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



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1st Sunday of Lent. Year C

6th March 2022

MASS TIMES

Sundays

Omakau 6:00pm Vigil (Sat)

Alexandra 9:00am

Roxburgh 11:00am

Weekdays

(7th-12th Mar 2022)

Alexandra

Tuesday, 8th 5:00pm (chapel)

Wednesday, 9th 9:00am (church)

Thursday, 10th 9:00am (chapel)

Friday, 11th midday (church)

Saturday, 12th 9:00am (chapel)

Roxburgh

Wednesday, 9th 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)

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Readings: Deu 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.



Died Recently

Anniversaries

Ray Garchow
Neville Pau Sklenars

Annie Altenbury
Florencio Guardiario

Requiescant

in Pace

We Can Say "No" To Temptation

It is hard to reject temptation. Temptation makes evil attractive. It tricks us into thinking we can possessions, popularity, and power for ourselves. And we can have all this NOW! Temptation makes selfishness seem right.

The strong attraction we have to evil is called "Original Sin." It is the universal temptation to focus only on the self and take the "easy way out." People throughout time have felt this attraction at some time or another. It has been passed from generation to generation. It is part of our human nature.

Original Sin began at the Fall, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil and disobeyed God. Actually, the devil (called "Satan") wanted the first people to be like him. The devil was an angel who was close to God at first; then he rejected his Maker. So, he convinced Adam and Eve that they could have God's powers. Like the devil, they rejected the close relationship they had with God. When Adam and Eve said "No" to God, they found it easier to say "Yes" to temptation, Because it was easier to give into temptation, it was easier to sin. From that point on, people endured the results of evil: ignorance, suffering, and death.

Jesus came to restore the relationship people had with God. He showed us the way when he said "No" to the devil by saying "Yes" to God. He also gives us the power in the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit strengthens us to place our focus on God, not on ourselves alone. By example of Jesus and with the Spirit, we can reject temptation. We can remain close to God. world-sunday.com

Lent, Laudato Si' and all of us

Lent calls us to repentance and healing of relationships—to transformation. As we confront climate change, poverty and inequality we are also being asked: What is our responsibility to heal the fractured relationships between God, each other and all of creation? What is our faith response to the issues facing our world? These are the questions behind Laudato Si' -Pope Francis's document which celebrates the beauty of God's creation while reminding us that human behaviour has led to the environmental and social crises we are now facing. Everything is connected.

What can we do? Through the global Laudato Si' Action Platform we are all invited to participate in a seven year journey of transformation, healing and sustainability. In our Diocese we are setting up a network to offer support for this journey. Many people, parishes and schools have been involved in caring for creation for a long time and '*All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.*'(LS14).If you would like to join our Diocesan Laudato Si' network or share 'creation care' stories from your school or parish, please contact laudatosidunedindiocese@gmail.com.

During Lent, you may like to check out our brief Laudato Si' reflection on the [Diocesan website](#).

TRANSPORT TO SUNDAY MASS

If anyone is in need of a ride to Mass or happy to offer one, please let Fr Sani know on

alexcatholic@xtra.co.nz

Thank you to those who have offered their services.

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME

If you are new parishioners to our parish, we would like to inform you that there is a New Parishioner Form on the table in the church foyer.

You are invited to fill and place in the box provided. Many thanks.

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Information can also be found on our website:
www.alexcatholic.nz
(Under NOPS in the toolbar)

Parish Pastoral Council-Vacancies

If you would like to represent your Parish in this important Ministry please complete a Nomination Form. Forms are available in the church foyer and may be placed in the box provided or email your form to: alexcatholic@xtra.co.nz

Church Ministries

If you would like to be involved with any of these please fill up a form and tick the appropriate Ministries. If you already are committed to a Ministry please also complete the form so that our records are correct. These forms can be placed in the "Ministries" Box in the church foyer.

Wearing a Face Mask

As Covid 19 is spreading rapidly in the South Island, wearing a face mask is encouraged in the church.

Station of the Cross

During the Fridays of Lent the stations of the cross will be prayed in Saint John the Baptist Church, Alexandra at 5pm.

PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of any family or parishioners who are in hospital, a rest-home or homebound due to illness, please contact Fr Sani so that they can receive pastoral care.

VACCINE PASS MASSES:

~Omakau: Saturday 6pm vigil
~Alexandra: Sunday 9am
~Roxburgh: Sunday 11am



NEXT WEEK

13th March Readings: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 9:28-36

12th-13th March Roster:

Greeters: Jane & Andrew Kinney (Alex), Rod Dyson (Roxb)

Projector: Ruth (Omak); Rosemary Bond (Alex); Glen Dyson (Roxb)

Altar Servers: Isabella Breen (CB), MacKenzie, Bella Donaldson

Intro / POF: Joan (Omak); Kate Donaldson (Alex); Volunteer (Roxb)

Readers: R. Kilkelly (Omak); Coral Sawers, Leona Garchow (Alex); Michelle Clarke (Roxb)

Offertory: Volunteer (Omak); Kerrie Fahey and family (Alex), Angela and Averell (Roxb)

Special Ministers: Margaret Bennie (Alex)

Sacristan: Margaret Bennie, Jim Dunlay (Alex), Angela Compton (Roxb)

Cleaners: W Maclean (Omak), (Alex)
Margaret Card (Roxb)