

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 28th January</b> <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Graham &amp; Marjorie Smith</i> )
<b>Sunday 29th January 2017</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Ann Tierney RIP</i> )
<b>Monday 30th January</b> <i>in the 4th Week of the Year</i>	<b>Parish Priest's day off</b>
<b>Tuesday 31st January</b> <i>Memorial of St John Bosco</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass ( <i>Protection of the un born</i> )
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b> <i>in the 4th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Maria Keane RIP</i> )  (I) 6.00pm Vigil & Reception of <i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 2nd February</b> <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>	(I) 10.00am Funeral Mass for <i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i> (I) 11.15am Committal Service at <i>Hillend Cemetery</i>
<b>Friday 3rd February</b> <i>Memorial of St Blaise</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Frank O'Donnell RIP</i> )
<b>Saturday 4th February</b> <i>in the 4th Week of the Year</i>  <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Anne Tierney RIP</i> ) (R) 10.30am Confessions  (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Sarah McLeod—sick</i> )
<b>Sunday 5th February</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>James Meade 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  
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AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)  
29th January 2017

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On this Sunday, the Church invites us to meditate on the eight Beatitudes. Once, seeing the immense crowd who followed him, Jesus went up on the mountain near the Lake of Galilee. Sitting on the top, and looking at the crowds, he made this solemn proclamation: "Blessed are the poor, the afflicted, the humble, those who hunger and thirst for justice, those who struggle in behalf of peace, those who are concerned for the poor, the pure in heart, the persecuted for the cause of justice!" Words of fire which, even today, resound in the world! Throughout two thousand years, they have struck thousands of persons, and they make us think and ask ourselves: "What is happiness? Who is truly happy?"

The Gospel says exactly the contrary to that which the civil society in which we live affirms. In society the poor is considered an unhappy person, and happy the one who possess money and is able to spend as he wills. In our society, happy is the one who has fame and power. The unhappy ones are the poor, those who mourn and weep! On Television, the romances, shown in episodes diffuse the myth of the happy and fulfilled persons, and without being aware, the romances shown in episodes become the examples of life for many of us. These words of Jesus still keep their sense in our society: "Blessed are the poor! Blessed are those who mourn!"

### Response to the Psalm:

*How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Hugh Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen, Margaret Seymour, Jim McElhinney, James Kelly, Jack McGuire

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

Kate Finnigan RIP

### 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 (*emergency cover is provided by the various priests in Fife*) 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)	£173.00	£146.70	£319.70
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£50.50	£45.95	£96.45
Ss John & Columba's	£56.00	£85.00	£141.00
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£31.00	£44.80	£75.80

**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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion 2017:** application forms for these sacraments are available for collection from Fr Kevin.

**The Ladies Group** will next meet on Wednesday 1st Feb at 7.30pm in the hall, with a talk from local teacher Katrina Moore on her forthcoming visit to Malawi. *New members always welcome*

**St Peter in Chains 40th Anniversary:** our current Church building was officially opened by the late Cardinal Gray on the *26th May 1977*. Would there be a wish to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date, which falls on a Friday and then have a wee celebration in the hall afterwards? *Would there be volunteers to help organise this? Please speak to Fr Kevin if you wish to volunteer...*

**Clothes for Charity:** Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh are currently looking for 2nd hand or unwanted clothes that are in a good enough condition that they can be used by someone that could do with a helping hand. If you have any such items, please bag or box them and bring them along to the back of either Church where they will then be passed onto Caritas. *More information is available on the notice board.*

**Inverkeithing Community Council** are planning to hold an Information Day in the Civic Centre on the 25th March from 10am till 3pm. The event is being held so that groups in the town can advertise their existence and potentially give people with similar interests the chance to join them. Is this something that St Peter in chains Parish would wish to take part in? If yes, we can have either a full or half table for our display. The full table will cost

£10 and the half table £5. These charges are to cover costs. (*paid by parish*) *If anyone would be interested in organising this on behalf of the parish, please speak to Fr Kevin for further details.*

**Stewardship Reflection:** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3*

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

**This our Faith:** Catholic Sacraments— Vehicles of Grace

*“Freely choosing to accept grace”*

When God made us, he gave us free will.

He continues to respect our free will to the end. When Jesus died upon the Cross to redeem us from our sins, it did not mean that from then on everyone would have to go to Heaven whether they wanted to or not.

When Jesus died upon the Cross, he paid an infinite price for an inexhaustible flow of grace. That grace would enable each person to turn back to God and to remain united with God through this life and through eternity.

That brings us to a question: How would Jesus provide for this flow of grace to individual souls?

- Would the whole thing be invisible?
- Would God simply give to each person of good will a silent inner conviction of being saved?
- Each time that we felt the need of divine help, would we simply ask for it and immediately feel welling up within us a great surge of spiritual strength?