

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 26th August <i>Vigil of 21st Sunday</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Robert Coleman</i>
Sunday 27th August <i>Twenty-first Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Jim McKillop RIP</i>
Monday 28th August <i>Memorial of St Augustine</i>				
Tuesday 29th August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	6.00pm 6.30pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers & Benediction</i>	
Wednesday 30th August <i>in the 21st Week of the year</i>				
Thursday 31st August <i>in the 21st Week of the year</i>				
Friday 1st September <i>Memorial of St Giles</i>				
Saturday 2nd September <i>in the 21st Week of the year</i>				
<i>Vigil of 22nd Sunday</i>	4.15pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Effie Murphy RIP</i>
Sunday 3rd September <i>Twenty-second Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Margaret Paterson RIP</i> <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. Amen

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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
27th August 2017

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In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus questions concerning who people think he is: "Who do people say that I am?" After knowing the opinion of the people, he wants to know the opinion of his disciples. St Peter, in the name of all makes his profession of faith. Jesus confirms Peter's faith and gives him the keys of heaven and earth. The keys are most often represented in art as being gold and silver to represent the power of loosing and binding. The gold key alludes to the power in the kingdom of the heavens and the silver key indicates the spiritual authority of the papacy on earth. The cord with the bows that unites the grips alludes to the bond between the two powers. In the crest of our Inverkeithing parish, we have the cross keys with the chain, symbolising that not once, but twice, St Peter was bound in chains, because of his love for our Blessed Lord.

Response to the Psalm:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation:

*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Jenny Campbell, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Joe McBride, Sandy McIntyre, Marie Cushley, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Hugh Finnigan, Anna Bonnar, Margaret Seymour, Rose Toher, Jim McElhinney, James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett

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

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains	£227.50	£199.60	£121.00	£548.10
Ss John & Columba's	£61.00	£108.20	£372.00	£541.20
<i>African Missions & Holy Places</i>	<i>(I) £279.00</i>	<i>(R) £129.20</i>		£408.20

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.

National Pilgrimage: in honour of Our Lady of Fatima to consecrate Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sunday 3rd September at 3.00pm at Carfin Shrine

The Ladies Group will meet on Wed 6th Sept, at 7.30pm in the hall, with guest speaker artist Aileen Friis Jorgenson. New members always welcome

Parish Pilgrimage: the few parishioners who have made mention of this, mostly wish for the pilgrimage to go to Rome. More details will now be sought, and published here in the near future.

Fr Kevin has been asked to step in to cover for Fr Sebastian of Whitburn and Armadale Parishes on their pilgrimage to Poland, and will be away from Monday to Friday. Please note that this week also sees the Archdiocesan Priest's retreat with the Archbishop and so you may find getting a priest this week very difficult. *The clergy of Cowdenbeath, as being members of a Religious Order are not on the retreat...*

First Reconciliation: If your child is in Primary 3 or above and you wish for them to be prepared to make their first confession, please collect an application form from Fr Kevin. *The deadline for returned forms is Monday 18th September.*

Mass Intentions: When was the last time you requested Mass be celebrated for a particular intention? Please remember this aspect of the Catholic Faith and ask your priest to celebrate Holy Mass for the intention of your family and friends. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of both churches.

Weekday Mass Attendance: is very poor at the moment, especially at Ss John & Columba's. Please find time during the week to assist at Holy Mass - particularly if you are retired or on holiday. Perhaps you could come with the intention to pray for a member of your family who no longer comes to Mass, for someone who is sick in the hospital or hospice with no one to pray for them, for the staff and pupils of our schools or for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. There is always something to pray for and the Mass is the best of prayers! *If you travel by car to St Peter's why not drive the extra 5 minutes or so to Rosyth...?*

SVDP Foodbank: Please continue to support this worthy initiative through contributing and putting your offerings in the basket at the back of each Church. If we could supply especially UHT milk, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, pasta sauce. High Protein food such as tinned meat, tuna etc are also much appreciated. *The Food Bank is desperate for food - especially those listed above - please help.*

Senior Citizens' Event: "Remembering Rosyth Afternoon Tea" in the Parkgate Institute on Wed 30th August from 12noon till 2.30pm, A chance to see a historic Rosyth exhibition, and other events, all for FREE! Please see flyers at the back of the Church for more info.

Stewardship Reflection: "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!