

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 16th January <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mel Kilbride RIP</i>)
Sunday 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Cathy Elliott RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Monday 18th January <i>Feria</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Jean King RIP</i>)
Tuesday 19th January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Christine Milligan</i>)
Wednesday 20th January	<i>No Mass—Fr's Day Off</i>
Thursday 21st January <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Muriel Saunders RIP</i>)
Friday 22nd January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Ann Fitzsimmons RIP</i>)
Saturday 23rd January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Tommy Griffin RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Fr James Byers RIP</i>)
Sunday 24th January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Jean Cafferty 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. Amen




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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND
ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)
16th/17th January 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Even though she is never called with the name of Mary, the Mother of Jesus appears two times in the Gospel of John: at the beginning of the Wedding at Cana (Jn 2, 1-5), and at the end, at the foot of the Cross (Jn 19, 25-27). In both cases she represents the Old Testament which is waiting for the New one to arrive, and in both cases, she contributes to the arrival of the New One. Mary is the bond of union between what was before and that which will come afterwards. At Cana, she, the Mother of Jesus, symbol of the Old Testament, is the one who perceives the limitations of the Old Testament and takes the necessary steps in order to attain to the New one. At the foot of the Cross, she is at the side of the "Beloved Disciple". The Beloved Disciple is the community which grows around Jesus, he is the son born from the Old Testament. At the petition of Jesus, the son, the New Testament, receives Mary, the Old Testament, in his house. Both of them have to walk together. In fact, the New one cannot be understood without the Old one. The New one would have no basis, foundation. And the Old one without the New one would be incomplete: a tree without fruit.

Let us give thanks to Mary and to all who give quiet witness to our Lord and Saviour.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

Gospel Acclamation
*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Sandy Rankin, Paddy McCafferty, Pat Coyne, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Margaret Thomson, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Marie Boyle, Mrs Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Brian Mackenzie, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Christine Milligan, Joe McBride, Delia Robinson

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (*Rosyth*) Bill Kirkton & Patricia Watt (*Inverkeithing*)

Baptisms

By arrangement with Fr Dow

Marriages

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) 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 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.

Bulletin Notices

All notices should be dropped through the Presbytery letter box or sent by email by Thursday evening

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£200.00	£97.95	£297.95
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£56.00	£76.00	£132.00
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£46.00	£104.07	£150.07
Building Fund (R)	£25.00	£91.00	£266.07

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.

Parish Registration 2016: please complete and return your form to the box provided at the back of the church or to Fr Kevin. This information is solely for the use of the Parish Priest, and will not be used or given out to any third party.

SVDP society would like to thank parishioners in both parishes for the kind donations of food over the months. The Society are now no longer collecting food.

Readers: a polite reminder to read only what is written! Some readers seem to be slipping back into old habits that are not desired or required...*"The response is"* *"The 2nd reading is"* etc.

Parish Hall: a meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January at 7pm, in the crying chapel of St Peter's for parishioners who are interested in the running of the hall at Inverkeithing, with the thought of setting up a hall committee.

Ss John & Columba Jubilee: 2016 sees many celebrations due to take place in Rosyth. It is the centenary (100 years) since the foundation of the Garden City, the first houses being built, etc. It is also 90 years since the Church of Ss John & Columba's was built and 80 years of the foundation of the parish. Do we as a parish wish to mark these occasions? A meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January after the 7pm Mass to discuss this subject.

Ss John & Columba's Roof-update: the church carpet will be professionally cleaned on Wednesday of this week.

Following baptism, the next sacrament that most Catholics receive is the Sacrament of Confession. The sacrament is actually known by several names: Confession signifies our need to go before God to seek to acknowledge our own failures; Penance emphasizes our attempt to make up for those sins through our

own contrition and pious acts; Reconciliation focuses on the repair of the broken relationship between God and His child. But there is another name for the sacrament, perhaps less common, and it is "the miracle of mercy." The Mercy of God works hand-in-hand with His Justice to wipe away our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus, who took the guilt for them and thus the necessary punishment. The mercy of God in Confession is a fountain of peace and love that brings us back close to God and to the community of the Church after we've inevitably wandered away.

Confession is sometimes seen as a place where we whisper our dirty, little secrets to a priest, who we imagine remembers them as he sees us at Mass or around the parish. This couldn't be further from the truth. Any priest will tell you that hearing confessions is an incredible grace, where good people humble themselves in honesty before the God they love and express how much they wish to be holier, to be better witnesses of Christ, to love the world around them more deeply.

When Pope Francis declared the Extraordinary Jubilee of the Year of Mercy, this sacrament was at the top of his list. He said, "It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy." Why? Because mercy is the reason Jesus was born among us. The Merciful Father sent His Son to repair a broken world and to take away our sin so that we could be with them in heaven forever.

In this Year of Mercy, no matter how long it's been since your last Confession, take a moment to experience this incredible grace again, whether it's on a random Tuesday evening in Rosyth or a Saturday in either parish, during an appointment with Fr Kevin, or during a special Lenten reconciliation service. You will always be glad you did.

