

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 13th August <i>Vigil of Twentieth Sunday of the Year</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Fr Tom Hennessy RIP</i>)
Sunday 14th August <i>Twentieth Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Josephine Duffy RIP</i>)
Monday 15th August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM</i>	
Tuesday 16th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Alec Thomson RIP</i>)
Wednesday 17th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Molly & Harry Sheridan</i>)
Thursday 18th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Sarah Daus & family</i>)
Friday 19th August <i>in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Colin & Patricia Haire</i>)
Saturday 20th August <i>Memorial of St Bernard</i> <i>Vigil of Twenty First Sunday of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Annie O'Reilly RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Fr Tony MacDonald RIP</i>)
Sunday 21st August <i>Twenty First Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>James McKenna RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</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.

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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C
14th August 2016

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Some questions in light of today's Gospel:

- I have come to bring fire to the earth: Fire presupposes a vehemence of sentiment and a centre of life because where there is light, heat, force, movement, there is life. And not a life which is stagnant, but a life which is continuously nourished. Does the fire of the life of God burn in me?

- Why not judge for yourselves what is upright? The invitation to discern personally is even more urgent in a world in which opinions run after each other and form a "mass"... How much do I allow myself to be conditioned by the judgements and criteria chosen by others?

- Make an effort to settle with him on the way... You are walking to go to the tribunal because you think you are right, but the opponent also has the same certainty. How do I feel before the one whom I feel is hostile toward me? Do I feel sure of myself to the point of going to the tribunal or rather do I try to agree with my opponent on the way?

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *Lord, come to my aid!*

Gospel Acclamation:

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

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

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)	£124.00	£76.40	£200-40
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£76.50	£57.35	£133.85
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£56.00	£41.60	£97.60
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>£40.00</i>	<i>£72.80</i>	<i>£112.80</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.

Special Collection this weekend for the Holy Places and African Missions

Pauline Media, a Catholic Bookshop, in Glasgow will be closing their current shop in Royal Exchange Square on 12th August, and will re open on 20th August at their new premises at 36 St Enoch Square Glasgow (between RS McColl and Maplin)

Stewardship Reflection: *“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51*

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

This is our Faith: *Eight Practical Ideas for Integrating our Catholic Faith with Work*

We should always strive for achievable and actionable ideas and I would like to share these six practical actions for living out our Catholic faith at work, which we should all try to follow:

Devote 1 hour of each day to Prayer and Reading. The time-challenged among us are silently screaming “NO WAY!” But, I am telling you it is absolutely achievable. Would we ever consider not giving our loved ones an hour a day? Doesn't God deserve at least an hour of our time as well? Here are some easy ways to achieve an hour of combined prayer and faith based reading each day.

1. Try getting up 15 minutes earlier each morning to read the *Magnificat*, *In Conversation With God* by Francis Fernandez, the Bible or some other

great faith book or resource in line with the teaching of the Magisterium.

2. Pray the Morning Offering before leaving the house each morning.
3. Pray the Rosary on the way to work or during exercise.
4. Do the Jesuit Daily Examen. The Examen requires you to stop, reflect and pray 5 times a day for just a few minutes. Put it on your calendar and make it part of your routine.
5. Say a blessing over every meal, regardless of our companions.
6. Pray with our families at bedtime
7. Pray a family Rosary
8. Read a few pages of the Bible before we go to sleep.

Let's make good use of the calendars on our smart phones, write it on our calendar or do whatever works best, but prayer and reading will only happen if we make time for it. Consider this thought from Dr. Peter Kreeft, “The first rule for prayer, the most important first step, is not about how to do it, but to just do it; not to perfect and complete it but to begin it. Once the car is moving, it's easy to steer it in the right direction, but it's much harder to start it up when it's stalled. And prayer is stalled in our world.”

Devote more time to the Eucharist. Want to fully experience Christ and be closer to Him during the work day? Know what parishes are on your way to work or near your office. Seek out the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in daily Mass when possible and spend quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Adoration every week. We Catholics have a wonderful gift in the Eucharist and we should seek Him out at every opportunity.