

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 13th February <i>Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Fr Daniel Boyd RIP</i>)
Sunday 14th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Christine Mulligan</i>)
Monday 15th February <i>Monday in 1st Week of Lent</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Delia Robinson RIP</i>)
Tuesday 16th February <i>Tuesday in 1st Week of Lent</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Thomas Lamb RIP</i>)
Wednesday 17th February	<i>Fr Kevin's day off</i>
Thursday 18th February <i>Thursday in 1st Week of Lent</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Jean King RIP</i>) (I) 10.30am Stations of the Cross
Friday 19th February <i>Friday in 1st Week of Lent</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Hugh Kelly RIP</i>) (R) 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour
Saturday 20th February <i>Saturday in 1st Week of Lent</i> <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Caroline O'Kane RIP</i>) (R) 10.30am Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Fr James Martin RIP</i>)
Sunday 21st February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (C)</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Desmond McAllister RIP</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<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
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
13th/14th February 2016

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Oh Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten time you invite us to meditate, once more, on the account of the temptations, so that we may discover the heart of the spiritual struggle and, above all, so that we may experience the victory over evil. Holy Spirit, "visit our minds" because frequently, many thoughts proliferate in our mind which make us feel that we are in the power of the uproar of many voices. The fire of love also purifies our senses and the heart so that they may be docile and available to the voice of your Word. Enlighten us so that our senses, purified by you, may be ready to dialogue with you. If the fire of your love blazes up in our heart, over and above our aridity, it can flood the true life, which is fullness of joy. Amen. "Lent is the privileged time of an interior pilgrimage toward the One who is the source of mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He himself accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, supporting us on the way toward the intense joy of Easter. Even in the "dark valley" of which the Psalmist speaks (Psalm 23, 4), while the tempter suggests that we be dispersed or proposes an illusory hope in the work of our hands, God takes care of us and supports us. [...] Lent wants to lead us in view of the victory of Christ over every evil which oppresses man. In turning to the Divine Master, in converting ourselves to Him, in experiencing His mercy, we discover a "look" which penetrates in the depth of ourselves and which can encourage each one of us."

Today's Mass Responses:
Psalm: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Sandy Rankin, Paddy McCafferty, Pat Coyne, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Margaret Thomson, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Christine Milligan, Joe McBride, Mary McManus

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (*Rosyth*) Bill Kirkton & Patricia Watt (*Inverkeithing*)

Marriages & Baptisms

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) and for 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 Wanat SDS 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 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 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

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£171.00	£89.05	£260.05
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£76.50	£94.70	£171.20
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£45.00	£114.70	£159.70
Building Fund (R)	£33.00	£71.40	£104.40

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.

Stations of the Cross during lent: Tuesdays at 6.30pm in Ss John & Columba's and Thursdays at 10.30am in St Peter in chains.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour will be held at 3pm in the *St John Paul II Oratory* in the Rosyth Presbytery on Friday afternoons.

Short-term pledge for Lent: as in previous years, the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart are offering the opportunity for us to take a short term pledge during lent. Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church, there is also a poster for further information.

Lenten Station Mass: will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 7pm in St Agatha's Church, Methill. During this Mass the Archbishop will present the Creed to those candidates and catechumens who wish to enter into Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Exposition and Confessions: the Archbishop has instructed the priest's of the Archdiocese to provide periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and offer the Sacrament of Confession during this Year of Mercy. To that end, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday's in Rosyth from 10.30am until 11am and in Inverkeithing from 4.15pm until 4.45pm, during which time, Fr Kevin will be available for confessions.

"The Light is on for you" is an Archdiocesan wide initiative of the Archbishop's in which he says: "Pope Francis has initiated a Jubilee Year of Mercy to encourage all of us to embrace the mercy of Christ in Confession so that we can then live mercifully towards others." Please make use of the Grace offered to you, and invite family and friends, through the use of the available postcards, to receive the Mercy of God in their lives.

Cluster Meeting with the Archbishop: Tuesday 1st March at 7pm in St Columba's High School. The meeting will last about an hour and a half and will be an important moment for us as a parish community. Please put the date in your diaries and please try to come along.

Used towels for Mary's Meals Backpacks: Veronica is looking for towels to place in the backpacks being sent away to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please leave at the back of the church for collection or pass on to Veronica Hawkings.

The Bridges Centre Coffee Morning: Tuesday 8th March, 10.30am—12 noon, at Rosyth Parish Church. Tickets are £1.50 each, but there are 6 complimentary tickets available from Fr Kevin on a first come, first get basis.

Christian Aid Super Soup Lunch: Wednesday 24th February from 12 noon—1.30pm in Rosyth Parish Church, £5.00

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at 2pm in Inverkeithing Parish Church, all welcome to attend.

Corporal Work of Mercy:

the 7th Corporal Work of Mercy is to bury the dead. Can I therefore appeal to the parishioners that amongst all the works of mercy, this work needs to be practiced in our parishes. When a funeral is being held in our parishes, could parishioners please make the effort to attend, even if they did not know the deceased, so that prayers may be offered and the funeral services are carried out in a dignified and fitting manner.

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Ian Murray: will be held in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh on Monday 22nd February at 12.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

