

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 5th March <i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Exposition & Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>John Norrie RIP</i>)
Sunday 6th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>John McManus RIP</i>)
Monday 7th March <i>Monday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	No Mass
Tuesday 8th March <i>Tuesday in 4th Week of Lent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Dennis O'Donnell RIP</i>)
Wednesday 9th March <i>Wednesday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	No Mass
Thursday 10th March <i>Feast of St John Ogilvie</i>	No Mass
Friday 11th March <i>Friday in 4th Week of Lent</i>	No Mass
Saturday 12th March <i>Saturday in 4th Week of Lent</i> <i>Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	No Morning Mass & Confessions (I) 4.15pm Exposition & Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Ann Fitzsimmons RIP</i>)
Sunday 13th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>John Murray RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Christine Milligan 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
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND
ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
5th/6th March 2016

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The mercy of the compassionate father found in today's Gospel (Lk 15: 20), is in complete contrast with the severe attitude of the older son, who will not accept his brother as such and who, in the dialogue with the father, refers to him as: "this son of yours comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women..." (Lk 15: 30). In this we can see the attitude of the Scribes and Pharisees who "murmured: "This man receives sinners and eats with them." They do not associate with "sinners" whom they consider unclean, but rather distance themselves from them. Jesus' attitude is different and, in their sight, it is scandalous. He likes to associate with sinners and sometimes invites himself into their houses to eat with them (Lk 19: 1-10). The murmuring of the Scribes and Pharisees prevents them from listening to the Word.

As Christians, we need to ask ourselves, do I judge others or do I try to pass on feelings of mercy and forgiveness, thus reflecting the tenderness of God the Father?

Today's Mass Responses:
Psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*
Gospel Acclamation
*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

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, Joe McBride, Mary McManus

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Henry Dellar RIP (Rosyth)

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)	£161.00	£108.35	£269.35
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£108.70	£98.20	£206.90
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£110.00	£110.15	£220.15
Building Fund (R)	£42.00	£71.99	£113.99

We welcome in a particular way this weekend, Fr John McFadden CSSp, who will be in our parishes making an appeal on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers, based in Carfin.

Fr Kevin is away today for a week on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, please be assured of his prayers whilst he is following in the footsteps of our Blessed Lord. If there is an emergency, please contact the presbytery, where matters can be dealt with by Mrs Wade, Fr's housekeeper or by contacting Fr Davie at Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline (722202)

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.

Cluster Meeting with the Archbishop:

Thank you to all from the parishes who attended the meeting and listened to what the Archbishop had to say. More details will be provide, when they become available.

Ss John & Columba's War Memorial: is there a parishioner who would be willing to help with co-ordinating the gathering of names for inclusion of the proposed Memorial Board? Please speak to Fr Kevin if you think you may be able to assist.

Special Collections: next weekend, there will be a special collection for the Papal and Episcopal Charities.

60's Night Social: Fri 22nd April from 7.30pm-11pm in St Peter's Hall. Music by D M Sounds. Tickets on sale after Mass. £5 each BYOB

Confessions & Stations of the Cross: please note that although the Stations of the Cross are taking place on a Tuesday evening in Rosyth, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is still taking place. *The priest is doing what he was ordained to do....*

200 Club winners: Congratulations to the February draw winners—1st: Jenny Sullivan; 2nd: Collette Hunter; 3rd: Deirdre Robertson

Fr Kevin came across this response from a priest in America to the film 'Spotlight':

"This past weekend, a movie called "Spotlight" won the Academy Award for "Best Picture". It is the story of how an investigative journalism department of the Boston Globe uncovered a massive scandal involving many dozens of priests accused of sexually abusing minors, and the subsequent cover-up by their superiors.

I am glad "Spotlight" won this award. Don't get me wrong; It was unbelievably painful to watch. In fact, I cried through it. I cried for the children who were abused. I cried too out of sorrow for the people who have lost faith in God and in the Church on account of these ugly truths.

Sadly, we know now that the scandal uncovered in Boston in 2002 was just the tipping point toward the uncovering of a national and international plague of clergy paedophilia and the collective cowardice of much of her leadership who turned a blind eye in various ways.

No, this filthy phenomenon is not isolated to the Catholic Church--I wish it were--but that is neither an excuse nor consolation.

Some people in Church leadership have suggested that this movie should not be seen, that it is a Hollywood conspiracy against our beloved Church.

I say just the opposite; watch it and weep with Jesus. The real conspiracy was the one between the abusers and their protectors. The victim is not the Institutional Church, but rather the children who were abused and the faithful who lost faith.

Then come back, if you will, and help us work humbly to make our parish a safe and holy place where all of us, especially the most vulnerable, may experience God's tender love.

Thank you, "Spotlight" producers and actors, for giving the Catholic Church, and our parish, the perfect Lenten penance."

On behalf of the parishes, we thank our own Parish Safeguarding Officers for the work they do, especially with the recent Audit.