



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

09 May 2021



MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

(11th to 15th May)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 11th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 12th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 13th 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 14th midday (church)
Saturday, 15th 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 12th 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Jn 15:9-17

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever.

Alleluia!



Died Recently

Bernard O'Neill

Anniversaries

Agatha Dougherty
Isobel Kinney
Mina Kinney
Ryamay Paris

Requiescant
in Pace

PARISH FAMILY MASS & MOTHERS' DAY—This Sunday, 9 May we celebrate our parish family mass followed by morning tea. We will also celebrate Sister Leona Garchow's 50 years of Religious Life as a Sister of Mercy. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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

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

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.

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

THE CENTRAL OTAGO REGIONAL CHOIR

The Alexandra concert is Sunday May 9, 2:30pm at the Dunstan High School hall. Tickets available at the door.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS—Sunday, 16 May 2021

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.

May Tui Motu

Work and the Common Good Mahi me te Pai Whanui

What we do shapes our identity. "I'm a student, I am essential worker, a driver, a nurse." This month Tui Motu reflects on some of the outcomes affecting our work post lockdown. More food parcels were distributed indicating that what some workers take home in pay is barely sufficient for them to live equably. Yet many of the essential workers were those on the lowest wages manning our food outlets, serving at airports etc. Marylyn Waring writes about the significant contribution women made during the lockdown. There are two chilling articles on modern slavery, one about conditions on a Taiwanese fishing boat and Zain Ali explains the teachings of the Qur'an related to work and highlights how wealth is to be shared not accumulated by a few.

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

NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL CONFERENCE

NZCMC AIMS TO SUPPORT
HEALTH PRACTITIONERS,
DRAWING ON THE TREASURES
OF OUR FAITH, ESPECIALLY IN
REGARD TO THE ETHICAL
CHALLENGES OF HEALTHCARE
TODAY.

WHEN: 28TH TO 29TH MAY 2021,

WHERE: OUR LADY'S HOME OF
COMPASSION RETREAT CENTRE
WELLINGTON

REGISTRATION AND DETAILS:
WWW.NEWZEALANDCATHOLICMEDICAL.CO.NZ

NEXT WEEK

16th May Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

15th/16th May Roster:

Greeters: Delpport family (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)
Projector: A White (Omak); P Mulvihill (Alex); A Compton (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Harrison Jenkins, Stefan Delpport, Olivia Delpport
Intro / POF: R Kilkelly (Omak); J O'Neil-Cooney (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)
Reader: R Kilkelly (Omak); A Delpport & D Fonseca (Alex); M Clarke (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Delpport family (Alex); Pene & Anne (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: J Paulin (Omak); M Bennie, C Grieve, J Hogue (Alex); B Clarke (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca / J Hogue (Alex)
Cleaner: W Maclean (Omak); J Paulin & M Stanaway (Alex); P Morris (Roxb)