

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 23rd July <i>Vigil of Seventeenth Sunday C</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Rev Lionel Munns RIP</i>)
Sunday 24th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Karine Scott RIP</i>) (R) 12.15pm Msza Święta w języku polskim
Monday 25th July <i>Feast of St James</i>	No Mass
Tuesday 26th July <i>Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Cathie Duffin RIP</i>)
Wednesday 27th July <i>in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pat Coyne RIP</i>)
Thursday 28th July <i>in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00 am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Thomson RIP</i>)
Friday 29th July <i>Memorial of St Martha</i>	(R. Oratory) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pat Coyne RIP</i>)
Saturday 30th July <i>in the 17th Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Christine Milligan RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Olga Gagliardi RIP</i>)
Sunday 31st July <i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Karine Scott RIP</i>) (R) 12.15pm Msza Święta w języku polskim

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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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
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AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C
24th July 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Like the disciples, we too come together around Jesus who prays alone. We gather around Him and in Him all our energies, every thought, every commitment and preoccupation, our hopes and pains...

- Today it is we who are those disciples who see the Master praying and allow themselves to be involved in his prayer, which, evidently, was quite special.

- Today his words are addressed to us, the invitation to trust in the love of the Father is addressed to us, We are so taken up with material things, so much seeking "all and immediately", so spellbound by a thousand things, that then (and only "then", after some event that shakes us) we discover that they are all really superfluous...

- Today it is up to us to give voice to the prayer of the Master: Father, hallowed be your name...

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, 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, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Fr Tony MacDonald RIP, Caghil Laverty (Ireland) RIP

Parish Safeguarding Officers

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

Baptisms & Marriages

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and 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 try to 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	Loose monies	Total
St Peter in Chains (5.00pm)	£	£	£
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£	£	£
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£39.00	£76.10	£115.10
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>£21.50</i>	<i>£87.00</i>	<i>£108.50</i>

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.

Fr Kevin is away attending Annual Camp with his Battalion. Fr Radek is providing all necessary cover.

Monday 1st August: is the Feast of St Peter in Chains, Fr Radek will celebrate Mass in St Peter in Chains Church at 1.00pm, to be followed by...

The Social Group will next meet on Monday 1st August, at 2pm, with entertainment provided by Marilyn Child's.

The Margaret Sinclair Story: This is a brand new one-woman play dramatizing the life, times and everyday sanctity of Edinburgh's beloved Margaret Sinclair (1900-1925). Written and directed by Stephen Callaghan. Performed by Mary Frances Jennow. Venue: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Dates: August 6-12 at 7.45pm and August 9 and 11 at 3pm. Tickets: £6 waged and £5 unwaged/concession.

Happy holidays to everyone who is heading off for a break. A reminder to everyone that mass times and church locations are available on the national website of the Catholic Directory. You'll find it on <http://catholicdirectory.org/>

Stewardship Reflection: *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

This is our Faith: Scripture teaches us that God speaks in the silence of our hearts. Isaiah says, "Listen to me in silence, . . . let the peoples renew their strength" (41:1). Silence, in the Bible, characterizes our attitude before the holy presence of God: "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation" (Ps. 62:1). Moreover, God's Word reminds us that God's presence demands silence: "Listen to me in silence . . ." (Is. 41:1).

From a practical viewpoint, when and how should we live "sacred silence" at Mass? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal gives us the answer. Silence, the document affirms, needs to be observed at designated times during the Eucharistic celebration. The purpose of silence in the Eucharistic celebration will depend on the time it occurs. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal calls for several precise moments of silence in the Mass.

The first moment of silence comes at the beginning of the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass. The purpose is evident. Silence here provides us with the spiritual recollection to recall our sins and ask God's forgiveness. After that, we observe silence at the beginning of the "Collect" or opening prayer. This time of silence gives the faithful the opportunity to offer their petitions to God and remind themselves that they stand in God's holy presence. At the end of the readings or the homily, all should mediate in silence on God's Word addressed to them. Silence will help us grasp the meaning of God's Word in our life. After Holy Communion, everyone in silence should elevate praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the precious gift of the Lord's Body and Blood. By learning how to live the gift of silence in God's house, we gain that necessary disposition that allows us to truly connect with God and receive more from the Mass.