

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 9th September <i>Vigil of 23rd Sunday</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Canon D. McKay</i> RIP
Sunday 10th September <i>Twenty-third Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Michael Burns</i> RIP
Monday 11th September <i>in the 23rd Week of the year</i>				
Tuesday 12th September <i>Mem of Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>James Coyle</i> RIP
Wednesday 13th Sept <i>Mem of St John Chysostom</i>	10.00am <i>1pm</i>	St Peter in Chains <i>Co-op Funeral Parlour Dunfermline</i>	Holy Mass <i>Funeral service</i>	<i>John Honeyman</i> RIP <i>Elizabeth Walker</i> RIP
Thursday 14th Sept <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Effie Murphy</i> RIP
Friday 15th September <i>Mem of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Peter Mulvey</i> RIP
Saturday 16th Sept <i>Feast of St Ninian</i> <i>Vigil of 24th Sunday</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Frankie Cooper</i> <i>Mary Davies</i> RIP
Sunday 17th September <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Agnes Wilson</i> RIP

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



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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
10th September 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Today's neo-liberal society, marked by consumerism, is hard and heartless. It does not welcome the poor, the little ones, strangers and refugees. Money has no place for mercy. The society of the Roman Empire also was hard and heartless, with no room for the little ones. They sought a refuge for their hearts but found none. The synagogues too were demanding and did not offer them a place of rest. In the Christian communities, there were those who wished to introduce the rigour of the Pharisees in the observance of the Law. They brought into the fraternity the same unjust criteria of society and the synagogue. Thus within the communities there arose the same divisions as those in society and the synagogue between Jew and non Jew, rich and poor, rulers and ruled, word and silence, man and woman, race and religion. And instead of making the community a place of welcome, it became a place of judgement. Recalling the words of Jesus in the Discourse on the Community, Matthew wants to shed light on the journey of the Christian so that the community may be an alternative space of solidarity and fraternity. It must be Good News for the poor.

Response to the Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation:

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

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

Elizabeth Walker 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 (*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	£198.00	£226.50	£121.00	£545.50
Ss John & Columba's	£41.00	£70.70	£372.00	£483.70
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£22.00	£46.20		£68.20

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.

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.*

Aged & Inform Clergy Fund: there will be a special collection next weekend for the retired priest of the archdiocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. *Please only use an envelope if you are a tax payer and claiming the gift aid.*

St Margaret's Pilgrimage Dunfermline

2018: Notice has been received that the organising committee are looking for new members to help in the organising of next years pilgrimage, which is due to take place on Sunday 10th June 2018. They are opening up membership of the committee to the local cluster parishes (of which we are members). If you wish to attend the next meeting in St Margaret's Presbytery, Dunfermline at 7pm on 25th October 2017, please let Fr Chris know on 625611

Clergy Moves: The Archbishop has announced the following moves will take place in Fife on 14th October.

Fr James Tracey to St Joseph's, **Burntisland;**

Fr Wojciech Kowalski to resign as PP of St Pius Bowhill and St Ninian Cardenden, *returning for now to Poland due to ill health;*

Fr Brian Gowans from PP of Burntisland to PP of St Marie's **Kirkcaldy**, St Pius and Ninian's, **Cardenden;**

Fr Edward Wanat from PP in St Marie's Kirkcaldy to **Hawick** and **Selkirk** as PP.

Out of the Darkness - A witness to Faith & Conversion Mr. Anthony Gielty who spoke recently at the New Dawn Conference in St. Andrews will be coming to St. James' Catholic Church, Kinross on the evening of Monday 2nd October. After the 7pm evening Mass, Anthony will give his testimony on how God has changed his life. Having spent time in prison, Anthony, who is now married with children, will share with his experiences and how faith in and a relationship with Jesus has transformed his life. When he spoke in St. Andrews, many people were deeply moved by the testimony he gave. Please consider going to what will be an encouraging and moving evening. He has written a book about his experiences entitled "Out of the Darkness".

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage & Hospitalite Committee are celebrating 70 years. A Mass of Thanksgiving is being held in St Kentigern's Church, Edinburgh on Sat 28th October at 6pm by the Archbishop, which will be followed by a meal in the hall. Tickets cost £30 for 3 course meal and drinks. Tickets are available from Jennifer Williams or Fr Kevin.

Stewardship Reflection: "You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - *EZEKIEL 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

Pope Francis: *We need to go forth from our own communities and be bold enough to go to the existential outskirts that need to feel the closeness of God. He abandons no one, and he always shows his unfailing tenderness and mercy; this, therefore, is what we need to take to all people.*