

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 3rd February <i>Vigil of the 5th 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>Sarah & Peter Boner RIP</i>
Sunday 4th February <i>Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>George Dobbie RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 5th February <i>Memorial of St Agatha</i>				
Tuesday 6th February <i>Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese Martyrs)</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>James Meade RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Thursday 8th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>George Wade RIP</i>
Friday 9th February <i>in the 5th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Catherine Macdonald RIP</i>
Saturday 10th February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica</i> <i>Vigil of the 6th Sunday of the Year (B)</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>Donor's Intention</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 11th February <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Frank O'Donnell RIP</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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B/II)
4th February 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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'Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities' in the parishes of St Peter in Chains, Inverkeithing and Ss John & Columba's, Rosyth.

The Catholic Church's safeguarding programme involves us all: the Parish Priest, the Parish Co-ordinator, volunteers, the parish community. Here in our Parishes we have a number of families with children of all ages and at all stages of their faith development. We are fortunate in having a number of Catechists who undertake the task of introducing the children to their faith and of preparing them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation. We also have a number of volunteers who provide support to the children by presenting the Liturgy of the Mass of the day through a range of appropriate planned learning activities aimed specifically at meeting the needs of the age range of the children. A further group of volunteers undertake the role of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, taking the Eucharist to the sick or housebound. As a parish, we warmly welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all those who volunteer, in whatever way and using whatever skills they may have, to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of our parish. In law, anyone who works with children or adults at risk is obliged to undertake a Disclosure check, and in our parish this process is carried out through Maureen and Patricia in St Peter's and by Lisa in Rosyth, who has been approved by the Diocese to carry out the administration work involved. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has a further requirement that anyone who offers their services as a volunteer with vulnerable groups must complete an application form, self-declaration form and provide two character references.

Response to the Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Gospel Acclamation:

He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us.

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

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, Margaret Seymour, Rose Toher, Michael McElhinney, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Jimmy Cessford *RIP (formerly of Inverkeithing)*

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	£48.00	£137.00	£372.00	£557.50
Catholic Education	(Rosyth) £101.60			£101.60

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 Ladies Group next meet on Wed 7th Feb, at 7.30pm in St Peter in Chains' Hall. New members always welcome

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.

Palm crosses: please return last year's palms to the back of the churches, so that they may be used to make the ashes for the start of Lent.

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 or complete a yellow form and return to Fr.

Are you thinking about Diocesan Priesthood? The Application Process for 2018/9 is now underway. We'd be delighted to hear from you. For further information, please

contact the Vocations Director, Fr Galbraith at Vocations@staned.org.uk or tel. 01334 472856.

Holyday's of Obligation: The following instruction has been issued by the Bishop's of Scotland with Vatican approval... "*When the Solemnities of SS Peter & Paul and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary fall on Saturday or Monday they will be transferred to the adjacent Sunday. When the solemnity of All Saints falls on Saturday it will be transferred to the adjacent Sunday, when it falls on Monday it is kept on that day with obligation. These changes to the calendar will take effect from the first Sunday of Advent, 2018*".

Youth for Lourdes: The Archdiocesan Youth for Lourdes group are hosting an information afternoon in February for any young people interested in this year's Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 6-13 July 2018. Holy Mass will be offered in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 18 February at 3pm in St Cuthbert's, Slateford Road, Edinburgh. Following Holy Mass there be a meeting for anyone interested travelling with the Youth for Lourdes Group on pilgrimage this year. Refreshments will be served. All very welcome. *For more information: Email youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris Thomas on 07747867003*

Stewardship Reflection: "*Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'*" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.