

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 10th December <i>Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(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>)
Monday 12th December <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	Fr Kevin's Day off
Tuesday 13th December <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>	(R) 7.30pm Holy Mass (<i>Kitty McGlinchey RIP</i>)
Wednesday 14th December <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Donors Intention</i>)
Thursday 15th December <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Jaqueline Hannen</i>)
Friday 16th December <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Marie King RIP</i>)
Saturday 17th December <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i> <i>Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Molly Sheridan RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 18th December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>John Cairn 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
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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
11th December 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Kevin A. Dow

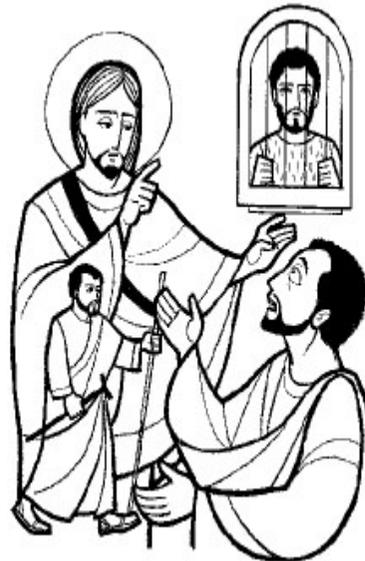
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- Let us whisper quietly the words of the Gospel and let them slowly pass from our tongue to our mind and from our mind to our heart. Let us quietly savour some of these words...

- We are gathered around Jesus and we are listening to what the disciples are asking of him concerning John: this is a serious question from those who have the power to change history.

- Jesus' answer takes on a staid tone, but it wounds our heart as with a spear: it is clear that the awaited Messiah is Himself!

- Let the questions, doubts, desires and hopes run freely around the Word of Jesus. Let them confront and engage with it. Gradually an answer will come, even though it may be partial: not in the arguments, but when looking squarely at "He who is to come" and who is speaking to you now. Do not weary of repeating his Word in a soft voice and of keeping it in your heart, above and within all the doubts and problems of your day, Take time during Advent to reconnect with the Lord, allow his grace and peace to fill your heart and mind.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *Come, Lord, and save us.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*

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)			
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)			
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£53.00	£128.30	£181.30
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£26.00	£74.70	£100.70

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 welcome this weekend Fr Joseph Millar SPS, who will be celebrating the Masses whilst Fr Kevin is on retreat.

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But today, on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose coloured.



Christmas Masses:

Vigil @ 5pm in St Peter in chains

Midnight in Ss John & Columba's (Carols & Readings at 11.30pm)

Morning @ 9.30am in St Peter in chains

Day @ 11.30am in Ss John & Columba's

Stewardship Reflection: "You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any

change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"

God the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the one God, the Trinity. (685)

The Holy Spirit has been working for our salvation with the Father and the Son from the beginning. But now, in these "end times" since the Incarnation, God can embody this divine plan in mankind "by the outpouring of the [Holy] Spirit: as the Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." (CCC 686)

The Holy Spirit does not speak of himself or on his own. He simply reveals Christ to us and disposes us to welcome and receive Christ in faith. His mission is the same as that of the Son: to unite us to the Son so we may be adopted by the Father. (687, 689-90)

"The Church, a communion living in the faith of the apostles which she transmits, is the place where we know the Holy Spirit." We know him in the Church through the Scriptures he inspired, Tradition in which he acted, the Magisterium he assists, the liturgy & sacraments through which he acts to sanctify and bring us into communion with Christ, prayer as he intercedes for us, charisms he uses to build up the Church, the signs of apostolic life, and "in the witness of saints through whom he manifests his holiness and continues the work of salvation." (688)

"The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men." (747)