

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 8th April <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Kate Finnigan RIP</i>)
Sunday 9th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Christine Milligan RIP</i>)
Monday 10th April <i>of Holy Week</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 11th April <i>of Holy Week</i>	<i>7pm Chrism Mass in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh</i>
Wednesday 12th April <i>of Holy Week</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Patrick McHale RIP</i>) (R) 7.00pm <i>Ecumenical Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday 13th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	(I) 7.30pm Holy Mass (<i>Vocations to Priesthood</i>) (I) 11.00pm Night Prayer of the Church
Friday 14th April <i>Good Friday</i>	(I) 10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church (R) 3.00pm The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (I) 7.00pm Stations and veneration of the Cross
Saturday 15th April <i>Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ</i> <i>Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	(R) 10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church (R) 10.30am Confessions (R) 11.00am <i>Blessing of Easter Food</i> (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>)



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
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AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A/1)
9th April 2017

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Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because, as Jesus rode in on a donkey to the lavish praise of the townspeople, they threw palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people to show great respect. Palm branches are widely recognised as a symbol of peace and victory. Jesus' use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic as it represents the arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed for war. Holy Week, particularly the Triduum, is the most sacred time in the Church's calendar. Masses and Liturgies are outlined in the timetable. Please try to attend some or all of the Triduum and support each other at this very special time. *Palm Sunday Masses will commence with the blessing of the palms outside (weather permitting) and the entrance into Church.*

Response to the Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation:

*Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.*

NEWS & EVENTS

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 (*Margaret Wilson's mum*)

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)	£122.50	£74.40	£196.90
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£85.00	£72.18	£157.18
Ss John & Columba's	£76.00	£1169.35	£245.35
Building Fund (R)	£37.00	£92.10	£129.10

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.

The Sacred Triduum Please arrive in good time for the main Liturgies and please leave in silence.

Easter Vigil Mass: extra readers will be required for the wonderful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Please add you name to the list found in the porch of St Peter's.

Altar of Repose There will be adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. It is a reminder to us of when Jesus asked his disciples to spend one hour in prayer with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is an opportunity for us to spend some quiet time with the Lord. To watch and pray with him during this holy week.

The Divine Office: There will be public celebrations of the Office of Reading and Lauds (Morning Prayer) on the mornings of Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10.00am. This is the Prayer of the Church, obligatory for the Clergy and very much encouraged for the Laity. It is a time for prayer and reflection.

Good Friday: please remember is a day of fasting and abstinence

Blessing of Easter Food: Holy Saturday (15 April), 11.00am in Ss John & Columba's. It is the tradition in some Eastern European countries to begin the celebration of Easter Day with a family or communal breakfast. On Holy Saturday food including bread, meat products and boiled painted eggs, can brought in baskets to be blessed before being shared in the home on Easter morning. Everyone is welcome to bring a basket! It will be a Blessing!

Błogosławieństwo pokarmów na stół Wielkanocny odbędzie się w kościele pw. Ss. Jan &

Kolumba's, w Rosyth w Wielką Sobotę (15. Kwiecien) o godzinie 11.00.

The Easter Vigil: By ancient tradition this night is dedicated to the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, commemorating that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the "Mother of all Holy Vigils". For in this night the Church awaits in vigil the Resurrection of the Lord.

Please meet in front of the Church in time for the lucernarium – the blessing of the fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle at 8.00 pm.

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: "*As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.*" **MATTHEW 27:32**

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.