

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 25th February <i>Vigil of Eighth Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ((<i>Michael Devenny RIP</i>))
Sunday 26th 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>)
Monday 27th February <i>in the 8th Week of the Year</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 28th February <i>in the 8th Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Funeral Mass for <i>Jack McGuire RIP</i> (R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Miss E McLaughlin RIP</i>)
Wednesday 1st March <i>Ash Wednesday (Fasting & Abstinence)</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Fr Tony McDonald RIP</i>) (I) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i>)
Thursday 2nd March <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>George Dolbie RIP</i>)
Friday 3rd March <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Christine Keating RIP</i>)
Saturday 4th March <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	(R) 10.00am No Holy Mass (R) 10.30am No Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 5th March <i>First Sunday of Lent A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Jack Dundon 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
26th February 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Imagine that Jesus speaks to you with these words: *Why are you troubled with your concerns? Let me care of your things and everything will calm down. I can tell you the truth that if you surrender in me totally every act of true or blind will affect what you desire, and resolve difficult situations. Surrendering does not mean smashing, upsetting and despairing but turning to me all your worry so I can change it into excitement in prayer because I am always with you. Surrendering means closing the eyes of the soul peacefully, diverting the mind from the tribulation and getting back to me because only me can protect you like children asleep in his mother's arms. How hard I work when the soul in its spiritual needs and in those material, so turns to me, looks at me and say, "I am thinking of you," then close your eyes and rest!*

Response to the Psalm:

In God alone is my soul at rest.

Gospel Acclamation:

*The word of God is something alive and active;
it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.*

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*; Fr Brendan McGlynn OCSO (*of Nunraw*) *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)	£171.00	£141.26	£312.26
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£61.50	£58.90	£120.40
Ss John & Columba's	£59.00	£92.30	£151.30
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£25.50	£53.90	£79.40

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 and also **a day of fasting and abstinence.**

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

Short Term Pledge for Lent: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is once again promoting the "*Short-Term Pledge for Lent*" prayer leaflets are available at the back of the church, there is also a poster for further information.

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.

Monday Social Group: 6th March with Clark Stewart.

The Ladies Group will next be meeting on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm for Lenten reflections with Deacon Damian. *New members welcome.*

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

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

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.

'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

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.

Stewardship Reflection: "*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth).*" *Matthew 6:24*

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the centre of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

Please note there will be no Mass or confessions on Saturday morning as Fr Kevin will be attending a national J&P Commission meeting in Glasgow.