

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 12th December</b> <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Donor's Intention)
<b>Sunday 13th December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Pro Populo) <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Donor's Intention) (I) 4.00pm Vespers and Benediction
<b>Monday 14th December</b> <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	(I) 10.00am (Eddie McGonagle RIP) <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (I) 11.00am Benediction
<b>Tuesday 15th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (William Gray RIP)
<b>Thursday 17th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(I) 10.00am (Special Intention JW) (R) 7.00pm Advent Reconciliation Service
<b>Friday 18th December</b>	(R) 07.30am (Frances Boyd RIP)
<b>Saturday 19th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (Donors Intentions D&L) (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 (Dawn Marie McDermott)
<i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent C</i>	
<b>Sunday 20th December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Sharon Breeze) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Pro Populo)

### 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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT C**  
12th/13th December 2015

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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*An integral part of Luke's Gospel message is the need for conversion: metanoia, that is, a change of mind to a way of thinking and acting that is divine. Very often we meet in Luke's Gospel scenes where the mercy of God manifests itself in Jesus Christ towards the poor and humble of heart (Lk 1: 46-55; 2: 1-20; 5: 12-31; 6: 17-38). These scenes stand in contrast to the severe treatment reserved for the rich and proud whose heart is hard and closed to God and the needy neighbour (LK 16: 19-31; 17: 1-3).*

*The need for conversion: metanoia, that is, changing one's imperfect way of thinking to the divine way of thinking and acting. Do I feel this need?*

*God's mercy towards the poor and humble of heart manifests itself in Jesus Christ. Do I identify myself with these?*

*In Christian tradition, John the Baptist is the messenger who prepares the people for the first coming of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. What can I do to prepare for the second coming of the Lord?*

*Rejoice in the Lord always, but make sure you are ready for the day when he comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead.*

**Today's Mass Responses:**

**Psalm:** *Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.*

# 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)	£137.00	£59.51	£196.51
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£57.00	£80.94	£137.94
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£52.00	£67.40	£119.40
Building Fund (R)	£23.00	£74.50	£97.50

**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.

**Christmas gifts for children: this weekend** we 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. They will be distributed in time for Christmas.

**Blessing of the Bambinelli:** this weekend, the children of the parish are invited to come forward and to receive a blessed likeness of the Christ child, and to take them home and to make a manger for it, as a reminder that it is the coming of Christ as an innocent child that we celebrate at this time of year.

**Gaudete Sunday:** Please take the time to pray with the Lord during our periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Advent. Today we have an extended period from after the 9.30am Mass in St Peter in chains, until we celebrate vespers of the Church and Benediction at 4pm. *Please sign up on the sheet provided to make sure that the Lord is not left unattended.*

**Rorate Mass on Tuesday 15th December:** we welcome Fr Nicholas Grace IVE who will become down from Cowdenbeath to preside and preach. Please take this opportunity to spiritually prepare yourself for the coming season.

**Parish Panto Trip: This Wednesday 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.*

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** and 1st Confessions: this Thursday in Ss John & Columba's Rosyth at 7pm. Visiting priests will be in attendance.

**SSVP Christmas Fayre:** Many thanks to all who donated, and supported us in making the

day a resounding success. A staggering, £831.75p, was raised, which will go towards our hamper appeal. Raffle winners. 1st prize, Hamper, R. Steinbach. 2nd prize, F. Maxwell, Malt Whisky. 3rd prize, E. Steinbach, Southern Comfort. 4th prize, Bottle of Whisky, D. Brogan. 5th prize, Bottle of Gin, P. Keir. Many thanks to all our helpers on the day. *Elaine, and Isobel.*

**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.

**A Men's Day Retreat:** is taking place in St Patrick's Lochgelly on Saturday 19th December from 11am-5.30pm. If you think you are unable to attend the whole day, then why not attend the morning session (11am-1.30pm) or the afternoon session (2.30pm-5.30pm).

**Confessions whilst you shop...:** if you find yourself in Edinburgh doing some Christmas shopping, why not also take the opportunity to go to confession? On Saturday 19th December there will be confessions from 10.30am to 6.00pm in the Cathedral. Or if you prefer to shop in Falkirk, then confessions are from 8am to 6.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Church.

**Year of Mercy:** There are a number of designated Churches in the Archdiocese which have Holy Doors to 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; St James', St Andrews; and St Francis Xavier's Falkirk.

