

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 9th January <i>Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ((<i>Caroline O'Kane RIP</i>))
Sunday 10th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Richard Whyte RIP</i>)
Monday 11th January <i>Feria</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Donors Intention</i>)
Tuesday 12th January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Amanda Callender RIP</i>)
Wednesday 13th January <i>Feast of St Kentigern</i>	(I) 10.30am Funeral Mass for <i>Jean King RIP</i>
Thursday 14th January <i>Feria</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Donors Intention</i>)
Friday 15th January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pauline MacDonald</i>)
Saturday 16th January <i>Feria</i>	(R) 10.00am No Mass (R) 10.30am No Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mel Kilbride RIP</i>)
Sunday 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Cathy Elliott 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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9th/10th January 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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The account of the baptism of Jesus, presented to us in this Sunday's liturgy, invites us to meditate on it and touches on a crucial question concerning our faith: **Who is Jesus?** At the time of Jesus and throughout history, this question has been answered in infinite ways and these indicate the attempt of human beings and believers to understand better the mystery of the person of Jesus. However, in this meditative exercise of ours, we wish to draw deeply from the more genuine and reliable source, the word of God. In describing the scene of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, Luke is not interested in telling us the historical and concrete details of this event, but rather invites us who read the Gospel in this liturgical year, to consider the main elements that enable us to grasp **the identity of Jesus.**

When we were baptised, we took on a new identity, the identity of a Christian. Do we live out in our every day lives that reality? Do people know we are Catholics? Christians? By the things we say and do, at home, at work, on the bus?

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Sandy Rankin, Paddy McCafferty, Pat Coyne, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Margaret Thomson, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Marie Boyle, Mrs Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Brian Mackenzie, Franki Murray, Helen O'Neill, Mary McManus, James McElhinney, Christine Milligan, Joe McBride

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Mrs Jean King (*Hillend*) RIP

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (*Rosyth*) Bill Kirkton & Patricia Watt (*Inverkeithing*)

Baptisms

By arrangement with Fr Dow

Marriages

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) 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 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 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.

Bulletin Notices

All notices should be dropped through the Presbytery letter box or sent by email by Thursday evening

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£183.00	£87.90	£270.90
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£105.70	£83.48	£189.18
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£83.00	£78.88	£161.88
Building Fund (R)	£39.00	£134.13	£173.13

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.

Parish Registration 2016: please complete and return your form to the box provided at the back of the church or to Fr Kevin. This information is solely for the use of the Parish Priest, and will not be used or given out to any third party.

Church cleaners Rosyth: a meeting for all who have volunteered to assist cleaning Ss John & Columba's will take place after Sunday Mass today. *Thankyou for volunteering!*

Church cleaners Inverkeithing: we have 1 volunteer.....

SVDP society would like to thank parishioners in both parishes for the work, support, generosity and help with the Christmas hamper appeal. 64 happy families, and also many children benefited from having a special Christmas. A big thankyou to you all.

200 Club: Envelopes for the 200 club are at the back of both churches. There are plenty of spare numbers left if you are interested in joining. Please speak to Janet Agnew or Fr Kevin.

Parish Hall: a meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January at 7pm, in the crying chapel of St Peter's for parishioners who are interested in the running of the hall at Inverkeithing, with the thought of setting up a hall committee.

Why go to daily Mass? It's kind of like Facebook with God, the angels, and the saints.

Breaking in the day to pray tames the craziness better than your smart phone.

A miracle occurs every. single. time.

God wants to hear about your romantic woes more than your Twitter audience.

Under the (affectionately offered) "if you would just shut up, you could hear God's voice" advice: lots of precious, rare,

ear-opening silence.

It's not for the perfect--that's actually part of the point.

Did the sun rise this morning? Did you have a good breakfast? Did you get to dress warmly and well? Did you think about giving thanks for all that?

Because Jesus is present to us in a particular way--the way he chose as the perfect way--in the sacrament of the altar. (Want to meet him?)

Life is mysterious. But being present at this Mystery will make the mystery of your life much more clear.

Because this act "identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (CCC #1419) (...even at your imperfect parish)

We look forward to seeing you through the week!

Ss John & Columba Jubilee: 2016 sees many celebrations due to take place in Rosyth. It is the centenary (100 years) since the foundation of the Garden City, the first houses being built, etc. It is also 90 years since the Church of Ss John & Columba's was built and 80 years of the foundation of the parish. Do we as a parish wish to mark these occasions? A meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January after the 7pm Mass to discuss this subject.

Ss John & Columba's Roof-update: work has been completed upon the renewal of the Church roof. The final bill has been paid and the total for the work was £30,796.80. As a result of the disturbed dirt etc, we now need to get the carpets cleaned and perhaps some paintwork renewed where water damage has occurred.

Thankyou to all who set up the cribs, trees and decorations in the churches for our Christmas celebrations, and a wee thankyou in advance for taking them all down today.