

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 11th February</b> <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> )
<b>Sunday 12th February</b> <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> )
<b>Monday 13th February</b> <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	<b>Parish Priest's day off</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th February</b> <i>Feast of St Cyril &amp; St Methodius</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass ( <i>Jacqueline Hannen-sick</i> )
<b>Wednesday 15th February</b> <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i> ) (I) 11.00am Funeral Service for <i>Dorothea Vaughan</i> (I) 11.45am Interment at <i>Hillend Cemetery</i>
<b>Thursday 16th February</b> <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Alvaro Gagliardi RIP</i> )
<b>Friday 17th February</b> <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Czeslaw Winski RIP</i> )
<b>Saturday 18th February</b> <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Ann Tierney RIP</i> ) (R) 10.30am Confessions  (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Mary Harding RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 19th February</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)  
12th February 2017

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Jesus addressed to the crowds who are in hurry to listen to his teaching. They are amazed with his authority. He speaks to them with strong demand and points out that we are children of God and brothers and sister to each others. In the attempt to give the full meaning of the precept of the Jewish law.

The evangelist, in locating the first discourse of Jesus on the mountain, wished to draw the attention to the readers the image of Moses giving the Law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24:9). This teaching takes place as Jesus is seated, a position that recalls the attitude of the Jewish rabbi who interprets Scripture to his disciples. It is difficult to capture the richness of the themes that run through long speech, as some scholars prefer to call it "the evangelical words of Jesus"(cf. 7:28).

In your life, do you always open to Jesus' request for a greater justice? Are you aware that they are not yet in full justice?

### Response to the Psalm:

*The are happy who follows God's law!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal 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

Fr Piotr Czerwonka SAC RIP (*St John's Corstorphine*); Dorothea Vaughan 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)	£113.00	£110.20	£223.20
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£91.50	£66.26	£157.76
Ss John & Columba's	£58.00	£118.90	£176.90
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£27.00	£89.00	£116.00

**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.

**Education Sunday** – During this Catholic Education Week we are asked to reflect on how we are “Developing as a community of faith and learning” in our homes, schools and parishes.

**Education Sunday** If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com

**Special collection** today for the work of Catholic Education.

**Palm Crosses:** next weekend could you please bring back your old palm crosses for us to burn and make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, which is the 1st March this year.

**Weekday Masses at St Peter in Chains:** we seem to be at a stage where there are next to no readers and no ministers of Holy Communion attending weekday Mass. This has resulted in either the same person performing both ministries or Fr Kevin having to carry out all roles. Until such time as we can be certain that enough ministers are present, Holy Communion will only be distributed under the one species. If you are a reader or Communion Minister, please do consider attending Mass on a Wednesday and Thursday and allowing the liturgy to be celebrated in its fullness.

**Corporal Work of Mercy—To bury the dead:** it has been raised before in the parishes about asking parishioners to attend funeral liturgies that take place in our Churches. Firstly it is right that we as a Christian community should gather to pray for the dead, but it is also helpful to bereaved families who perhaps do not practice their faith to have people present who know the responses and liturgical

actions (when to sit, stand and kneel). *Please do try to make an effort to attend funerals in our parishes.*

**The Confraternity of St Joseph** will meet this coming Wednesday at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**St Peter in Chains 40th Anniversary:** Archbishop Cushley has agreed to celebrate the 9.30am Mass in St Peter in Chains on Sunday 28th May. Can those who have volunteered to assist with the celebrations, please attend a short meeting in St Peter's after the Vigil Mass on Saturday 17th Feb.

**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.

**Stewardship Reflection:** “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the way home is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

**Justice & Peace Reflection:** Inequality eventually engenders a violence which recourse to arms cannot and never will be able to resolve. It serves only to offer false hopes to those clamouring for heightened security, even though nowadays we know that weapons and violence, rather than providing solutions, create new and more serious conflicts.

*Evangelii Gaudium (“The Joy of the Gospel”), 60.*