



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

02 May 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)
Alexandra 9:00am
Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(4th to 8th May)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 4th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 5th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 6th 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 7th midday (church)
Saturday, 8th 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 5th 5:15pm (presbytery)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Alexandra (church)
Friday 11:00am—Noon
(11:45am Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

Alexandra

Saturday 11:30am-Noon
(or on request)

ANOINTING 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)

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Alleluia!

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.



Died Recently

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Anniversaries

Robin Lockhart
Irene Burton
Fr Tony Ives
Eileen Porter

Requiescant in Pace

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH 33 Days—30 March to 01 May

Pope Francis declared this year as The Year of St Joseph. St Joseph is the Foster Father of Jesus, Patron of the Universal Church and Pillar of Families. Throughout the year we strive to honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness.

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



THE NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event.

Registration details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

THE CENTRAL OTAGO REGIONAL CHOIR—Conducted by Richard Madden, will present a concert of modern songs by composer Will Todd plus music by Haydn including the Little Organ Mass. Kemp English and Yuka Eguchi will be accompanying some pieces and performing as guest artists. The Alexandra concert is Sunday May 9, 2:30pm at the Dunstan High School hall. Tickets available at the door.



**Come and Celebrate with
Tui Motu Subscribers and Friends.
On Friday, 7 May in the Mercy Room
(Mercy Parish)
32 Macandrew Road,
South Dunedin.**

**Gathering and supper from 5.30 pm.
Meeting at 6.00pm**

Meet Board directors and Tui Motu staff and hear about the magazine as we come through the pandemic.

RSVP: admin@tuimotu.org or call: 03 477 1449

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We strongly urge you to come forward to be part of this team that work towards the benefit of our parish and parishioners.

The Council meet four to five times a year and have short discussions on happenings within our Parish, School, Catholic Services and any other matters brought forward. This is a great place to come up with solutions together so as to ensure the smooth running of our parish and parish community.

Please do ask Fr Sani, Pat Cooney or Margaret Bennie should you require any further information or clarification in this regard. Nomination forms are in the church foyer which please fill in and place in the box provided by Sunday, 16 May.

Thank you.

MORNING TEA SERVICE— Bringing our Parish Community together

Next Sunday, 9th May (Mothers' Day), we will have a morning tea service after Mass. We will also celebrate Sister Leona's 50 years as a Sister of Mercy.

If you'd like to assist with this service in any way, please get in touch with Jen McLean on 021 2700760.

Thank you to those that have already offered to help.

SISTER LEONA GARCHOW— Celebrating 50 years of Religious Life as a Sister of Mercy.

A celebration for Sr Leona will take place at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 9 May at St John the Baptist Church, followed by morning tea.

All are very welcome.



NEXT WEEK

**9th May Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17**

8th/9th May Roster:

Greeters: R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); M Card (Roxb)
Projector: Jane Kinney (Omak); J Fonseca (Alex); P Morris (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Addison Mulholland, Milla O'Kane & Varna Sim
Intro / POF: A White (Omak); T Mulholland (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Reader: A White (Omak); A Drake & R Bennett (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); O'Kane family (Alex); Robb family (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: R Kilkelly (Omak); R Bennett, N Laidlaw, J Flannery (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca (Alex)
Cleaner: J Flannery (Omak); (Alex); K van de Water (Roxb)

Upcoming Safeguarding Workshops

—conducted by Maria and Mike Noonan, Safeguarding Officers, Dunedin Diocese

Safeguarding is about creating a safe and welcoming environment, where everyone is respected and valued and where all work together to prevent abuse. It is also about being ready to respond safely and well if there is a problem.

Everyone in the parish has a role to play in safeguarding. As part of our Diocesan commitment to safeguarding, there will be several Introductory and Leadership safeguarding workshops in the coming months. Others will be planned as needed and later in the year we hope to develop an online training for the introductory workshop.

SGW1—Introductory Workshop Level 1: This workshop is designed to raise our awareness and understanding of safeguarding and to make changes to what we do in order to make safer parish communities. All involved in ministry with children, young people and those who are vulnerable need to attend this workshop as part of their training. All parishioners are welcome to join the introductory workshops.

Safeguarding leadership—Prevention of abuse is fundamental to safeguarding. This requires a recognition of a call at a scriptural level to call to care, heal and protect those who are young and or vulnerable as well as an awareness that this has not always occurred and requires repentance. In practical terms such repentance needs to be reflected in our attitude and commitment towards safeguarding and in our determination to get things right. Our structural policies and procedures will then uphold these attitudes. It is about all of us learning how to keep ourselves safe, how to keep others safe and how to use our *safeguarding lens* so that we can ultimately look after each other in our parish settings and activities.

SGW2—Safeguarding Workshop 2: This workshop is aimed at parish leaders in ministry and in parish leadership. It offers a refresher on Workshop 1 as well as updates and deepens knowledge around safeguarding and what is expected in Catholic parishes and entities.

Ministries that are required to attend safeguarding training:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, in their homes or retirement homes.
- Liturgy of The Word with Children.
- Choir with children and young people.
- Anyone who conducts home visits on behalf of the Parish/Diocese Entity.
- Altar Servers Co-ordinators.
- Any other activity or role that includes children and young people and vulnerable adults in the parish, eg. musical choirs, Couples for Christ, Sacramental Programmes and other such groups that each individual parish hosts.
- Any ministries where the minister acts with the power and authority of the Church.

Safeguarding Workshop 1 will be held on Sunday, 23 May at 10:30am in the side chapel, St John the Baptist Church.

For more information or if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask Fr Sani Lam or Loretta Fonseca on alexatholic@xtra.co.nz