

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 3rd December <i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Grace Gilroy's Int</i>)
Sunday 4th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>James Close RIP</i>)
Monday 5th December <i>in the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	Fr Kevin's Day off
Tuesday 6th December <i>in the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Kitty Lloyd RIP</i>)
Wednesday 7th December <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	No Mass
Thursday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	No Mass
Friday 9th December <i>in the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	No Mass
Saturday 10th December <i>in the 2nd Week of Advent</i> <i>Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(R) 10.00am NO Mass (R) 10.30am NO Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Holy Souls</i>)
Sunday 11th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Alvaro Gagliardi RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>John Stevenson 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

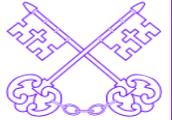
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
4th December 2016

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In this Sunday of Advent we are presented with the figure of John the Baptist, a challenging personality, as Jesus once said about John the Baptist in describing his personality: "What did you go out to see a reed blowing in the wind?" (Mt 1: 7). The profile of the Baptist that the liturgy puts before us is in two main sections: 3,1-6, the figure and activities of John; 3,7-12, his preaching. Within these two sections we may detect smaller matters that define the expression of this text. In 3:1-2 John is presented as the one who preaches «repentance» because «the kingdom of heaven is close at hand». This cry is like a thread running through the whole of John's activity and is repeated in 3:8.12. The reason for this call to repentance is given as the imminent judgement of God which is compared to the cutting of every dry tree to be thrown into the fire to be burnt (3:10) and to the winnowing done by farmers on the threshing-floor to separate the wheat from the chaff which is also to be burnt in the fire (3:12). The image of fire which characterises the last part of our liturgical passage shows the urgency of preparing oneself for the coming of God's judgement.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *In his days justice will flourish and peace till the moon fails.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

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, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Kate Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen

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)	£196.00	£68.40	£264.40
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£51.50	£107.82	£159.32
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£61.00	£106.50	£167.50
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£32.00	£65.00	£97.00

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.

We are now entering our second week of Advent, but where does the word Advent come from and what does it mean?

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming."

Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a

season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is a different shade from the one used in Lent, but is still associated with the colour of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Advent has two parts to it, from the First Sunday of Advent we focus more on the long awaited 2nd coming of our Lord at the end of time. From the 17th December we prepare ourselves for celebrating the first coming of Christ, as a child in a manger in Bethlehem.

The Ladies Group Please note there will be no routine meeting in December as we have a Christmas night out later in the month.



The SSVP would like donations of non perishable food, and children's new and good quality toys. We would also like donations for our raffle prizes, which Elaine and Isobel, are selling. Everything goes towards our Christmas Hamper Appeal to help families in need. We are grateful for all donations. Many Thanks

Fr Kevin will be away from Tuesday afternoon making his annual retreat. Next weekend we welcome Fr Joe Millar SPS who will be celebrating our weekend Masses.

Blood Transfusion Service Mobile Unit will be at the Parkgate Centre, Rosyth on Monday 5th December from 2-30pm - 4.00pm and from 5.00pm - 7.00pm, new volunteers in good health aged 17 – 65 are welcome.

Stewardship Reflection: "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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

"He will come again to judge the living and the dead"

There will be an end of time, and an end of this world. As the book of Revelation attests, it will come about after one final assault by the powers of evil before the final triumph of Christ's kingdom. (680)

At the end of time, Christ will return (the Second Coming) on Judgment Day where he will judge the living and the dead, each according to his works and according to his acceptance or refusal of grace. (681-2)