

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 26th November <i>Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Sunday 27th November <i>First Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Michael Cooper's Int</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 1.00pm Carol Singing at Parkgate Centre
Monday 28th November <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	Fr Kevin's Day off
Tuesday 29th November <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Wednesday 23rd November <i>Solemnity of St Andrew</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Leslie Robson RIP</i>)
Thursday 1st December <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	(R) 10.00am Funeral Mass for Kitty McGlinchey
Friday 2nd December <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Val Hendry's Int</i>)
Saturday 3rd December <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier</i> <i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(R) 10.00am NO Mass (R) 10.30am NO Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Grace Gilroy's Int</i>)
Sunday 4th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>James Close 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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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
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AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
27th November 2016

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In the Liturgy of the first Sunday of Advent, the Church places us before an extract of the discourse of Jesus on the end of the world. Advent means Coming. It is the time of preparation for the coming of the Son of Man into our life. Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant. He asks us to be attentive to the events in order to discover in them the hour of the coming of the Son of Man.

At the beginning of Advent, it is important to purify our look and to learn anew how to read the events in the light of the Word of God. And this is in order not to be surprised, because God comes without telling us, when we least expect him. To show how we should be attentive to the events, Jesus goes back to the episode of the deluge in the time of Noah.

Let us use this holy season of Advent to truly prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord, at the end of time and in the Christmas celebrations, by receiving the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Confession.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Gospel Acclamation:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Kate Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Catherine McGlinchey RIP (Rosyth)

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (Rosyth); Maureen Ritchie & 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)	£143.00	£86.05	£229.05
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£58.50	£84.90	£143.40
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£76.00	£142.70	£218.70
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£39.00	£83.94	£122.94

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.

1st Confession: Please pray for the children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Thursday evening.

The Ladies Group are selling tickets for their Christmas Hamper draw, which are available after weekend Masses.

The SSVP would like donations of non perishable food, and children's new and good quality toys. We would also like donations for our raffle prizes, which Elaine and Isobel, are selling. Everything goes towards our Christmas Hamper Appeal to help families in need. We are grateful for all donations. Many Thanks

Ecumenical Carol Singing at Rosyth Community Market in the Parkgate Centre this Sunday at 1pm, please come along and lend your voice in this new initiative.

Please note: there will be no Mass this coming Saturday morning as Fr Kevin will be in Glasgow doing a presentation on behalf of the Archdiocese.

The value of Holy Mass - and not just on Sunday! Life is busy, we have many commitments, but as Christians we should always be trying to put God first in our lives: because if He is first, everything else falls into its proper place. There is no way, this side of Heaven, of coming closer to God than through Holy Mass, no way of praising Him better, or giving Him more fitting honour and worship. The Mass is the way God has shown us to worship Him - *"Do this in memory of me"*, Our Lord proclaimed. In the Mass, Heaven and Earth are united, God comes to dwell among us, Jesus is truly present to give Himself to us. What a gift! A gift beyond

description! So, if it's physically possible, why not make that sacrifice - since He has sacrificed so much for us - to come and be with Him, to give Him half an hour of your day in love and thanksgiving? He is waiting for you, He is here for you because you are precious in His eyes. Here, at Mass, is the God with whom we hope to be united in love for all eternity in Heaven. Already here on Earth He gives us a foretaste of the joys that await us, through the Mass! For Advent (and beyond) trying coming to daily Mass.

Stewardship Reflection: *"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

This is our Faith: The Apostles Creed is what we say each Sunday, but what it is that we are stating we believe?

"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

Christ's Ascension into heaven is a definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain. (665)

The Ascension gives us hope that we, too, may enter into heaven, body and soul, and be united with Christ forever. (666)

Jesus Christ, as the one true mediator between God and man, intercedes for us constantly before the Father and assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (667)