

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 20th January <i>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Sid Ward RIP</i>
Sunday 21st January <i>Third Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Francis McFadden RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 22nd January <i>in the 3rd Week of the Year</i>				
Tuesday 23rd January <i>in the 3rd Week of the Year (II)</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Ss John & Columba's	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>John Ewing RIP</i> <i>& Alistair Dow RIP</i>
Wednesday 24th January <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Margaret Seymour's Int</i>
Thursday 25th January <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Val Hendry</i>
Friday 26th January <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy & Titus</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Rosie Gilmartin RIP</i>
Saturday 27th January <i>in the 3rd Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday of the Year (B)</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	<i>NO MASS</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	 <i>Noleen Munro RIP</i>
Sunday 28th January <i>Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Brian Stewart RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</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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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B/II)
21st January 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Until Ash Wednesday the gospels of Year B follow Mark.

Each of the four Gospels has distinctive literary characteristics, a particular picture of Jesus and different understandings of discipleship. Mark, the shortest of the Gospels, contains the most vivid human portrait of Jesus. He expresses deep emotions (which Matthew and Luke often omit): compassion, strong displeasure, surprise at disbelief, deep sighs, indignation, and ignorance of when history will end. Jesus is a powerful and mysterious presence whose actions constantly elicit wonder and surprise and evoke such question as "Who is this?"

In our Gospel today Jesus calls the first disciples. Jesus is not a solitary prophet but one who calls companions; he enters the lives of four people, engaged in their ordinary occupations, simply saying, "Follow me, and I will make you into fishers of men." They immediately drop everything to follow. Discipleship involves being with Jesus and doing the things of Jesus.

Response to the Psalm:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation:

*The kingdom of God is close at hand:
repent, and believe the Good News.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

James Morris, 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, Michael McElhinney, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

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	£209.00	£218.20	£121.00	£548.20
Ss John & Columba's	£51.00	£143.20	£372.00	£566.20
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£31.00	£78.21		£109.21

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.

Please note that there will be no Mass or Confessions this coming Saturday morning, as Father has a mandatory training day to attend.

Catholic Education Sunday takes place next weekend (28th) and so a special collection will be taken to assist the work of the national commission.

Lent 2018 Ash Wednesday this year falls on 14th February, and there will be Mass with the Distribution of Ashes at St Peter in Chains at 10:00am and at Ss John & Columba's Church at 7:00pm. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. During Lent this year our Parish will be journeying with Vicky Park from our Ss John & Columba's community as she prepares for reception into full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening 31st March. This journey involves all our communities, being with her in prayer and getting to know her better.

The Great Parish Bake-Off - 11th February 2018 - calling all bakers of all ages! Oven mitts on and whisks at the ready for the 1st Annual Parish Bake-Off. Come along at 3.00pm on Sunday 11th Feb 2018 to St Peter in Chains' hall with a dozen of your finest confections, bread creations or show stopping cakes. There will be prizes for the winners and lots of cake for everyone – hopefully! (*tickets for tea & cake are £1.50*). Funds raised to go towards the Parish Lourdes Fund. Further info on the posters - please e-mail your entry name and category to ssjohn.columba.peter@gmail.com

Not Available! Fr Kevin will be taking a Christmas break (belated) from Monday 29th January to Saturday 3rd February.

Recessional Hymn this weekend:

When Christ our Lord to Andrew cried:
 "Come, thou, and follow me,"
 The fisher left his net beside
 the Sea of Galilee.
 To teach the truth the Master taught,
 to tread the path he trod
 was all his will and thus he brought
 unnumbered souls to God.

When Andrew's hour had come, and he
 was doomed, like Christ to die,
 he kissed his cross exultingly,
 and this his noble cry:
 "O noble cross! O precious wood!
 I long have yearned for thee;
 uplift me to my only good
 who died on thee for me."

The faith that Andrew taught once shone
 o'er all this kingdom fair;
 the cross that Jesus died upon
 was honoured everywhere.
 But times once changed and Andrew's name
 was for a while forgot;
 the cross, though set in kingly crown,
 became a sign of shame.

St Andrew now in bliss above,
 thy fervent prayers renew
 that Scotland yet again may love
 the faith, entire and true;
 that I the cross allotted me
 may bear with patient love! 'Twill lift me, as it lifted thee,
 to reign with Christ above.

Stewardship Reflection: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.