

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 23rd Sept <i>Vigil of 25th Sunday</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Marjory Pooley RIP</i>
Sunday 24th September <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Anthony McShane RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 25th September <i>in the 25th Week of the year</i>				
Tuesday 26th September <i>in the 25th Week of the year</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> Ss John & Columba's	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Kieron McBride's Int</i>
Wednesday 27th Sept <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Intentions of the members of the SVPD Society</i>
Thursday 28th Sept <i>in the 25th Week of the year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Cosgrove RIP</i>
Friday 29th September <i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Mary Close RIP</i>
Saturday 30th Sept <i>Memorial of St Jerome</i> <i>Vigil of 25th Sunday</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Steven Glennie RIP</i> <i>Agnes Cooper's Int</i>
Sunday 1st October <i>Twenty-Sixth 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>Teresa Mortimer 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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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
24th September 2017

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This Sunday's Gospel passage is the Parable of the labourers sent to the vineyard at different hours, and yet they all receive the same wage. The message given to us by Jesus is the absolute gratuitousness of the love of God

Thank you, Oh Father, for having revealed to me your Son and for having made me enter in his inheritance, in his vineyard. You have rendered me a branch, have rendered me a grape: now I only need to remain in Him, in you and allow myself to be taken as good fruit, ripe, to be placed in the press.

Yes, Lord, I know it: this is the way, I am not afraid, because you are with me. I know that the only way to happiness is the gift of self to you, the gift to the brothers. That I may be a branch, that I may be good grapes, to be squeezed, as you wish! Amen.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is close to all who call him.

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, 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

Fr Basil Postlethwaite RIP (*formerly of St Joseph's, Bonnybridge*)

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	£144.00	£154.51	£121.00	£419.51
Ss John & Columba's	£60.00	£122.20	£372.00	£554.20
<i>Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund</i>	<i>(I) £427.65</i>	<i>(R) £336.00</i>		£763.65

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: Today we enrol the children who are preparing to celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and go on to prepare for their First Holy Communion and eventually Confirmation. *We pray that through the example of their parent's, they may come to know and love Christ as their friend and Saviour. Of course, they can only do this, if they are brought to Mass and live in a home where God is known and is welcome...*

Parent's Meeting re Sacraments:

Wednesday 27th September at 6.30pm in St John's Primary School.

Healing Mass and Sacrament of the Sick will be held in St Peter in Chains on Saturday 21st October at 11am. If you require a life to Church, please contact Jim Meade, President of the parish SVdP Society on 07979 564506

Mass Intentions: When a request is made for a Mass to be offered for a specific intention, it is a good and pious custom for the faithful to make an offering, usually about £5 – £10, which goes towards the upkeep of the priest who celebrates that Mass and forms part of the small annual allowance that they receive. The offering (which varies according to the generosity of the person) does *not* buy a Mass! Masses are not for sale. There is no such thing as “my Mass.” The offering is a gesture of generosity to the priest and the parish for his upkeep. We hope this offers some clarification. Please use the envelopes provided, filling in the relevant details on the front. *Thank you.*

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. 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.

Rosyth Methodist Church in partnership with St Margaret's Episcopal Church invite you to join them in a celebration of the work of the Christian Blind Mission at 6pm on Sunday 1st October.

Stewardship Reflection: “*So the last will be first and the first last*” - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying “it's not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.