

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 2nd January <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Joan & Malby Goodman RIP</i>)
Sunday 3rd January <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Grace McLaughlin RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 2.00pm Msza w Polsce
Monday 4th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Begley RIP</i>)
Tuesday 5th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	((R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>William Gray RIP</i>)
Wednesday 6th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	<i>No Mass—Fr's Day Off</i>
Thursday 7th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Francesca Burke RIP</i>)
Friday 8th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Grace Lafferty RIP</i>)
Saturday 9th January <i>Weekday in the Christmas Season</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>James Mulholland RIP</i>)
<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>Donors Intention</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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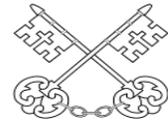
and on Facebook: *The Catholic Parishes of St Peter in Chains and Ss John & Columba*

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
2nd/3rd January 2016

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Some of you may be familiar with “re-gifting” that is, rather than leave a gift unused or if it is something you have already, you pass it on to someone else. This practice seems to have American origins, though it may have been a longer tradition over here than we are given credit for or imagine. This may be an appropriate day, the Feast of the Epiphany, to speak of gifts and re-gifting. We remember this feast as a feast for the Gentiles which includes all and not only those of the Jewish faith. Today the gift of faith reaches out to all of good will. The Wise Men travelled from the East to pay homage to the Infant King. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh reminding us of his kingship, his deity and also of his destiny and death. We do not have an account of what happened to the gifts, but we do have an account of the Wise Men with King Herod, who stated that he wanted to know all about the Infant King, so that he too may pay him homage. Sadly we know the terrible reality of Herod’s intention - the slaughter of the Holy Innocents. We hear today beautiful words from St. Matthew, describing their experience and homage, *Continued on page 3*

Today’s Mass Responses:

Psalm: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation
*We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.*

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

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.

Continued from front page: *"The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then opening their treasures they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way."* Our experience for those at the live Nativity Gospel Tableau, our Christmas Masses and visits to the Crib, our own faithful prayer and devotion are important, and an inspiration in our understanding of the gifts of our faith.

It is here at the crib scene, at the homage of the Magi, we can reflect upon the whole process of re-gifting. Each of us has been given the gift of faith. It is a special gift to be treasured, cherished and lived. It is also a gift at its best when it is re-gifted, given to others. When we do this, it brings great blessing through the power of the Holy Spirit to others and ourselves, nothing is lost. Imagine the benefits to our own family, our parish, our community, our world! It is sad to note, even in our own families, there are many who would benefit from a "re-gifting" of faith. If we could find a little more time at home or Church, we could factor in for 2016 prayer in our diaries, diets or exercise programmes. This will strengthen us in our resolve to re-gift our faith to others. Some are able to do this in a more direct and open manner but if this is not always possible, never forget the power of prayer. In our present time, we as Catholics and as Christians must do all we can to keep in mind the importance of our faith. We are surrounded by many who wish to erode basic human rights in relation to faith and conscience. Yet when it comes to their cause, all tables are turned and all self-interpretations proclaimed.

In our re-gifting of our faith it is important that we follow the example of the Wise Men after their meeting with Jesus, "they returned to

their own country by a different way". We have gifts of faith, love, charity, hope, peace and truth to offer. We too must go by a different way, living always lives in the joy of the Gospel, so that others may see Jesus in us. Re-gifting has practical benefits too for the needy. Your kindness to the Food appeal looked after by our parish St. Vincent de Paul is much appreciated. If you have anything you may wish to re-gift in the direction of the SVP, it will not be too late and will always be gladly received. Through the example and homage of the Wise Men, may we never fail to "fall on our knees" before Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Do the same before our brothers and sisters in need, we have much to re-gift, practically and spiritually, and we know Jesus, is there too.

Msza Świąta w języku polskim zostanie odprawiona w niedzielę, 3 Styczeń o godz. 14.00, w kościele pw. Ss Jan & Kolumba's Church, Rosyth. Ks Dr Wojciech Parfianowicz; Diecezja Koszalińsko-Kołobrzaska

Epiphany House Blessings: Around January 6, the symbol +C+B+M+ with two numbers before and two numbers after (for example, 20+C+B+M+16) is sometimes seen written in chalk above the doorway of Christian homes. The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The beginning and ending numbers are the year, 2016 in the example above. The crosses represent Christ. Marking the lintels of doorways is an old European practice that originally had overtones of magic (protection of the house). However, the symbols are now used throughout the world and usually represent a traditional Epiphany prayer and blessing. Next weekend, Fr Kevin will bless chalk to be taken home and used in conjunction with the prayers provided in blessing our homes and our families.

Ladies Group: please note there is no meeting in January, next one will be on 3rd Feb

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
Christmas Collections	St P's: £860.98	Ss J&C's: £342.20	£1203.18
St Peter in chains (combined)	£197.50	£196.20	£393.70
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£41.00	£125.90	£166.90
Building Fund (R)	£22.00	£102.10	£124.10