

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 18th February <i>Vigil of Seventh Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 19th February <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>)
Monday 20th February <i>in the 7th Week of the Year</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 21st February <i>in the 7th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Anna Thomson-sick</i>)
Wednesday 22nd February <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Czeslaw Winski RIP</i>)
Thursday 23rd February <i>Memorial of St Polycarp</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Kathleen Conway RIP</i>)
Friday 24th February <i>in the 7th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Marjory Pooley RIP</i>)
Saturday 26th February <i>in the 7th Week of the Year</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Michael Devenny RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions
<i>Vigil of Eighth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Jack Dundon RIP</i>)
Sunday 27th February <i>Eighth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Anna Glancey 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
19th February 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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The seventh Ordinary Sunday, unfortunately rarely celebrated, as it is inserted in the short period of time between Christmas and Lent confronts us with one of the sharpest Gospel passages, challenging and comforting at the same time, that a Christian can meet: the closing words or "antithesis" of the Sermon on the Mount.

The first reading from Leviticus (19.1-2, 17-18), is a piece of the "law of holiness." It relates directly to the second part of the Gospel text, with the command to love our neighbour and closely parallels with the last sentence of the words of the Lord. In light of the other readings of this Sunday's celebration, the strong ethical demands of Jesus that we hear today are to be seen not as the result of a heroic attitude, but rather as the result of a full Christian life of high quality

and more conforming to the "image of the Son" (*Rom 8:29*).

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

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

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Jack McGuire RIP (Funeral Mass in St Peter's on Tue 28th Feb at 10am)

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)	£128.00	£126.70	£254.70
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£67.50	£56.70	£124.20
Ss John & Columba's	£52.00	£157.52	£209.52
Catholic Education	(St PiC) £196.05	(SsJ&C) £120.86	£316.91

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.

Lent: Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday and the start of the penitential season of Lent.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are 10am in Ss John & Columba's and 7pm in St Peter in chains.

SCIAF WEE BOXES: are available for collection from the back of the church for those who wish to make use of them. For those who wish to give Lenten alms to Caritas, a collection box will be in front of the altar.

Eco-congregations: both parishes are now registered as members of the Eco-congregation initiative. A meeting is being held on Monday 30th March at 7pm in St Peter in Chains' Hall for members of the West Fife branch, which is an ecumenical endeavour. If you would like to know more about how as parish communities we can become more ecological, please come along to the meeting.

St Peter in Chains church has recently been fitted with solar panels to assist in lowering costs to parish funds (also selling surplus electric back to the grid) and by becoming less reliant on fossil fuels.

St Patrick's night shindig: parish social night in St Peter in Chains Hall on Friday 17th March. Tickets are on sale now.

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.

Monday Social Group: 6th March with Clark Stewart.

SVDP: Why not buy a bag of groceries so our Society of St Vincent de Paul members can distribute them to those in need? Fill it with non-perishable items, such as pasta/pasta sauce, tinned food, tea/coffee. Simply put the bag at the back of the church or give it to David Hunter. This is a simple way to live the gospel of Jesus Christ by serving the poor.

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.

The Knights of St Columba intend to hold their monthly meeting in St Peter in Chains Hall on the 9th March at 7.30pm. They would like to extend an invitation to the men of our parishes, so that an insight into the workings of their organisation can be explained. Further details from Br Michael McCale

'40 Days for Life' a Peaceful Recitation of the Rosary against Abortion during 40 Days of Lent. Vigil Location is outside Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Vigil hours: 8 am – 8 pm daily. Volunteers can choose their own slots. Local Contact: Patricia MacLennan Tel 0131 441 3262 Email: pnmaclennan@yahoo.co.uk

Stewardship Reflection: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer.

When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.