



**The Catholic Parishes of
Ss John & Columba's Rosyth
and
St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing**

*Serving the communities of
Crombie, Charlestown, Limekilns, Rosyth, North Queensferry, Inverkeithing, Hillend and Dalgety Bay*

The Most Reverend Leo W Cushley
Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh
The Gillis Centre
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15th June 2018

Your Grace,

Having publically made known your proposal with regards to the future pastoral provision of the parishes of which I am currently Parish Priest, and given eleven days notice to the parishioners, we met on Wednesday 13th June in an open meeting for both parishes of St Peter in Chains and Ss John & Columba to discuss your proposal.

The outcome of the meeting was:

- A) **to accept your proposal** that the Parish of St Peter in Chains, Inverkeithing and the Parish of Ss John & Columba's Rosyth be canonically suppressed and to be merged with the canonically suppressed parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline to form a new canonically erected parish comprising the territory of the former three parishes, under a new patronage.
- B) The new Patronage that the current parishioners of St Peter in Chains and Ss John & Columba's were happy to propose as being of a historical connection to the area, was that of **The Most Holy Trinity** (*the dedication of the former Benedictine Abbey Church in Dunfermline*).
- C) to accept option 2 of your proposal for administering of the parish money, in that keeping separate church accounts, whilst establishing a common fund.

I trust that you find the above decisions and recommendations from the priest and people of the Parishes of Ss John & Columba's Rosyth and St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing to be in order and you will look upon them favourably.

May it please God that the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline have come to a similar agreement.

I leave the matter in your good hands,

With assurances of prayers,

Yours in Christ,

Rev Kevin A. Dow
Parish Priest

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