

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 4th February <i>Vigil of Fifth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Sarah McLeod—sick</i>)
Sunday 5th February <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>)
Monday 6th February <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 7th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Ronnie Gorman RIP</i>)
Wednesday 8th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>George Wade RIP</i>)
Thursday 9th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Jack Ryan RIP</i>)
Friday 10th February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Kitty McGlinchey RIP</i>)
Saturday 11th February <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Thomson RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions
<i>Vigil of Sixth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Miss E McLaughlin RIP</i>)
Sunday 12th February <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Nadine Neil 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
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
5th February 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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The four verses of the Gospel of this Sunday (Mt 5, 13-16) are found among the eight Beatitudes (Mt 5, 1-12) and the explanation of how the Law transmitted by Moses is to be understood (Mt 5, 17-19). Then follows the new reading which Jesus makes of the commandments of the Law of God (Mt 5, 20-48). Jesus asks to consider the purpose of the Law which according to him is contained in the words: **“Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect”** (Mt 5, 48). Jesus asks us to imitate God! At the origin of this new teaching of Jesus is found the new experience which he has of God the Father. Observing the Law in this way, we will be Salt of the earth and Light of the world.

Response to the Psalm:

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

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, Anna Bonnar, Jacqueline Hannen, Margaret Seymour, Jim McElhinney, James Kelly, Jack McGuire

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 (*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)	£165.50	£145.20	£310.70
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£54.50	£59.41	£113.91
Ss John & Columba's	£56.00	£71.00	£127.00
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£25.00	£35.90	£60.90

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.

Note to Readers: Please remain in your pew until after the opening prayer has been said. Please check in the newsletter which Gospel Acclamation is to be used and please refrain from saying “This is” at the conclusion of the reading. *Thank you*

The Monday Club meet on Monday 6th February in the hall, where Tom Schofield will entertain with Neil Diamond numbers.

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 and then have a wee celebration in the hall afterwards, the Archbishop could manage on the Sunday morning? *Would there be volunteers to help organise this? Please speak to Fr Kevin if you wish to volunteer...*

World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March at 2pm in Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth. Please join us and Christians around the world who will be praying for the needs of others. The theme this year is “Am I being unfair to you?” and is written by Christian women in the Philippines.

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.

Stewardship Reflection: “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*” *Matthew 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

This our Faith: Catholic Sacraments—Vehicles of Grace

“Sacraments: a definition”

The sacraments are chosen instruments of divine power.

The exact definition of a sacrament is that it is “an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.” We readily can see that there are three distinct ideas contained in that short definition:

- Outward sign
- Instituted by Christ
- To give grace

Let's examine exactly what each of these three ideas means:

Outward signs...

The outward signs are God's way of treating us like the human beings we are. He conveys His unseen grace into our spiritual souls through material symbols which our physical bodies can perceive—things and words and gestures.

The outward signs of the sacraments have two parts: the “thing” itself which is used (water, oil, etc.), and the words or gestures which give significance to what is being done.