

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 4th March <i>Vigil of First Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 5th March <i>First Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Jack Dundon RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Monday 6th March <i>in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 7th March <i>in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Allan Wade RIP</i>)
Saturday 11th March <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Sarah Slavin RIP</i>)
Sunday 12th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Dorothea Vaughan RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Ross O'Connor RIP</i>)
Saturday 18th March <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 19th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>John McManus RIP</i>)
Saturday 25th March <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Czeslaw Winski RIP</i>)
Sunday 26th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Alvaro Gagliardi RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Ronnie Gorman RIP</i>)
Tuesday 28th March <i>in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Allan Wade 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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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A/1)
5th March 2017

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Temptation was always there in the life of Jesus. It went with him from the beginning to the end, from his baptism to his death on the cross. For, the more the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom spread in the midst of the people, the greater the pressure on Jesus to adapt himself to the messianic expectations of the people to be the messiah desired and expected by others: "a glorious and nationalist messiah", "a messiah king", "a messiah high priest", "a messiah judge", "a warrior messiah", "a messiah doctor of the law". The letter to the Hebrews says, "Like us, he was tried in all things, except sin" (Heb 4,15).

But temptation never succeeded in deviating Jesus from his mission. He continued firmly on his journey as "The Servant Messiah", as proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah and awaited especially by the poor, the anawim. In this, Jesus did not fear provoking conflicts with the authorities and with those dearest to him. During this lent, we need to put our trust in the Lord, asking Him to help us resist temptations.

Response to the Psalm:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Hugh Finnigan, Anna Bonnar, Jacqueline Hannen, Margaret Seymour, Jim McElhinney, James Kelly, Sandy Moffat

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

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 (*emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife*) 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)	£144.00	£110.72	£254.72
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£68.50	£59.60	£128.10
Ss John & Columba's	£61.00	£139.10	£200.10
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£36.00	£70.10	£106.10

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.

Short Term Pledge for Lent: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the “*Short-Term Pledge for Lent*” prayer leaflets are available at the back of the church, there is also a poster for further information.

Monday Social Group: 6th March with Clark Stewart.

The Ladies Group will next be meeting on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm for Lenten reflections with Deacon Damian.

New members welcome.

The Knights of St Columba intend to hold their monthly meeting in St Peter in Chains Hall on the 9th March at 7.30pm. They would like to extend an invitation to the men of our parishes, so that an insight into the workings of their organisation can be explained. Further details from Br Michael McCale

Aged & Infirm Clergy Funds Special

Collection - 11/12th March: If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use the special collection envelopes provided (*please do not waste the envelopes if you do not fill in the details on the back to Gift Aid*) at the back of the Church. If you would like to consider making a regular contribution to the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund, please email the Archdiocesan Finance department at finance@stanned.org.uk

St Patrick's night shindig: parish social night in St Peter in Chains Hall on Friday 17th March. Tickets are on sale now.

Eco-congregations: A meeting is being held on Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm in St Peter in Chains' Hall for members of the West Fife branch, which is an ecumenical endeavour. If you would like to know more about how as

parish communities we can become more ecological, please come along to the meeting.

SVDP: Our parish St Vincent de Paul Society helps the poor in our community in a variety of ways. To find out more, or to become a member, contact Jim Meade on 07979 564506.

Fr Kevin will be away on annual leave from Wednesday 8th March until Tuesday 28th March (*yes, he is giving up the parishes for Lent...*). There will be no weekday Masses. Weekend's will be covered by Fr Nicholas Grace IVE (*Cowdenbeath*) and by Fr Joseph Millar SPS (*Retired*). Emergency cover for funerals etc, please contact the Presbytery in the normal way and Molly the housekeeper will keep you right.

Stewardship Reflection: “*It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*” *Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the centre of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

The Precepts of the Church Do you know them?

The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbour. The five precepts of the Church are as follows:

- 1). You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour.
- 2). You shall confess your sins at least once a year. (*more frequently is recommended*)
- 3). You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
- 4). You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- 5). You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.