#### TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 24th September	(I) 4.15pm Confessions	
Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year	(I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Special Intention)	
Sunday 25th September	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Pro Populo)	
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year C	(R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Christine Milligan RIP)	
Monday 26th September	Fr Kevin's Day Off	
in the 26th Week of the Year		
Tuesday 27th September	(R) 6.30pm Confessions	
Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	(R) 7.00pm Holy Mass (Int of SVdP Society)	
Wednesday 28th September	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (Tom Cosgrove RIP)	
in the 26th Week of the Year		
Thursday 29th September	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (Sarah Davis & family)	
Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael		
Friday 30th September	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (Mary Close RIP)	
Memorial of St Jerome		
Saturday 1st October	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (Alistair McDonald RIP)	
Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus	(R) 10.30am Confessions	
Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year	(I) 4.15pm Confessions	
	(I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Olga Gagliardi RIP)	
Sunday 2nd October	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Marjorie Pooley)	
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year C	(R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Pro Populo)	



#### **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.

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#### ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 25th September 2016

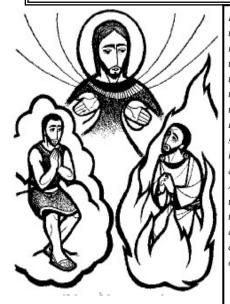
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In this 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Liturgy places before us the parable of the poor Lazarus, sitting before the door of the rich man. This parable is a faithful mirror, in which is mirrored not only the situation of the society at the time of Jesus, but also our society of the XXI century. The parable is a strong and radical denunciation of this situation, because it clearly indicates that God thinks contrary to that. In the parable there are three persons: the poor man, the rich man and Father Abraham. The poor man has a name, but does not speak. He hardly exists. His only friends are the little dogs which lick his wounds. The rich man does not have a name, but speaks always and insists. He wants to be right, but he does not succeed. Father Abraham is the father of both of them, and loves both, and he calls the rich man who is in hell, but he does not succeed in obtaining that the rich man changes opinion and converts himself. When listening or reading through today's Gospel, try to be very attentive to the conversation of the rich man with Father Abraham, to the arguments of the rich man and to the arguments of Father Abraham.

#### **Today's Mass Responses:**

**Psalm:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.

#### Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, James McElhinney, Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Mary Harding

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

#### **Parish Safeguarding Officers**

Lisa Quinn & Theresa Hughes (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 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 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 <u>Thursday evening</u>

Mass	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Total
St Peter in Chains (5.00pm)	£116.00	£96.80	£212.80
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£61.50	£69.85	£131.35
Ss John & Columba's (11.00am)	£39.00	£93.20	£132.20
Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund	St Peter's £599.70	Ss J&C £315.50	£915.20

### **NEWS & EVENTS**

**Quiz Night** Thanks to all who organised and to all who attended and made the night a great success.

Congratulations to Damian Murray on the occasion of his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate this weekend. The Archbishop has appointed Damian to assist Fr Kevin in our parishes, and we wish him and his wife Lorna, every blessing. The role of the deacon is that of a man ordained by the Bishop of his diocese to serve the Church in a three-fold ministry:

#### The Ministry of Charity

He is particularly called to serve the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. He may co-ordinate his parish's response to their needs, fostering and supporting parish groups and initiatives for those most in need. He has a special care for matters of social justice.

#### The Ministry of the Word

He proclaims the Gospel and sometimes preaches at Mass as well as presiding and preaching at funeral and burial services. He baptises and officiates at weddings, helping people to prepare for these sacraments. He leads the people in prayer and plays a leading role in the teaching and catechetical life of his parish community.

#### The Ministry of the Altar

He offers service at the altar at the Mass assisting the Bishop or Priest. He distributes Holy Communion at Mass, in hospital and in the homes of the sick, the housebound and the dying. He may coordinate the Eucharistic ministers and Communion visits within the parish.

Please note that unlike a priest, deacons cannot absolve sins in the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Mass or confect the Holy Eucharist, administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or administer the Sacrament of Confirmation

**First Reconciliation children** will be taking part next Sunday during the 11.00am Mass in the Signing with the Cross as part of their preparation for the Sacraments. *A gentle reminder to the parent's that attending Sunday Mass every week is not an optional extra!* 

**Monday Club dates:** October 3rd. Stephen Quigg;

**Ladies Group** will next be meeting on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm in the hall, with a talk on Child Brain Injury from Claire Murray. New members always welcome.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage:

The annual pilgrimage to pray for the beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 2 October at St Patrick's in Edinburgh's Cowgate from 2pm to 6pm. The day will begin at 2pm with a Holy Hour followed by a performance of the play, The Margaret Sinclair Story, recently debuted at the Edinburgh Festival. Holy Mass is at 4.30pm with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant.

Stewardship Reflection: "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.