

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 15th April <i>Vigil of Easter Sunday</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 8.00pm Holy Mass (<i>James Kelly's Int</i>)
Sunday 16th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Harry Brown RIP</i>)
Monday 17th April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 18th April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Funeral for Kathleen Boyle @ Crem (R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>James Meade snr</i>)
Wednesday 19th April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	(I) 10.00am Funeral Mass (<i>Margaret Davies RIP</i>) 11.30am Committal Service at Crematorium
Thursday 20th April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Sarah Davis & children</i>)
Friday 21st April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i>	(R) 10.00am Mass (<i>Gordon McGhee's intentions</i>)
Saturday 22nd April <i>within the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	(R) 10.00am NO Holy Mass (R) 10.30am NO Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm 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>)



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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A/1)
16TH April 2017

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We all know darkness, we all know cold, we all know weariness. We know these things even if the skies are sunny and clear, the breeze soft and warm. Life brings to all of us dark times, and there are days — like this winter — when we almost fear that they will never end.

But Easter gives us hope! We — you and I — are Easter people, a people of hope. Because of what happened on that first Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead, we know that there is always the empty tomb. With the tomb empty, the grief and tears of Good Friday, as well as the grief and tears of our personal dark and cold winters, give way to the incomparable joy of Easter.

As Easter people, as people of hope, we understand the true meaning of that word. Hope is not wishing, hope is not dreaming. Hope is our serene confidence that God will never abandon us, no matter what trials we face in this life. Hope is at the heart of our faith, and Easter marks the greatest hope for all humanity.

Let the hopeful message of salvation embrace us. This is a day of joy, a day to celebrate. Christ is alive! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Response to the Psalm:

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.*

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

Margaret Davies RIP; Kathleen Boyle

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)	£177.50	£158.87	£336.37
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£61.00	£57.00	£118.00
Ss John & Columba's	£46.00	£143.45	£189.45
Building Fund (R)	£60.00	£85.55	£145.55

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.

When Christians are asked the meaning of Easter, they refer to the resurrection of Jesus. It is the day for telling the wondrous story: Mary Magdalene saw the stone moved away, Peter went in and saw the wrappings on the ground, and the beloved disciple saw and believed. The faith of contemporary believers builds on their testimony. It is our festival of life, for the boldness of God's love snatched victory from the jaws of death. Our memories and rituals unite us with that event which was so disconcerting, marvellous, and liberating.

Sunday after Sunday, and especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once upon-a-time event. We bless and share a meal that shapes us as the Body of Christ. We sing alleluias and say the good news still takes flesh in our world. We colour eggs and enjoy feasts without need of a rational explanation. The pull to dress finely may be marred by commercialism or a drive for status, but we know our winter has passed and new life is here. In these and in so many other ethnic customs, we renew life just as we renew our baptismal commitment. More correctly, we rest in awe before the One who renews life and provides the possibility of commitment.

The reading from Colossians highlights still another dimension of this day. Implicit within all these celebrations, there is a sense of future. We can be intent on "things above rather than on things of earth." Easter is a promise of the end time. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory.

The Sacred Triduum Many thanks to all who assisted with the preparations and carried out the ministries required to enable our commemoration and celebrations to take place.

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.

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: "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." *COLOSSIANS 3:2*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

New Offertory Envelopes The new weekly offertory envelopes for 2017-18 have been given out. If you don't yet GIFT AID and you pay tax, please consider GIFT AID for 2017 as it benefits your Parish. If you are a taxpayer the Parish can claim back 25% of your weekly offertory contributions, which really helps towards the running costs of the church. If you are interested in Gift Aid please contact Graham O'Connor, the parish Gift Aid organiser for Rosyth or in Inverkeithing Moira McVay for further details. *Many thanks to all who currently help the Parish with their Gift Aided donations.*



CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!