

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 10th February <i>Vigil of the 6th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<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</i> <i>RIP</i>
Monday 12th February <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>				
Tuesday 13th February <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Agnes Ash</i> <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 14th Feb <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>(A day of fasting & abstinence)</i>	10.00am 7.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Madge Pooley</i> <i>RIP</i> <i>Canon Boyle</i> <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 15th February <i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Jack McGuire</i> <i>RIP</i>
Friday 16th February <i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Tommy Jeffreys</i> <i>RIP</i>
Saturday 17th February <i>after Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent</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	<i>David</i> <i>Burtenshaw's Int</i> <i>Paddy Sommers</i> <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 18th February <i>First Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Mary Hintze</i> <i>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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B/II)
11th February 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Kevin A. Dow

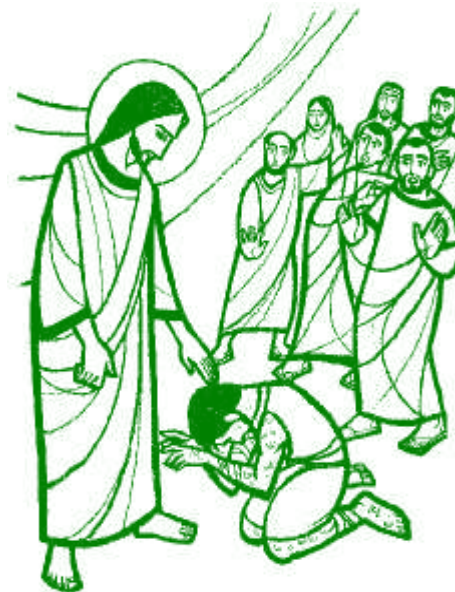
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The Gospel of this sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time tells us how Jesus receives a leper. In those days, lepers were the most excluded people of society, avoided by all. Lepers could not take part in anything. In olden days, the lack of effective medicines, the fear of contagion and the necessity of defending the life of society led people to isolate and exclude lepers. Besides, among the people of God whose defence of the gift of life was one of the most sacred duties, they thought that the exclusion of lepers was a divine duty because it was the only way to defend the community from deadly contagion. Thus, in Israel, the leper felt impure and excluded not only by society, but even by God (cf. Lev 14:1-32). Gradually, however, as better remedies came to light and, above all, thanks to the deep experience communicated to us by Jesus concerning God our Father, lepers began to be accepted and reintegrated as brothers and sisters in human society. In spite of two thousand years of Christianity, the exclusion and marginalization of some categories of people sadly goes on even today.

Response to the Psalm:

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

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

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Margaret Seymour *RIP (Inverkeithing)*; Captain Dean Sprouting *RIP (Denny)*

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	£202.50	£208.15	£121.00	£531.65
Ss John & Columba's	£57.00	£121.00	£372.00	£550.00
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	<i>£51.0</i>	<i>£61.50</i>		<i>£112.50</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.

Today is the World Day of the Sick (*also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes*). If anyone wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing), please speak to Fr Kevin.

The Great Parish Bake-Off - This Sunday at 3pm in St Peter's Hall. 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.

Ash Wednesday: this week sees the start of Lent and our time of spiritually preparing for the great events of Easter. Masses on Wednesday, with distribution of ashes will be 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.

40 Cans for Lent: perhaps as a challenge to ourselves during Lent we can donate a can of soup, meat, fish etc a day to the SVDP collection basket at the back of our Churches for distribution to those who need it, a different way of Lenten alms. *Thus 40 days of Lent and 40 days of alms giving.*

Parish Men's Group: an initial meeting will be held in St Peter's Hall on Thursday 22nd Feb at 7pm to look at the feasibility of establishing a men's group for our parishes. *There will be no agenda for the evening, other than if your male, come and have a cuppa and a chat and see where things go...*

Margaret Seymour's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th February at 11am in St Peter in Chains. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord...*

"Love Lent": Archbishop Leo would like to invite young adults, 16 to 29-year-old, to join him for a series of three Friday evening talks during Lent to take place at the parish hall of St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh on 23 February, 9 March and 23 March. Each talk will begin at 7pm. Entitled "Love Lent", the series of talks will conclude with a young adults gathering in Edinburgh upon Palm Sunday, 25 March. For more information, go to: www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com

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: *"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?