

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 23rd December <i>Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	Fr Michael O'Leary RIP
Sunday 24th December <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
Monday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Therese & Eric Allcock RIP
Tuesday 26th December <i>Feast of St Stephen</i>			NO MASS	
Wednesday 27th Dec <i>Feast of St John</i>	7.00pm	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Kate & Hugh Finnigan RIP
Thursday 28th December <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Josie Gallagher RIP
Friday 29th December <i>in the Christmas Octave</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	George Hutchison RIP
Saturday 30th December <i>in the Christmas Octave</i> <i>Vigil of the Holy Family</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	Jean King RIP Pro Populo
Sunday 31st December <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Margaret Begley RIP Christine Milligan RIP



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

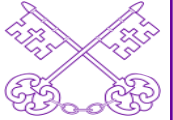
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND
ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B
24th December 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Kevin A. Dow

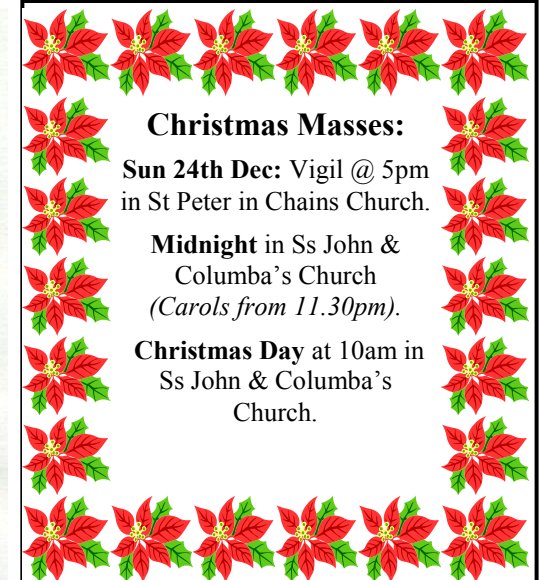
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Christmas Masses:

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.

Response to the Psalm:

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

*I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me*

NEWS & EVENTS

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

Pete Thom *RIP*

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	£346.00	£205.38	£121.00	£672.38
Ss John & Columba's	£	£	£372.00	£
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£	£		£

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.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we draw ever closer to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Christ. Let us pray that we may welcome his arrival with joy and suitably prepared

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.*

SSVP: 130 local families received Christmas gift hampers from our Parishes St Vincent de Paul Conference. Their Christmas raffle also raised a fab £632. All proceeds went to buying food and presents for the hampers. *Elaine, Isobel and the Vincentian team thank you all for the many kind donations and support in this and throughout the year.*

SSVP Christmas Hamper Winners

1st. Food Hamper - Stella Fitzgerald 2nd.
Pink Moet Champagne - Liz
3rd. Doll's House - Eileen Duncan
£30 Asda Voucher - Isobel Gilmartin
Assorted Biscuits - Meade Family
tbc - Ann Dixon
Bottle of Brandy - Lorreta
Bottle of Wine - Tracy Wells
Bottle of Wine - Mrs Hodgson
House of Parliament Whisky - Andy Jackson
Box of Sweets - Theresa Robertson
Dairy Milk - Margaret McKee
Crystal Glass Bowl - Mary Dobbie

Box of Chocolates - Pat Castle
Bottle of Red Wine - Celtic Sam

Congratulations and many thanks to all who bought tickets.

Christmas Thoughts It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts; It's not wrapping presents, its being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love; It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, It's sending any card, anytime, at the right time; It's not having the biggest and best Christmas light display, It's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart; It's not Santa coming down the chimney, It's Jesus coming down from heaven, and giving us the gift of eternal life.

Anonymous

Christmas Crib Fund: as is tradition, a donation box is placed in each of the cribs in the churches, and again this will take place this year. The monies raised through these donations will be used by Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh for assistance with children who suffer through poverty.

Fr Kevin & Isaac would like to wish one and all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year when it comes. *Many thanks also for the cards and presents received. May God reward you for your kindness.*

*Merry Christmas! Wesolych Świąt!
Maligayang Pasko! Feliz Navidad!
Buon Natale! Nollaig Shona!*

Stewardship Reflection: *"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28*

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.