

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 17th March <i>Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Mary Swan's Int</i>
Sunday 18th March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Henry Dellar RIP</i>
Tuesday 20th March <i>Fifth Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>Douglas Bank Cem</i> Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Mass Burial Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Mary Lynch RIP</i> <i>Anna Thomson RIP</i>
Wednesday 21st March <i>Fifth Week of Lent</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Stations NO MASS	
Thursday 22nd March <i>Fifth Week of Lent</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Stafford Dredge RIP</i>
Friday 23rd March <i>Fifth Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Divine Mercy Stations	<i>Rosie Gilmartin RIP</i>
Saturday 24th March <i>Fifth Week of Lent</i> <i>Vigil of the Palm Sunday</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>Benny O'Neill RIP</i> <i>Jane Maley RIP</i>
Sunday 25th March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>James Meade's Int</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

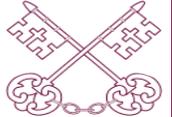
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND
ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B/II)
18th March 2018

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This weekend, you will notice purple cloths draped over the crucifixes, statues, and saint images in our churches.

This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on the fifth Sunday of Lent and ending on Good Friday. This time period is known on the old liturgical calendar as Passiontide. Even though this period is no longer officially called by this name, the tradition is still practiced in many places.

Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed for the Easter Vigil to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

Response to the Psalm:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

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, Margaret Stewart, Cardinal O'Brien*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Mary Lynch RIP (Rosyth); Fr Joseph Portelli 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	£218.00	£200.18	£121.00	£539.18
Ss John & Columba's	£39.00	£68.30	£372.00	£479.30
<i>Papal & Episcopal Charities</i>	<i>(PiC) £313.46</i>	<i>(J&C) £99.70</i>		£413.16

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.

Parish Mission/Rekolekcje Parafialne :

Many thanks to Fr Wojciech Parfianowicz & Kl Tomasz Żuchowski of the Diocese of Koszalin-Kołobrzeg (Poland), for leading us during our recent Lenten Mission. Their thoughtful words and presence were a blessing to those of us who participated. *Thank you also to all who gave off their time to attend. Fr gave us much to reflect upon to help us grow in our faith, and I am sure that all who attended the various talks came away the better for it.*

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and Mass will begin with the blessing of the palms outside the Church at each Mass.

Rosary on the Coast: as a parish we have committed to hosting a gathering of faithful to recite the Rosary on Sunday 29th April at 3pm. All around the UK coast, Catholics will gather at the same time, praying together for our country. Our location will be the Tower Lighthouse in North Queensferry, as close as we can safely get to where St Margaret landed in Scotland.

Men's Group: meet this Thursday at 7pm in St Peter in Chain's Hall. New members welcome.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 23rd March, 2 p.m. In St Peter in Chains Church, refreshments afterwards in church hall.

The Archdiocesan Youth for Lourdes group are looking for young male helpers to take part in this year's Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 6-13 July 2018. For more info email youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris Thomas on 07747 867003.

40 Days for Life, Forth Valley Campaign - Closing Rally Sunday 25th March 2018
Our Lady & St Ninian's Church, Bannockburn, FK7 8HZ, 2pm to 3pm

Our Closing Rally will be a chance to share our experiences with each other and to hear from our guest speaker Mary Doogan, a Glasgow midwife who refused to supervise abortions in 2014. All welcome.

Stewardship Reflection: *"I will be their God and they shall be my people."* - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbours and the world, just as God cares for us.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday (29th March)

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in St Peter in chains, after Mass, the faithful are encouraged to continue adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer at the Altar of Repose during the night until **11.00 pm** Night Prayer

Good Friday (30th March) [*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*] **10.00 am** Morning Prayer of the Church in St Peter in Chains.

3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Ss John & Columba's, followed by confessions

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross in St Peter in Chains

Holy Saturday (31st March)

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church in Ss John & Columba's,

11.00am Blessing of Easter Food in Ss John & Columba's, Rosyth

8.00 pm THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD AT THE EASTER VIGIL in Ss John & Columba's, Rosyth