

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 23rd June <i>Vigil of nativity of St John</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Donors Intention</i>
Sunday 24th June <i>Solemnity of Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>J&J Gallagher</i> <i>Donors Intention</i>
Tuesday 26th June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</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	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Fr Kevin's</i> <i>Intentions</i>
Wednesday 27th June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Stuart Cane RIP</i>
Thursday 28th June <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus</i>	10.00am 10.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's 'School leavers Mass'	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Effie Murphy RIP</i> <i>Grace Devine RIP</i>
Friday 29th June <i>Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul (Holyday of Obligation)</i>	10.00am 7.00pm	Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Hugh Forsyth RIP</i> <i>Liz McLinden RIP</i>
Saturday 30th June <i>First Martyrs of Rome</i> <i>Vigil of 13th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Cathie Harris RIP</i> <i>C&M Keane RIP</i>
Sunday 1st July <i>Twelfth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass Polish Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>James</i> <i>Hetherington 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (B/II)

24th June 2018

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St John the Baptist is the precursor of Jesus in everything. Since his birth and childhood he points out to Christ. "Who will this child be? He is "the voice which cries out in the desert" (Jn 1:23), impelling all to prepare the way of the Lord.

He is not the Messiah (Jn 1:20), but he indicates this with his preaching, and above all, with his lifestyle of asceticism in the desert.

Meanwhile, the child grew up and his spirit grew strong. He lived in the desert until the day he appeared openly to Israel" (Lk 1:80).

- Do you or your family rejoice when God shows great mercy on another in the community, or do you grumble or even ignore it?

Response to the Psalm:

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia!

*As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Ann Boner. Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them
Because of data protection issues, the names of the sick will not be published unless requested in writing by the individual person themselves.

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Fr Wojciech Kowalski SDS, latterly of St Pius X, Kirkcaldy and St Ninian's Bowhill *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	£282.00	£231.82	£121.00	£634.82
Ss John & Columba's	£39.00	£127.40	£372.00	£538.40
<i>Aged & Infirm Clergy</i>	<i>(I) £460.86</i>	<i>(R) £290.50</i>		£751.36

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.

We welcome back Fr Joe Millar who is covering the Masses this weekend. Fr Kevin is attending the deaconate ordination of Tomasz who was with us before Easter helping with the parish mission, and 7 of his class mates, some of whom have also been in our parishes. *Please remember them and all who are being ordained around this time in your prayers, that they may be holy and humble in their service of the Lord and of His holy church.*

Fr Kevin's anniversary of Ordination Mass: To give thanks to God and to celebrate Fr Kevin's 15 years of ordination to the priesthood, Holy Mass will be offered on Tuesday 26th June in Ss John and Columba at 7pm. *All are welcome.*

Fr Radoslaw Suchorab will be arriving in our parishes this coming Tuesday evening to cover for Fr Kevin, who is heading off to Annual Camp with his Battalion. Fr Radek is a priest of the Diocese of Koszalin-Kolobrzeg in Poland and this will be second time with us.

Fr Radek will celebrate Mass in Polish at 1.00pm the 2 Sundays he is with us with confessions before Mass.

Holy Day of Obligation: This coming Friday is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation. As the Archbishop reminded us in his pastoral letter of Corpus Christi, it is a sin to miss Mass on a holyday of obligation. *Masses are at 10am in Rosyth and 7pm in Inverkeithing.*

Special Collection will be taken next weekend for Peter's Pence, the annual collection that is sent to the Vatican for the Pope to use assisting those in need throughout the world.

200 Club winners: congratulations to the following winners– Sam Gill, Paul Campbell and Dorothy Brogan.

St John's Primary School leavers Mass and Prize giving: will take place in Ss John & Columba's Church this coming Thursday (28th June) at 10am. *Fr Kevin will celebrate this Mass, whilst Fr Radek will celebrate the normal 10am Mass in St Peter in Chains.*

Weekday Mass Attendance: is very poor at the moment, especially at Ss John & Columba's. Please find time during the week to assist at Holy Mass - particularly if you are retired or on holiday. Perhaps you could come with the intention to pray for a member of your family who no longer comes to Mass, for someone who is sick in the hospital or hospice with no one to pray for them, for the staff and pupils of our schools or for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. There is always something to pray for and the Mass is the best of prayers! *If you travel by car to St Peter's why not drive the extra 5 minutes or so to Rosyth...?*

Mass Intentions: The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered by the priest for a specified intention, if you would like to request an intention to be remembered at Mass, please try and have the envelope (*available at the back of the church*) with Fr Kevin at least a month before the desired date. On occasion when a funeral takes place, the stated intention will be moved to the next available date.

Stewardship Reflection: *"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."* – ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centred" lives, not "self-centred" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?