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The Feast of the Holy Family 31st December 2023



Mass times

New Year's Day Mass
- 9am Clyde

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
(1st Fri of the months of Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roxburgh
Wednesday 5:15pm



Sunday Readings:

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14
2. Colossians 3: 12-21
3. Gospel of Luke 2: 16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Communion antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Let us remember and pray for those who have
Died Recently

And for those who have
Anniversaries
About this time:

Mary Ellen Taylor

**Requiescant
in Pace**

Prayer to the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. *Amen.*



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(From Church Foyer)



**Please join us at the conclusion of
mass
for morning tea and fellowship
Everyone is welcome!**



Next Week's Roster and Readings



December 6th & 7th January 2024	Alexandra Sunday 9am	Roxburgh Sunday 11am	Omakau Saturday Vigil 6pm
Greeters	Bernie Harvey Donald Lamont	Elizabeth Reid	Volunteer
OHP	Mulholland Family	Glen Dyson	Jane
Intro/ POF	Coral Sawers	Volunteer	Leo Van Boxtel
Readers	Brian McLean Kathleen O'Kane	Kylie Robb	Leo Van Boxtel
Offertory gifts	Mulholland Family	Glen and Kylie	Volunteer
Special Ministers	Brian McLean Jude Parbhu Felicity Clement	Rod Dyson	M Williams
Sacristans Alex	Margaret Donald Jim / Nicole	-	-
Altar Servers Alex	CB: Addi CH: Ashna CB: Georgie	-	-
Church Cleaners	Jill Paulin Maureen Stanaway	Elizabeth Reid	W Maclean

Next Week's Readings— The Epiphany of the Lord

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



REGISTER NOW for our Centennial

CENTENNIAL of Alexandra Catholic Parish
of St JOHN THE BAPTIST
20-21 APRIL 2024

On line
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



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

Why: Francisca and Peace are new to our parish, and to New Zealand and they are getting married!
They have no family here to share their special Wedding Day and they are just getting to know people, so there were not many to invite to their wedding.....
A few parishioners got together and thought it would be great if the parish could share in celebrating their happy day with them. Francisca and Peace agreed! To keep costs to a minimum and to include you on this special day please help with the BYO Wedding Breakfast just follow the instructions below and bring enough for your party plus enough for one other person

Where: St John the Baptist Church and St Gerard's Hall (Wedding Breakfast—details below)

When: Friday 26th January @ 4pm - followed by wedding breakfast approx

Celebrant Fr Sani Lam

What to bring will be dictated by your sir name

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 a meat or main dish

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 - we are looking for a bar manager (so if you are over 18yrs and of good character we need you!)

Every one is cordially invited

