

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 24th February <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Virginia Burke</i> RIP
Sunday 25th February <i>Second Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Jack Dundon</i> RIP <i>Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday 27th February <i>Second Week of Lent</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	Holy Mass	<i>Fr Charles Carr</i> RIP
Wednesday 28th Feb <i>Second Week of Lent</i>	09.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.45am	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains <i>Hillend Cemetery</i>	<i>Stations</i> Holy Mass Funeral <i>Burial</i>	<i>Bill King</i> RIP <i>Jimmy Doohan</i> RIP
Thursday 1st March <i>Second Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 11.15am	St Peter in Chains <i>Douglas Bank Cem</i>	Funeral Mass <i>Burial</i>	<i>Jane Maley</i> RIP
Friday 2nd March <i>Second Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 2.00pm 3.00pm 6.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>St Peter in Chains</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	Holy Mass <i>Day of Prayer</i> <i>Divine Mercy</i> <i>Stations</i>	<i>Margaret</i> <i>Seymour</i> RIP
Saturday 3rd March <i>Second Week of Lent</i> <i>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Pearl Philips</i> RIP <i>Bernard</i> <i>McAllister</i> RIP
Sunday 4th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Hugh Finnigan</i> RIP <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

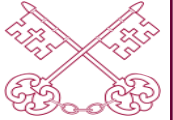
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B/II)
25th February 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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On this second Sunday of Lent, the Church meditates on the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of the three disciples who joined Him on the mountain. The Transfiguration takes place after the first announcement of the death of Jesus (Lk 9:21-22). This announcement had confused the disciples and especially Peter. When we take a close look at the small details, we see that the text describes the transfiguration in a way that makes us aware of how this unusual experience of Jesus was able to help the disciples overcome the crisis in which they found themselves. As we read or listen to this text, let us try to pay attention to the following: "How did the transfiguration take place and what was the reaction of the disciples towards this experience?"

Response to the Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Margaret Carberry, Janet Agnew, 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, Rose Toher, Michael McElhinney, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

James Doohan *RIP*; Jane Maley *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	£160.00	£203.43	£121.00	£484.43
Ss John & Columba's	£56.00	£89.40	£372.00	£517.40
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	<i>£28.00</i>	<i>£120.70</i>		<i>£148.70</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.

Lenten Devotions: as is advertised in the Lenten leaflet, Ss John & Columba's Church will be open from 2.30pm every Friday with the Divine Mercy Chaplet being recited at 3pm followed by Confessions. The Church will remain open for anyone who wishes to come and pray. **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at 6pm on Fridays in Rosyth and Wednesdays at 9.30am in Inverkeithing.

World Day of Prayer: takes place on Friday 2nd March at 2pm in St Peter in Chains Church. We will be playing host to the Rosyth and Inverkeithing churches. All are welcome to attend.

Knights of St Columba: There is a meeting of the Knights of Saint Columba on the 8th of March in St Peter in Chains Church hall at 7 o'clock. I would like to extend an invitation to all the gentleman of our parishes to come along and see what we are all about. *You can phone Michael on 01383 823007 for more information.*

The next Ladies Group meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the hall, with a Lenten Reflection from our Deacon, Damian Murray. New members always welcome.

Stewardship Reflection: “‘Here I am!’ *he answered.*” - *Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

A letter from the Archbishop:

Edinburgh, 20 February 2018

My dear people,

As you know, I have spent much of the last two years looking into the question of our parish clusters, to see if there was a way to improve and renew the pastoral life of the diocese. Having listened to literally thousands of you at cluster meetings across the Diocese, having read the cluster reports that were sent to me, and having consulted our clergy in various forums, I now intend to draw this process of consultation to an end by proposing the merger of an important number of our parishes. My proposals will be made public shortly, after I have consulted the Council of Priests in early March.

I am well aware that this has not been an easy time for any of us. Guided, however, by a genuine desire to improve the Christian life and pastoral care of the Diocese with the human and priestly resources at our disposal, I hope to put before you a reasonable compromise of our needs and wishes in the near future.

In general terms, therefore, and to put some minds at ease, I write to you now to let you know that I am minded to merge a significant number of clusters, though by no means all, into single parishes, retaining however most of the church buildings already in use for as long as they are affordable, and indeed wished, by clergy and people alike. The time may well come in the future when not every church or chapel can expect Sunday Mass to be celebrated in it every week, but this is a separate question for us to answer in due course.

Let me also thank all of you again for sharing your thoughts, opinions and aspirations with me over these last years. It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to meet with and get to know so many of you during this process. Having glimpsed something of your faith and of your commitment to the Church, I am very encouraged as we move forward towards a new stage in the life of this diocese. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I remember you in mine.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo Cushley
Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh