

# LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 1st December</b> <i>Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Agnes McBride</i> RIP
<b>Sunday 2nd December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	9.30am  11.30am  4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	<i>Sarah McLoskey</i> RIP <i>Peter Thom</i> RIP  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Tuesday 4th December</b> <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm <b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> Ss John & Columba's	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>James Close</i> RIP
<b>Wednesday 5th Dec</b> <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Eddie Cannon</i> RIP
<b>Thursday 6th Dec</b> <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm <b>7.00pm</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 30th 7th Dec</b> <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Kitty Lloyd</i> RIP
<b>Saturday 8th December</b> <i>Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception</i>  <i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	12.00pm  4.15pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's  <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass  <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>George Sloan</i> RIP  <i>Mary Harding</i> RIP
<b>Sunday 9th December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	9.30am  11.30am  4.00pm 4.30pm <b>5.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	<i>Christine Milligan</i> RIP <i>Pro Populo</i>  <i>Donors Intention</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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd December 2018

### PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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*What is unique about a Catholic community, what should be unique about our community of Faith? **Love**, is the answer. **Love** is the distinguishing mark of any Catholic community, and above all it must be the distinguishing mark of Christ's Church both universal and local. We are all called to love. Sometimes love is warm, comforting, consoling, but also love can be challenging, it can make demands, it can require sacrifice – the Cross of Jesus Christ is the very proof of this. Our vocation is to live lives of love, where we are, now – to be instruments of love in the circumstances in which God has placed us. The living-out of love begins in our homes, our work places, our church and parish. Love is about willing the good of the other, about seeking what is good for them and not just for ourselves, love is ready to forgive, to build peace, to understand and to show compassion. Love has to be concrete to be real, it has to be lived out in relation to all that we meet, and without exception. We are called not just to love a certain "acceptable" few by Jesus Christ, but called, instead to love everyone, even those who would never naturally be our friends, those we find difficult to like: those who even repulse us in some way. Jesus, after all, commanded us to love even our enemies. When we live love, when we strive to make love a concrete reality in our lives then we bear powerful witness to the love and the truth of God. As an individual this is powerful enough, but when we do it together as a community, when our hope and our goal is to love unconditionally then the effectiveness of that witness will be beyond our imagining. As we begin a new liturgical year, let's make a New Year's resolution, let each day be a day when we decide to put love first and to live it especially in our relationships with each other, here where God has planted us.*

*God bless you all, Fr. Kevin*

### Response to the Psalm:

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Maureen McLeod, James Morris, Elaine McCormick, Sandra Graham, Ester Wren, Daniel Cornet, Margaret Burns, Catherine Kane, Madge & David Speed, Mairead McKenzie, Ann-Marie Bevan, Patricia Phee, Pat Busby, Angie Kempson, Marjory Curie, Margaret Barratt, Margaret Lynch, Theresa Murphy, and Elizabeth McVay  
*Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them*

## Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

### Parish Safeguarding Officers

Maureen Ritchie & Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLOL)

### Baptisms & Marriages

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and Baptisms should be made by appointment with one of the clergy.

### Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office 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 the Parish Office 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 (*for St Peter's Hall*) Mrs Pat Reid on 417214 or Mary Irvine at the Parish Office (*for Our Lady of Lourdes Hall*) for availability.

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains	£189.00	£171.60	£121.00	<b>£481.60</b>
Ss John & Columba's	£48.00	£108.30	£372.00	<b>£528.30</b>
Our Lady of Lourdes	£340.80	£395.67	£29.75	<b>£766.22</b>

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Welcome:** If you are a visitor to the parishes, 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.

**Teas and coffees** are available this Sunday in St Peter in Chains Church Hall from 10.30 am, and in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall every Sunday after the 11.30am Mass. *Proceeds going to assist sick parishioners to travel to Lourdes as pilgrims in July.*

**Rorate Caeli Masses:** we will celebrate on the Tuesday evening in Rosyth and on the Thursday in Dunfermline Rorate Caeli Masses, which are a traditional Advent devotion wherein we celebrate the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8: “Rorate caeli, desuper et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.” (“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”) The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honour, white vestments are worn instead of the normal Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priest and faithful prepare to honour the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

It is always good for us, as Catholics, to experience the richness and diversity of the Church's faith and liturgical practice and to draw upon the treasures of our tradition to help us grow in our faith and understanding of who we are as God's people. For some this will be a new experience, for others it may be familiar, but I assure you that it will be something that will help us to raise our hearts and

minds even more to our dear God, looking forward in company with Our Blessed Lady to the birth of Our Saviour and her Son. *Confessions will be heard before the Masses and we welcome Fr Michael Carrie on the 13th and Fr Scott Deeley on the 20th as visiting confessors and celebrants.*

**The St PiC Ladies Group** will meet in St Peter in Chains Church Hall on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm for their Christmas Fish & Chips Night, for which payment will be required. Also we intend donating our subscriptions this month to Edinburgh's Social Bite. *New members welcome*

**Ladies Group Christmas Raffle:** tickets on sale after Masses.

**Mother's Prayers:** Kindly note that the next meeting is on 5th December at St Peter in Chains hall after 10am Mass. *Parishioners from all three churches are welcome.*

**Advent Reflection:** On Friday 14th Dec after 10am Mass in St Peter in Chains, there's going to be an advent reflection followed by teas and coffee in the hall, *Parishioners from all three churches are welcome.*

**OLOL-SSVP:** the project of collecting warm clothing and non perishable food for homeless people and also collecting food for Christmas parcels is still on going. Boxes are in the church porch. *Thank you*

**Present Sunday: 16th December.** If you would like to donate a present that will be passed on to someone in need, please buy it, gift wrap it and on the label write what gender and age it would be suitable for, and leave in the box provided in the porch of the churches. *Many thanks*

**Stewardship Reflection:** *“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” LUKE 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.