

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7th January <i>Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Mary Harding RIP</i>)
Sunday 8th January 2017 <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>)
Monday 9th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	
Tuesday 10th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Kitty McGlinchey RIP</i>)
Wednesday 11th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Saoirse Taylor RIP</i>) (I) 1.00pm Burial of <i>Saoirse Taylor at Hillend Cem</i>
Thursday 12th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Amanda Callendar RIP</i>)
Friday 13th January <i>Feast of St Kentigern</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Thomson RIP</i>)
Saturday 14th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of the Year A</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Anne Tierney RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Paul DiCarlo RIP</i>)
Sunday 15th January 2017 <i>Second Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Alvaro Gagliardi 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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ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (A/1)
8th January 2017

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The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*) means appearance or manifestation or showing forth, marks Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. "Epiphany" refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son.

The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from Jewish scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity to Israel at His baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex. 30:37); and myrrh was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

Response to the 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.

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, , Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Kate Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen, Margaret Seymour, James Kelly

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Baby Saoirse Taylor RIP

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)	£205.00	£140.10	£345.10
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£35.00	£56.00	£91.00
Ss John & Columba's	£68.50	£131.20	£199.70
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£27.00	£63.10	£90.10

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 ends on Monday evening!

Special Collection this weekend for the work of Justice & Peace, which in our Archdiocese is now part of Caritas.

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.

Crib Monies: all donations made to the crib in the church will be used by Caritas for children's projects.

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.

Confraternity of St Joseph: The Young men's Group will meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday 11th January at 7.30pm.

Stewardship Reflection: *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we



have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

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

"the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting"

This final pair of articles in the creed speaks of the complete fulfilment of our salvation at the end of time. Christ will raise our dead bodies, changed into a spiritual body like Christ's own glorious body (after his Resurrection), and reunite them to our immortal souls. God created man as a unity of body & soul, and that is how we will live in eternity. (988-1001, 1052)

Christian life is already a participation of our body & soul in Christ's death and Resurrection, through baptism. This dignity demands that we respect our bodies & those of others. (1002, 1004)

There are two judgments: the particular judgment of each person immediately when he dies, when the immortal soul receives its definitive reward or punishment. Then at the end of time, the Last Judgment will take place with all souls reunited with their glorified bodies. Then we will all know the ultimate meaning of creation and all of salvation, and will see our part in it, for good or ill, and receive the consequences of our own life's work. (1038-41)

After the Last Judgment, the righteous will reign forever with Christ, glorified in body & soul. The universe itself will end & be renewed in a new creation, a great mystery that Scripture calls "a new heaven and a new earth." This is the full and definitive reign of the Kingdom of God in the heavenly Jerusalem, where God will make his dwelling among men. (1042-44)

Hell is real, a place of great suffering — especially in that those in hell are forever separated from God. Although God wants to save all men, he created us with free will out of love, and allows us to reject him and choose death instead of life. (1033-37)