

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 23rd January</b> <i>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Fr James Byers RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 24th January</b> <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> )
<b>Monday 25th January</b> <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Annie McLanachan RIP</i> )
<b>Tuesday 26th January</b> <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	(R) 10.30am Funeral Service of Alexandria Booth (R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>John &amp; Annie Kelly RIP</i> )
<b>Wednesday 27th January</b>	<i>No Mass—Fr's Day Off</i>
<b>Thursday 28th January</b> <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Jean King RIP</i> )
<b>Friday 29th January</b> <i>Feria</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Teresa McGlynn RIP</i> )
<b>Saturday 30th January</b> <i>Feria</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Isobel Ferrie RIP</i> ) (R) 10.30am Confessions  (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Fr Michael Milton RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 31st January</b> <i>4th Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>McCarcoll/Morgan Family</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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)  
23rd/24th January 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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A brief introductory summary presents Jesus' activity and his person, and the scene of this Gospel (Lk 4:14-21) takes place in the synagogue in Nazareth on a Saturday. Jesus' return to the place from where his fame had spread everywhere in the region of Galilee and to which the Spirit led his steps, has a special reason. In concise terms, Luke tries to give a salvific interpretation to the events by shedding light on the salient aspects. The fact of Jesus teaching in the synagogue signifies his Jewish origin and his wish to be part of the cult so as to emphasise the vital role of the law that God had entrusted to his people and to offer himself as fulfilment and hope of Israel.

To the question implied in the narrative: Is Jesus a prophet? the reply becomes clearer according to the criteria of discernment used by Israel to verify whether a prophet was sent by Yahweh or not: is his teaching in accordance with the teachings of the law, do his works correspond with God's commandments, do his prophecies concerning the future come true. In Nazareth, Jesus presents himself as a prophet – in fact he compares himself to Elijah and Elisha – even though he does not define himself as such in keeping with his custom that avoids any attempt at defining himself.

**Today's Mass Responses:**

**Psalm:** *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.*

# 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, Isabelle Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Christine Milligan, Joe McBride, Mary McManus

## Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Bishop Ian Murray RIP; Delia Robinson RIP; Alexandria Booth RIP

### Parish Safeguarding Officers

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

### Marriages & Baptisms

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and for 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 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	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£183.00	£97.70	£262.70
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£96.00	£67.71	£163.71
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£79.00	£84.64	£163.64
Building Fund (R)	£38.00	£54.18	£92.18

**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. *Thankyou to those who have already completed and returned their forms.*

**Inverkeithing Foodbank:** parishioners in St Peter in chains are invited to continue with their generous donations of food items, and these will be passed onto the Inverkeithing Foodbank.

**Ss John & Columba Jubilee:** Many thanks to those who came along, a few ideas have been proposed, and these will be given consideration. A meeting will be held in the near future to pursue this.

**St Peter in chains Hall:** A list is available in the porch of St Peter's church, to which is requested parishioners who currently have keys to the hall add their name. This is to give an idea of who currently has a set of keys.

Hall Bookings should all be made through Pat Reid on 417214

**The Ladies Group** will meet on Wed 3rd Feb at 7.30pm in the hall, with guest speaker Fiona McDonald, from the Scottish Bible Society. New members always welcome.

**Monday Club:** meetings will be held on 1st Feb: Stephen Quigg; 29th Feb: Clarke Stewart; No March meeting; 4th April: Marilyn Childs; 2nd May: 60's with Dougie; 6th June: Maggie Dee.

**Lenten Station Mass:** will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 7pm in St Agatha's Church, Methill. During this Mass the Archbishop will present the Creed to those candidates and catechumens who wish to enter into Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Damien Murray will also be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders during this Mass.

**Cluster Meeting with the Archbishop:** As you probably know, the Archbishop is currently touring the Archdiocese meeting parishioners in their proposed new cluster groups – in order to explain his vision for the future of the Archdiocese and to consult with the faithful. Here in our two parishes, our proposed cluster is with St Margaret's, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Name, Ss John & Columba's and St Peter in chains and the Archbishop will be coming to meet you, the parishioners of these parishes, on **Tuesday 1st March at 7pm in St Columba's High School**. The meeting will last about an hour and a half and will be an important moment for us as a parish community. Please put the date in your diaries and please try to come along.

**Ash Wednesday** and the start of the holy season of lent falls on Wednesday 10th February. What can we do as individuals and as parish communities to make this lent a special time of prayer and penance?

### Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, let the Church be your visible face of forgiveness and mercy in the world. You willed that your ministers would feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

