

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 17th December <i>Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	(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 Cairra RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Monday 19th December	
Tuesday 20th December <i>Advent Feria by date</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Vincent Jones RIP</i>)
Wednesday 21st December <i>Advent Feria by date</i>	(I) 10.00am Funeral Mass for Nadine Neil RIP <i>11.15am Committal at Hillend Cemetery</i>
Thursday 22nd December	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Michael Cooper's Int</i>)
Friday 23rd December	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Patricia Edwards RIP</i>)
Saturday 24th December <i>Advent Feria by date</i> <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Nora Walsh RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>John & Barbara Ewing RIP</i>) (R) 11.30pm Carols & Readings (R) Midnight Mass (<i>Fr Kevin's Intentions</i>)
Sunday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Protection of the unborn</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

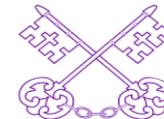
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
18th December 2016

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The question is: Is the humanity of our time still waiting for a Saviour? One has the feeling that many consider God as foreign to their own interests. Apparently, they do not need Him. They live as though He did not exist and, worse still, as though He were an "obstacle" to remove in order to fulfil themselves. Even among believers—we are sure of it—some let themselves be attracted by enticing dreams and distracted by misleading doctrines that suggest deceptive shortcuts to happiness. Yet, despite its contradictions, worries and tragedies, and perhaps precisely because of them, humanity today seeks a path of renewal, of salvation, it seeks a Saviour and awaits, sometimes unconsciously, the coming of the Saviour who renews the world and our life, the coming of Christ, the one true Redeemer of man and of the whole of man. Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night. Pope Benedict XVI

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.*

Gospel Acclamation:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

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

Patricia Edwards RIP (Rosyth) & Nadine Neil RIP (Inverkeithing)

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)	£124.00	£117.30	£241.30
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£59.50	£85.35	£144.85
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£59.00	£82.90	£141.90
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£32.00	£44.20	£76.20

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.



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 @ **11.00am** in Ss John & Columba's

The Ladies Group would like to thank all who made a donation or bought tickets for the Christmas Hamper. The winner was Mrs Margaret Grant. *Full list of winners on the parish notice board.*

Stewardship Reflection: *“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as St Joseph was.

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

“the holy Catholic Church”

The Church is the place where the Spirit flourishes. (749)

““The Church’ is the People that God gathers in the whole world. She exists in local communities and is made real as a liturgical, above all a Eucharistic, assembly. She draws her life from the word and the Body of Christ and so herself becomes Christ’s Body.” (752)

Everything the Church is, it is only because of Christ. It depends entirely on Christ. It shows forth Christ’s light, spreads Christ’s Word, and continues Christ’s work. The Church Fathers used the moon as an image of the Church: all its light is reflected from the sun. (748)

Christ instituted the Church to be the great sacrament of our salvation through Christ’s own continuing action. He gave the Church its definite structure, with Peter at its head, and conferred on it his own divine authority. He promised to remain with it until the end of time, and to send his Spirit to guide it and teach it in all truth. By all his actions, Christ prepared and built his Church. (775-6, 763-8)

“The Church is in history, but at the same time she transcends it. It is only ‘with the eyes of faith’ that one can see her in her visible reality and at the same time in her spiritual reality as bearer of divine life.” (770)

The union between Christ and his Church is that of the bridegroom and his bride, which is a great mystery. (772)

The “four marks of the Church” are that it is one (through union in Christ), holy, catholic (she proclaims the fullness of the faith and is sent out to all peoples in all times), and apostolic (built on the foundation of the Apostles and is governed by Christ).

Unity with the Bishop of Rome (the Pope, successor to Peter) is the point of our unity with the universal Church, and with Christ himself: Peter is “the rock” on which the Church is founded. (880-85, 896)

As the one who through her faith & charity brought salvation into the world through her role as mother of Christ, Mary is the model of the Church. She is the spiritual mother of all members of Christ’s Body, the Church. This role is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. (963-4, 967)