

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 28th November <i>Vigil of First Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
Sunday 29th November <i>First Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Pro Populo) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
Monday 30th November <i>Solemnity of St Andrew</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (Holy Souls) <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (I) 11.00am Benediction
Tuesday 1st December <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (Margaret Hughes RIP)
Thursday 3rd December <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier</i>	(I) 10.00am No Mass
Friday 4th December <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 07.30am No Mass
Saturday 5th December <i>Weekday in Advent</i> <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent C</i>	(R) 10.00am No Mass (R) 10.30am No Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Donor's Intention)
Sunday 6th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Donor's Intention) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Kitty Lloyd RIP)



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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT C
28th/29th November 2015

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory". (Luke 21:25-27)

For us 21st century people, apocalyptic language seems strange, difficult and confused. But for the people of those times it was the common way of speaking and all understood. It expressed the strong certitude of the faith of the little ones. In spite of all and against all appearances, they continued to believe that God is the Lord of history. The main purpose of apocalyptic language is to foster the faith and hope of the poor. In Luke's time, many of the people of the communities thought that the end of the world was close at hand and that Jesus would have come back. That is why there were those who stopped working: "Why work, if Jesus was returning?" (cf 2 Ts 3:11). Others stared at heaven, waiting for the return of Jesus on the clouds (cf Acts 1:11). Jesus' discourse shows that no one knows the hour of the final coming. Today we have the same thing! Some await the coming of Jesus so much that they do not see his presence among us, in our daily concerns and events.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Gospel Acclamation
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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, Charlie Mornan, Mrs Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Jean King, Joan McBride, Brian Mackenzie, Franki Murray, Helen O'Neill, Mary McManus, James McElhinney

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

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 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.

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)	£177.00	£124.72	£301.72
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£124.56	£81.68	£206.24
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£68.00	£71.72	£139.72
Building Fund (R)	£38.00	£44.20	£82.20

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.

Fr Kevin will be away on retreat from Wednesday until next Thursday. In case of an emergency, please contact the Presbytery where assistance will be given. Or contact Fr Alex Davie on 722202

Advent: please see the separate sheet for details

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: will be held after Mass on Monday

Rorate Mass on Tuesday 1st December: we welcome Fr Michael Carrie who will be coming down from Monifeith to preside and preach. Please take this opportunity to spiritually prepare yourself for the coming season.

SSVP Christmas Fayre. Saturday, 28/11/2015, 10---2. Free entry, at Rosyth Parish Church Hall, Queensferry Road..... Teas & Coffee, Clothes Stall, Face Painting, Tombola, Raffle, Toy Stall, Santa Claus, and much more. Donations for Raffle, Tombola, and Home Baking, most welcome. Please see Elaine Steinbach, or Isobel Gilmartin, in the Church

St John's Primary School Christmas Fayre: The fayre will be held at the school on Saturday 5th Dec. from 11am - 1pm.

The Ladies Group will next meet on Wed 2nd December for our Christmas Party. Raffle tickets on sale after all Masses for the Christmas Hamper. The raffle will be drawn on 12th December.

St Andrew's Night: many thanks to all who assisted on Friday with the wonderful evening held on Friday. An enjoyable evening of good music, food and company. Well done also on the £484.00 raised for hall funds.

Christmas cards are on sale from the stall in each parish.

Anniversary events: as you will know doubt be aware by now, the town of Rosyth will be celebrating it's centenary during 2016. Are you also aware that the Church of Ss John & Columba will also be 90 years old and the parish of Ss John & Columba will be 80 years old? Is there a desire to mark these occasions in the parish? Thoughts please to Fr Kevin

Parish Panto Trip: Wednesday 16th December at 7pm in the Alhambra Theatre, Dunfermline. Tickets have been purchased for those who have applied for them. Please hand in your payment (£13.50 each) to Fr Kevin. *Cheques should be made payable to Ss John & Columba Church, Rosyth.*

SSVP Christmas Hampers: the basket at the back of the churches are for non perishable goods that can be used to make up hampers for the SSVP to distribute to those in need.

Christmas gifts for children: Parishioners are invited to donate a suitable gift for a child, who through whatever circumstances they find themselves in, will not receive much or anything at Christmas. The parcel should be gift wrapped and labelled with age and gender of child to help distribution. The gifts should be brought to Church for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, so that they may be distributed in time for Christmas.



Advent Calendar and Christmas Stories from around the world. (R) Daily 3-30pm at Rosyth Parish Church Mon – Fri from 2nd December (lasts approx 30- 40 mins.) Come along and hear a story open a door on the calendar and take home a symbol to put on your Christmas tree.

Advent Ecumenical Study Group Mondays 7-30pm – lounge at Rosyth Parish Church starting Monday 30 November. We will be using a study ' Make room for Jesus' If you are interested in joining us and would like a study book (£4-99) contact Morag Crawford DCS 0131 332 2253.