

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 5th December</b> <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Murray D'Angelo RIP)
<b>Sunday 6th December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Donor's Intention) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Kitty Lloyd RIP)
<b>Monday 7th December</b> <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	(I) 10.00am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th December</b> <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (Lucy Anderson RIP)
<b>Thursday 10th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(I) 10.00am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 11th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 07.30am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 12th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (R) 10.30am Confessions <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (R) 12.00noon Benediction (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Donor's Intention)  <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent C</i>
<b>Sunday 13th December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Donor's Intention) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Donor's Intention)



### 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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT C**  
5th/6th December 2015

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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*St John goes through the region of the Jordan preaching a baptism of penance so as to obtain pardon for one's sins. Repentance (in Greek: metanoia) means change, not just in one's moral behaviour, but also and above all in one's mentality. Change in one's way of thinking! People were to become aware that their way of thinking, influenced by the "yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod" (Mk 8:15), that is by the government's propaganda and by the official religion, was wrong and had to change. Pardon brings with it reconciliation with God and with the neighbour. In this way, John was proclaiming a new way for the people to relate to God. Reconciliation will also be the mark of Jesus' preaching: reconciliation even "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22).*

*This coming Tuesday, 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is the start of the Year of Mercy, as called for by Pope Francis. Will you seek the mercy and forgiveness that Christ is calling you to? that he longs to share with you, if only you would seek it.*

*Please make use of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession), and so receive the Lord's mercy in your life.*

**Today's Mass Responses:**

**Psalm:** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*

# 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

Mr Jim Purcell RIP (Fr Purcell's dad)

### 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)	£131.00	£85.85	£216.85
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£74.00	£66.10	£140.10
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£115.00	£60.90	£175.90
Building Fund (R)	£42.00	£66.51	£108.51

**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** is away on retreat until 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 Saturday 12th December .

**Rorate Mass on Tuesday 8th December:** we welcome Fr Martin Pletts who will be coming down from Kinross to preside and preach. Please take this opportunity to spiritually prepare yourself for the coming season.

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

**Social Group:** Monday 7th December Christmas afternoon party, church hall at 2.p.m. D and M sounds will be providing the music

**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.

**Year of Mercy:** As you know, some months ago, our Holy Father Pope Francis, with his special letter 'Misericordiae Vultus', the 'Face of Mercy' promulgated an Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will begin on 8th December, 2015 and end on the Feast of Christ the King, 20th November, 2016.

A Jubilee, of course, accords us a very special time of reflection in the life of the Church. This particular Jubilee focuses on the Theme of Mercy which lies both at the heart of the teaching of the Old Testament and is central to the ministry of Jesus, as described in the Gospels of the New Testament. The teaching of St Paul in his letters also, and the teaching of St John the Evangelist in his letters speak constantly of mercy. Divine Mercy is the Father's bountiful and faithful love for us as communicated to us in the love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

During this Holy Year there will be many opportunities to express our faith as a Catholic people. There will be many opportunities to celebrate the Holy Year with various activities in the parish, deanery and archdiocese, echoing the Church's celebrations happening centrally in the Holy City of Rome, presided over by the Holy Father. In October or November, there will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome where we can celebrate the Mercy of the Lord, visit the threshold of the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and visit the Holy Father, under the leadership of the Archbishop.

There will also be a number of designated Churches in the Archdiocese which will remind us of our links with our Cathedral Church and with the Holy Father in Rome. In these sanctuaries of mercy we will be encouraged to pray the prayers of the Holy Year to gain the Plenary Indulgence promulgated by Pope Francis. Some of the local sanctuaries are St Margaret's, Dunfermline and St James', St Andrews.

*Please see the parish handout for further information on local events.*