

## TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 31st December</b> <i>Vigil of Mary, Holy Mother of God</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Alvaro Gagliardi RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 1st January 2017</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Christine Milligan RIP</i> )
<b>Monday 2nd January</b> <i>Memorial of St Basil &amp; St Gregory</i>	
<b>Tuesday 3rd January</b> <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass ( <i>Anne Tierney RIP</i> )
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b> <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Francesca Burke RIP</i> )
<b>Thursday 5th January</b> <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Paul DiCarlo RIP</i> )
<b>Friday 6th January</b> <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Catherine McGlinchey RIP</i> )
<b>Saturday 7th January</b> <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Lily Brogan RIP</i> ) (R) 10.30am Confessions  (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Mary Harding RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 8th January 2017</b> <i>Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Holy Souls</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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
1st January 2017

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*The first thing the angel says is: Do not be afraid! The second is: Joy to be shared by the whole people! The third is: Today! Then the angel gives three names to indicate who Jesus is: Saviour, Christ and Lord! Saviour is the one who frees all people from all ties! The authorities in those days liked to use the title Saviour. They attributed the title of Soter to themselves. Christ means anointed or messiah. In the Old Testament this was the title given to kings and prophets. It was also the title of the future Messiah who would fulfil the promises made by God to his people. This means that newly born child, who lies in a manger, has come to fulfil the hopes of the people. Lord was the name given to God himself! Here we have the three greatest titles imaginable. From this announcement of the birth of Jesus as Saviour, Christ and Lord, can you imagine anyone with a higher standing? And angel says to you: "Be careful! I give you this sign of recognition: you will meet a child in a manger, in the midst of poor people!" Would you believe him? God's ways are not our ways!*

### Response to the Psalm:

*O God, be gracious and bless us.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Kate Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen

## 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 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)	£362.00	£438.70	£800.70
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£38.00	£49.20	£87.20
Ss John & Columba's(12am&11am)	£20.00	£128.10	£148.10
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£7.00	£60.10	£67.10

**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.

**Christmastide:** As we continue to celebrate the wonder of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, may I say how deeply touched I am by your continued support and generosity, not just at Christmas but throughout the year. *May God bless you all! Fr Kevin*

**Christmas Crib Fund:** as is tradition, a donation box is placed in each of the cribs in the churches, and again this will take place this year. The monies raised through these donations will be used by Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh for assistance with children who suffer through poverty.

**Epiphany House Blessings:** As with last year, Fr Kevin will bless chalk to be used by parishioners to bless their houses. If however, you would like Fr Kevin or Deacon Damian to come and bless your house, please fill in a form available at the back of the church and hand into the sacristy.

**Special Collection** next weekend of the 7/8 January for the work of Justice & Peace, which in our Archdiocese is now part of Caritas.

**Parish Cluster Meeting:** the third and final meeting of our cluster will take place on Thursday 19th January at 7pm in our hall in St Peter in chains. Help will be required in providing teas and coffees for participants.

**Help with Lunch!** St Peter in chains will be hosting the priests of the Fife Deanery on Thursday 26th January in the hall. If you would like to help provide hospitality to them, please speak to Fr Kevin.

**Confraternity of St Joseph:** Fr Kevin has for a while had the idea of starting a group for the young men of the parish to have a place and time for them to come together in mutual support of each other in their faith. It is great

that our parish still has guys in their 20's/30's/40's that practice their faith! If any man in this category is interested in finding out more, please come along to the Presbytery on Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm. *Women, you already have the Ladies Group!!*

**Rosyth Garden City Association** have organised a Heritage Walk on Tuesday 3rd January. Meet at Rosyth Parish Church, Queensferry Road at 11am. The Route – Queensferry Road, Admiralty Road, Harley Street, Park Road, Public Park. Return Parish Church for Tea / Coffee / shortbread. All welcome

**Stewardship Reflection:** *“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” Luke 2:19*

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said “yes” to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God’s providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

**This is our Faith:** The Apostles Creed is what we say each Sunday, but what it is that we are stating we believe?

*“the forgiveness of sins”*

Only Christ forgives sins; the priests and sacraments are simply the means through which Christ acts to accomplish this. (987, 986)

In the Apostles Creed, faith in the forgiveness of sins is linked to faith in the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the communion of saints. When Christ gave the Holy Spirit to his Apostles, at the same time he gave them the power to forgive sins. (976)

“Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of the forgiveness of sins: it unites us to Christ, who died and rose, and gives us the Holy Spirit.” (985)