



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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The Ascension of the Lord

16 May 2021

MASS TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

(18th to 22nd May)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 18th 5:00pm (side chapel)
Wednesday, 19th 9:00am (side chapel)
Thursday, 20th 9:00am (side chapel)
Friday, 21st midday (church)
Saturday, 22nd 9:00am (side chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 19th 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 1:1-11; Eph 4:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Rev B.R. O'Brien
Neville Altenburg
Dorothy Dunlay
Florence Breen
Robert Angus

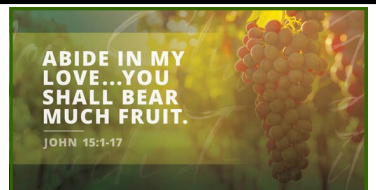
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

16th to 23rd May

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the Southern Hemisphere between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, thus from 16 May to 23 May in Aotearoa New Zealand for 2021.

The chosen theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses the Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family.



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.



Congratulations on your 50th Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy, Sister Leona.



We wish you all the very best and thank you for your willingness to continue your wonderful work in our parish and school over the next years.

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

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 do not hesitate to ask Fr Sani Lam or Loretta Fonseca on alex catholic@xtra.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

WEDDING WISHES

Congratulations Marissa and Alex Sim—you are wished happiness, good health and a blessed life together.



NEXT WEEK

23rd May Readings: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25;
Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

22nd / 23rd May Roster:

- Greeters:** L Anderson (Alex); A McElligott (Roxb)
Projector: R Kilkelly (Omak); M O'Connor (Alex); K Robb (Roxb)
Altar Servers: Aurelia Lanham, Charlotte O'Kane, Milla O'Kane
Intro / POF: J Kinney (Omak); C Lanham (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)
Reader: J Kinney (Omak); R Bond & B McLean (Alex); G Dyson (Roxb)
Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); R Bennett & N Laidlaw (Alex); Clarke family (Roxb)
Extraordinary Ministers: M Matheson (Omak); R Bennett, N Laidlaw, L Fonseca (Alex); J McKinnel (Roxb)
Sacristan: L Fonseca (Alex)
Cleaner: W Maclean (Omak); J Paulin & M Stanaway (Alex); P Morris (Roxb)