



Diocese
of Dunedin

Alexandra Catholic Pastoral Area

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

17 May 2020

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES HELD IN OUR ALEXANDRA, OMAKAU OR ROXBURGH CHURCHES OR CHAPELS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Alexandra church will reopen from Monday 18th May for private prayer and visits from 9:00am to 4:00pm daily.

There will be Confession on Saturdays starting 23rd May, between 11:30am and 12:00pm. Please contact Fr Sani to let him know if you will be there.

A notice outlining safety procedures to be followed will be on the door of the Church. Please have a good read of this before entering Church. Thank you.



Died Recently
Stephen Ridden,
son of Kevin Ridden

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

Requiescant
in Pace

Please note the following message from Fr Gerard Aynsley, Diocesan Vicar General:

Dear parishioners,

The diocese is seeking to build up a database of contact details for our Catholic Community so we can better communicate with everyone. I invite you to please click on the link below and fill in your details. This will take about three minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/wwfVXxgE3Q4MCx3P9>

Please note:

- 1) Add "diocese@cdd.org.nz" into your contacts so that emails aren't marked as spam.
- 2) The diocese will not share your information.
- 3) We will BCC all emails.
- 4) Only those appointed by the Bishop will be able to send emails.

Thank you very much for your time
God Bless

Fr Gerard Aynsley, VG

Sunday Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

To find daily readings and Sunday readings, Gospel and reflections, you could go on:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm>

(These get updated every Thursday)

KAPAI (Well Done)

(Taken from the New and Complete Manual of Māori Conversation and Vocabulary by Suzanne Aubert)

Venerable Suzanne Aubert wrote:

“Let us deliver into the hands of Our Lord all our care for the future, as well as our anxiety for the past.”

During the final year of her life, Suzanne Aubert asked to see Sister Claver, the sister who had led the Sisters of Compassion while Suzanne was in Rome. Suzanne wanted to assure her of how happy she was with the management of the Congregation during her absence. “I was told in Rome that I might find many things wrong... I came back - and I found nothing was wrong.”

"Lord, grant us a grateful heart and a generous spirit"

- Sister Josephine Gorman

If you would like the Sisters of Compassion to pray for you, please send your request to

sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz.

OASIS OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The Oasis Opportunity Shop will reopen on Tuesday 26th May from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Next week (Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd May) between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00pm, we will be at the shop preparing the building for COVID-19 Level 2 requirements. We will be accepting clothing and bedding **ONLY** at this stage, if you would like to drop off any of these items to us. We will accept bric-a-brac at a later date.

We look forward to opening again and for your support towards Catholic Social Services. Margaret/Barbara and the Team at Oasis.

FOOD BANK

There have been enquiries from parishioners recently wishing to donate to the local Foodbank. For those wishing to donate, the Community Pantry Account number is:

02-0916-0124660-00 (BNZ). Receipts will be issued.

Thank you to those who have already donated. It is much appreciated.

For any further enquires or information, please phone Vicki McLean on 03 4489128.

- The joint Community Pantry / Salvation Army / Foodbank.