

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 25th June <i>Vigil of Thirteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Joan Goodman RIP</i>)
Sunday 26th June <i>Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Joe Gallagher RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Winn & Terry O'Connor RIP</i>)
Monday 27th June <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 12.00pm Funeral Mass for <i>Margaret Thomson</i> (R) 4.30pm Vigil & Reception for <i>Karine Scott RIP</i>
Tuesday 28th June <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus</i> <i>Vigil of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	(R) 10.00am Funeral Mass for <i>Karine Scott RIP</i> (R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Pete Breen RIP</i>)
Wednesday 29th June <i>Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul (HoObl)</i>	(R) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (I) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Saoirse Talyor</i>)
Thursday 30th June	
Friday 1st July <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 7.30am Holy Mass (<i>William Mulligan RIP</i>)
Saturday 2nd July <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pat Coyne RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>William Kelly RIP</i>)
Sunday 3rd July <i>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Jason Heatherington RIP</i>)



Prayer to Saint Michael

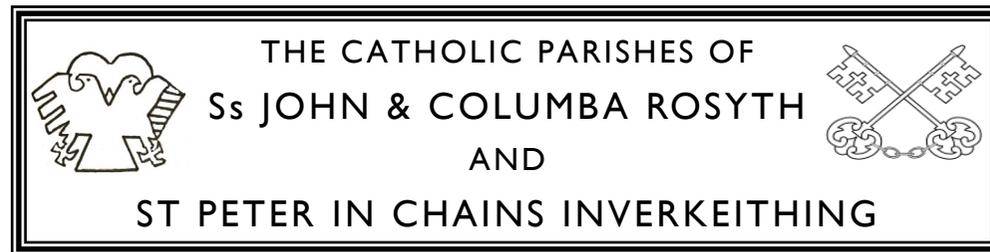
St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)
26th June 2016

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"I will follow you wherever you go." Today's readings are all about following. We read from the prophet Elijah as He calls Elisha who leaves everything to follow Him. Paul tells the Galatians to renounce their selfish desires and to follow the Holy Spirit who will make them truly free. In the gospel account, three men, the disciples volunteered to follow Jesus but He reminds them that it is going to cost for where He is going there is no fixed address and they must come on board immediately leaving family and friends behind.

This sets up a scenario where it seems that following Christ is demanding. Is it really as hard as Jesus makes it out to be? Probably most of us don't think of religion as making too many demands on us. We know that our faith can be pretty safe and a simple way to fit in. Used in this way we do not get the most out of it.

Life brings us many challenges where we have to make some hard decisions. Christianity can call us to be different. It can call us to be counter-cultural. Our own search in this life and meaning has to go far beyond just making money and consumption. We have to stand on the sacredness of all life against the pervasive culture of death. We renounce abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and capital punishment. We are also a church that stands firm in our belief that it is necessary to take care of the poor. This is not an option it is a moral stand. Often when we stand up for them we can provoke resentment and outright hatred. Living up to standards of Christian morality isn't always difficult but from time to time it may call for major sacrifice unselfishness and self restraint. These are words that some people never like to hear.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *O Lord, it is you who are my portion.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Sandy Rankin, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Christopher Hawkings, Marie Cushley

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Margaret Thomson *RIP* & Karine Scott *RIP*

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (*Rosyth*) Bill Kirkton & Patricia Watt (*Inverkeithing*)

Marriages & Baptisms

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and for baptisms should be made by appointment with Fr. Dow

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish House to arrange for Fr. Dow to visit. The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Wanat SDS of St Marie's Kirkcaldy (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan at St Margaret's (625611)

Please note that a patient/family request must be made before the clergy can visit.

Names for sick list

Names can only be added by the person themselves or by a member of the family. Please advise Father of any name to be added or removed.

Mass Intentions

Please have any intention that is required to be said on a particular date in **a month** before hand. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

Hall Bookings

Please contact Mrs Pat Reid on 417214 for availability.

Bulletin Notices

All notices should be dropped through the Presbytery letter box or sent by email by Thursday evening

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£97.00	£107.40	£304.40
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£83.00	£114.08	£197.08
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£80.00	£98.70	£178.70
<i>(R) Building Fund</i>	£58.50	£69.40	£127.90

Welcome: If you are a visitor to the parish, we want you to know how welcome you are whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world or simply from another parish.

Holy Day of Obligation: This Wednesday, is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are: Vigil (Tue) at 7pm in Rosyth, 9.30am Wed Rosyth and 7pm Wed in Inverkeithing.

Special Collection: next weekend we will take our the collection of 'Peter's Pence', the fund used by the Pope to assist people throughout the world in need of assistance.

St John's PS Leavers Mass: will take place on Wednesday at 9.30am in Ss John & Columba's Church, followed by the school's prize giving ceremony.

Parish Coffee Morning: Many thanks to the ladies who organised and put great effort into the running of this event on behalf of the parish. The monies raised will be used for improvements to the hall.

Musical evening of songs from the shows and the musicals, starring Clark Stewart and our very own Ashley Gardiner. Tickets £5 from Kathleen, Mary or Veronica at St Peter's. Please come and support this fund raising event that will pay for lighting for the stage.

The Basics of the Faith: The difference between Mortal and Venial Sins.

In the Catholic Church, sins come in two basic types: mortal sins that imperil your soul and venial sins, which are less serious breaches of God's law. The Church believes that if you commit a mortal sin, you forfeit heaven and opt for hell by your own free will and actions.

Three conditions are necessary for mortal sin to exist:

- **Grave Matter:** The act itself is intrinsically evil and immoral. For example, murder, rape, incest, perjury, adultery, and so on are grave matter.

- **Full Knowledge:** The person must know that what they're doing or planning to do is evil and immoral. For example, someone steals a postage stamp, thinking that it's only worth 50 pence. She knows that it's sinful, but if she's unaware that the stamp is rare and actually worth a £1,000, she's not guilty of mortal sin but of venial sin.

- **Deliberate Consent:** The person must freely choose to commit the act or plan to do it. Someone forced against her will doesn't commit a mortal sin. For example, a woman told she's giving a minor shock to another person who in fact is administering tortuous electrical jolts is not guilty of a mortal sin (although she may feel guilty if she finds out the truth).

A mortal sin is the complete turning away from God and embracing something else in place. It's deadly to the life of grace, because it insults the honour of God and injures the soul of the sinner. Mortal sin is like a malignant tumour or a critical injury that's lethal to the spiritual life.

Venial sins are any sins that meet one or two of the conditions needed for a mortal sin but do not fulfil all three at the same time, or they're minor violations of the moral law, such as giving an obscene gesture to another driver while in traffic.

Venial sin only weakens the soul with sickness but doesn't kill the grace within. Venial sins aren't deadly to the life of grace, but like minor infections in the body, if casually ignored and left untended, may deteriorate into a more serious condition. For example, someone who tells so-called white lies commits venial sin, but if he does it long enough, it's much easier for him to be tempted to tell a big lie later on that would in fact be a mortal sin, such as cheating on a test or on his income tax return.

Original sin is removed through Baptism, but as Catholics we also have the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we encounter God's mercy when we seek it.