

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 16th December</b> <i>Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	Mgr Matt Coakley RIP
<b>Sunday 17th December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Hour	Mary McCole RIP Pro Populo
<b>Tuesday 19th December</b> <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	St Peter in Chains Hillend Cemetery Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Burial Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	Hugh Finnigan RIP Lizzie Nugent RIP
<b>Wednesday 20th Dec</b> <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Jim McElhinney RIP
<b>Thursday 21st December</b> <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Kieron Wilson & Margaret Davies RIP
<b>Friday 22nd December</b> <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Bernard O'Neill RIP
<b>Saturday 23rd December</b> <i>in the 3rd Week of Advent</i>  <i>Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Confessions Confessions Holy Mass	George Hutcheson RIP Fr Michael O'Leary RIP
<b>Sunday 24th December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>  <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm 11.30pm Midnight	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Carols Holy Mass	Rita McKenna RIP Pro Populo John & Barbara Ewing RIP 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—YEAR B (Gaudete Sunday)  
17th December 2017

### PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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### Advent devotions

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of silence from **4.00pm on Sundays** followed by Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. *Confessions are also available during this time in St Peter in Chains Church.*
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of silence from **6.00pm on Tuesdays** followed by Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. *Confessions are also available during this time in Ss John & Columba's Church.*
- **Rorate Mass:** Mass by candlelight on the **Tuesdays of Advent at 7.00pm** in Ss John & Columba's Church



### Response to the Psalm:

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

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

## Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Jenny Campbell, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Joe McBride, Marie Cushley, Violet Merrilees, Anna Bonnar, Margaret Seymour, Rose Toher,  
*James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

## Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Hugh Finnigan RIP Reception of Remains on Monday 18th Dec at 6pm in St Peter in Chains

### Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn (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 Gowans 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

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains			£121.00	
Ss John & Columba's	£58.00	£107.50	£372.00	<b>£537.50</b>
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£28.00	£59.00		<b>£87.00</b>

**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 Introit for Gaudete Sunday** is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But today, on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the clergy wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose coloured.

### Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child:

Another Advent devotion, is the blessing of the images of the baby Jesus from the family crib sets. During Fr Kevin's first Advent in the parish around 50 figures were handed out to the children of the parish, and over the years other children have brought their own figures along to be blessed. *The blessing of the baby Jesus will take place at Masses this weekend, so please look out your 'baby Jesus' and bring it along to be blessed!*

**Clearing up any confusion:** As Catholics we are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore next weekend, we are obliged to attend a Mass for the **Sunday** (choice of 3 in our parishes) **AND** a Mass for **Christmas** (choice of 3 in our parishes). *Therefore over next weekend, you will be attending either once on Saturday and again on Sunday evening/Monday or attending Sunday morning and again on Sunday evening/Monday.*

**Please help bring a smile** to children and families in need in our community by donating new toys and non-perishable food items to the SSVP Christmas Hamper appeal. If everyone in our parish makes just one small donation, it will be a great success! *Place donations at the back of the church. Thank-you.*

**SSVP Christmas raffle:** Congratulations to all who won a prize. Lists of winners will be displayed in the Church porches. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets in aid of the Christmas Hamper appeal. *Many families will benefit from your generosity.*

**Stewardship Reflection:** *"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



### Christmas Masses:

**Sun 24th Dec:** Vigil @ 5pm in St Peter in Chains Church.

**Midnight** in Ss John & Columba's Church (*Carols from 11.30pm*).

**Christmas Day** at 10am in Ss John & Columba's Church.