

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 10th September <i>Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mgr James Rae RIP</i>)
Sunday 11th September <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Agnes Wilson RIP</i>)
Monday 12th September	
Tuesday 13th September <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mr Ash RIP</i>)
Wednesday 14th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Ingie Murray RIP</i>)
Thursday 15th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Special Intention</i>)
Friday 16th September <i>Feast of St Ninian</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Anne Tierney RIP</i>)
Saturday 17th September <i>in the 24th Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Betty Forristal RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Paul DiCarlo RIP</i>)
Sunday 18th September <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Anna Herriot 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

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C
11th September 2016

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Today's Gospel gives us three parables to help us consider in depth our image of God. The image that a person has of God influences greatly his or her way of thinking and acting. For instance, the image of God as a severe judge frightens the person and renders that person too submissive and passive or rebellious and riotous. The image of God as patriarch or boss, was and still is used to legitimise relationships of power and dominion, in society and in the Church, in the family as well as in the community. In Jesus' days, the idea that people had of God was of someone distant, severe, a judge who threatened with punishment. Jesus reveals a new image of God: God as Father, full of kindness for all and each one individually. This is what these three parables want to communicate to us. As you read, try to pause on each detail and, above all, let the words penetrate and challenge you. Try to discover what they have in common and try to compare this with your image of God. Only then, try to analyse the details of each parable: attitudes, actions, words, place, atmosphere, etc.

What is your image/lived relationship with God?

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Gospel Acclamation:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

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, Violet Merrilees

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 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	£93.42	£217.42
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£53.00	£83.95	£136.95
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£65.00	£137.60	£202.60
<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>£28.00</i>	<i>£93.40</i>	<i>£121.40</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: Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund

I am writing to thank you all for the generous response made to the additional special collection taken on 12 June 2016 to support the needs of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF).

We received £65,000 from this collection and after we make a gift aid claim, anticipate that this will reach an amount well over £70,000, a great start in our drive to increasing the funds to support our priests in their retirement.

The next special collection for the AICF will be taken on **Sunday 18 September** and if you wish to gift aid your donation, special collection envelopes are again being made available.

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support. Derek Buglass Director of Finance

Quiz Night Friday 23rd September – pit your wits against your fellow parishioners in teams of up to 6 people, raise some funds for the parish, have an enjoyable night out! Tickets £5 each, on sale after masses, BYOB, any donations of raffle prizes and cakes for the night very gratefully received.

Damian Murray's Diaconate Ordination: is due to take place on Saturday 24th September at 1pm in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh. Parishioners are welcome to attend. If enough interest is shown, a bus can be put on from the parishes. Please add your name to the list if you intend to go and tick the box if wishing to travel by bus.

Monday Club dates: October 3rd. Stephen Quigg; November 7th. Clark Stewart; Dec 5th. Dougie Mcfarlane (Christmas party)

Stewardship Reflection: “Everything I have is yours.” *Luke 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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

Over the coming weeks , we are looking at the Creed and some references from the Catechism to explain things further. Copies of the Catechism are still available from the church stalls.

I believe in...the Father almighty

-God the Father is the first Person of the one God, the Trinity.

-We dare to call God Father only through the merits of Jesus. He taught us to call God Father. (2798, 322, 742)

-We can call God Father only because of our union with his Son, Jesus. Through union with Jesus, we become adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. This is called divine filiation, and is the essence of the Good News. (260, 422, 742, 1110, 1279, & Pope John Paul II, “Crossing the Threshold of Hope”)

-God is Father because he is the first origin of all things, and because of his loving care for all of us as his children. (239)

-God is almighty because he is all powerful. The Catholic liturgy says, “God, you show your almighty power above all in your mercy and forgiveness” — by converting us from our sins and restoring us to his friendship by grace. (277)