

At the conclusion of all Masses that weekend there will be an opportunity for a few speeches and a cup of tea to follow.

If parishioners would like to bring a small plate for the table that would be appreciated.

As is the custom for departing clergy we would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to contribute to a farewell collection. Cash donations and persona cards can be made by placing them in the Sunday collection baskets at Masses up until 21st January.

Please mark envelope— "Farewell Fr Sani"

Fr Sani has said that he does not want a collection but talking to parishioners there are those who will want to show their sincere thanks to him for serving our parish community over the past 4 years, so we must do this.

A formal card will be available in the foyer of the church as of next week for those who want to sign and write a person message.

**Come along and be part of the celebration of the marriage of Francisca and Peace**

**Friday 26th January at 4pm St John the Baptist Church followed by a reception at St Gerard's hall with a shared meal**

What to bring will be dictated by your surname please bring enough for your party plus one other person (please note slight change to below)

**If your surname begins with an A, B, C, D, E or F please bring a dessert**  
**If your surname begins with a G, H, I or J please bring salad**  
**If your surname begins with a K, L, M, N or O please bring a meat dish /** (think fish pie, chicken casserole, cold meat anything that is considered a main)  
**If your surname begins with a P, Q, R, S or T please bring a starch** (think potato, rice, bread, potato salad etc)  
**If your surname starts with V, W, X, Y or Z please bring a vegetable dish** (think salad, bowl of cooked peas, etc)

**BAR: BYO with a little extra to share -**  
*Every one is cordially invited*

