

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 22nd April <i>Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 8.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Pat Lamond RIP</i>)
Sunday 23rd April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Glancey RIP</i>)
Monday 24th April <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	<i>Parish Priest's day off</i>
Tuesday 25th April <i>Feast of St Mark</i>	(R) 6.30pm <i>NO Confessions</i> (R) 7.00pm <i>NO Holy Mass</i>
Wednesday 26th April <i>within the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	(I) 10.00am <i>NO Holy Mass</i>
Thursday 27th April <i>within the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	(I) 10.00am <i>NO Holy Mass</i>
Friday 28th April <i>within the 2nd Week of Easter</i>	(R) 10.00am <i>NO Holy Mass</i>
Saturday 29th April <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Special Intention</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions
<i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Helen Waddell</i>)
Sunday 30th April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Helena Murray 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) (A/1)
23rd April 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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We are in the so-called "book of the resurrection" where we are told, in a not-so-logical sequence, several matters concerning the risen Christ and the facts that prove it. In the fourth Gospel, these facts take place in the morning (20:1-18) and evening of the first day after the Saturday and eight days later, in the same place and on the same day of the week. We are before an event that is the most important in the history of humanity, an event that challenges us personally. "If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless... and you are still in your sins" (1Cor 15:14,17) says Paul the apostle who had not known Jesus before his resurrection, but who zealously preached him all his life. Jesus is the one sent of the Father. He also sends us. Our willingness to "go" comes from the depth of the faith we have in the Risen One. Are we prepared to accept his "mandate" and to give our lives for his Kingdom? This passage is not just about the faith of those who have not seen (the witness of Thomas), but also about the mission entrusted to the Church by Christ.

Response to the Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'*

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, Sandy Moffat

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 (vigil)	£78.00	£212.15	£290.15
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£104.00	£137.00	£241.00
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£59.00	£173.90	£232.90
<i>Building Fund (R)</i>	£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.

Divine Mercy Sunday (23rd April) There will be a Divine Mercy Service from 3-4pm in St Paul's Catholic Church, Warout Rd, Glenrothes KY7 4ER. Tea and coffee will be held in the hall after the service.

Veneration of the Image of the Divine Mercy on the Feast of Divine Mercy. In 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You ... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (Diary 47, 48) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' " (327) Our Blessed Lord also said "By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works" (742) Let us always seek the Lord's mercy.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: each year the Archdiocese publishes in their directory a list of the parishes and when the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration. Ss John & Columba's are listed for Sunday 7th May (Good Shepherd Sunday) and St Peter in Chains is on Sunday 28th May (7th Sunday of Easter).



As Sunday 28th May is also the day that the Archbishop will be with us to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the current St Peter's Church, exposition will take place from 12.30pm. We therefore require parishioners willing to act as guardians of the Blessed Sacrament for each of these days. Each day will conclude with a Holy Hour starting at 3pm. A list is at the back of each church with slots to be covered, more than one person can sign up for the same slot, please sign up!

The Ladies Group are meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the hall. New members always welcome

The Confraternity of St Joseph will next meet on Wednesday 3rd May in the Presbytery.

St Peter's Ruby Jubilee Group: can we have a quick meeting after Mass on Saturday 6th May to catch up on plans please.

Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, the archdiocesan social justice & charities department is holding a fund raising dinner and ceilidh on Friday 12th May 2017 from 7pm till midnight in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. EH9 1BB. Tickets are £50 each, which includes a 3 - course dinner. A bar will be available. Tickets are available by contacting the Caritas Office on 0131 623 8946 or email caritas@staned.org.uk (or from Fr Kevin!)

Stewardship Reflection: "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbour, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.