

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 14th January <i>Vigil of Second Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Paul DiCarlo RIP</i>)
Sunday 15th January 2017 <i>Second Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass (<i>Alvaro Gagliardi RIP</i>)
Monday 16th January <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	Parish Priest's day off
Tuesday 17th January <i>Memorial of St Anthony</i>	(R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Mass (<i>Saoirse Taylor RIP</i>)
Wednesday 18th January <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Kate Finnigan's Int</i>)
Thursday 19th January <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (<i>Margaret Seymour's Int</i>)
Friday 20th January <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (<i>Protection of the unborn</i>)
Saturday 21st January <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i> <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of the Year A</i>	(R) 10.00am NO Holy Mass (R) 10.30am NO Confessions (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (<i>Alistair Dow RIP</i>)
Sunday 22nd January 2017 <i>Third Sunday of the Year A</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (<i>Hannah Burns 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
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A/1)
15th January 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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In our liturgy today, we celebrate the Servant of God who came to do the Father's will in perfect obedience. Yet he was more than a servant. John the Baptist calls him the Lamb, the chosen one of God. The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. The word "lamb" appears several times in the New Testament and always in reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight. The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenceless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but endures it and is submissive. And this is how Jesus is! This is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

Response to the Psalm:

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

John Ash, Ronnie Gorman, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Kitty McHale, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Franki Murray, , Joe McBride, Helen O'Neill, Marie Cushley, Sheila Dredge, Violet Merrilees, Tom Kelly, Kate Finnigan, Jacqueline Hannen, Margaret Seymour, James Kelly

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Czeslaw Winski *RIP*

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 (*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

Mass	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Total
St Peter in Chains (5.00pm)	£166.00	£85.26	£251.26
St Peter in Chains (9.30am)	£41.50	£82.17	£123.67
Ss John & Columba's	£81.00	£132.00	£213.00
Justice & Peace Collection		St Peter's £211.51	Ss J&C £115.00

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.

Parish Cluster Meeting: the third and final meeting of our cluster will take place on Thursday 19th January at 7pm in our hall in St Peter in chains. *Help will be required in providing teas and coffees for participants.*

Clothes for Charity: Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh are currently looking for 2nd hand or unwanted clothes that are in a good enough condition that they can be used by someone that could do with a helping hand. If you have any such items, please bag or box them and bring them along to the back of either Church where they will then be passed onto Caritas. *More information is available on the notice board.*

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Czeslaw Winski RIP, whose Funeral Mass will take place in St Peter in Chains on Tuesday 24th January at 10am.

Enrolment for St John's Primary School: If you have a child that is due to start school in August 2017 and wish to enrol them into St John's, the school will be accepting applications on Tuesday 24th January from 2pm until 5-30pm.

Just pop in on the day or for more information please contact the school office on 01383 602432. They will require to see your child's birth certificate and also a utility bill as proof of address

The catchment area includes: Rosyth, Inverkeithing, Dalgety Bay, Aberdour, North Queensferry, Limekilns, Hillend, Dunfermline Eastern Expansion (Masterton and Pitreavie Castle)

Rosyth Parish Church are holding a CINEMA NIGHT on Friday 20th January @ 7pm. Refreshments available. Entry is free and

should you wish to give a donation there will be a plate available on the night. Want to know what it is? Contact Dorothy on 07974893399. It's a good 'un.

Stewardship Reflection: *"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5*

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

This is our Faith: The Apostles Creed is what we say each Sunday, but what it is that we are stating we believe?

"Amen"

Amen is a Hebrew word related to the word for "believe". It expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. "Amen" expresses both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him. (1062)

"Thus the Creed's final 'Amen' repeats and confirms its first words: 'I believe.' To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. The Christian's everyday life will then be the 'Amen' to the 'I believe' of our baptismal profession of faith: 'May your Creed be for you as a mirror. Look at yourself in it, to see if you believe everything you say you believe. And rejoice in your faith each day.'" (1064)

"Jesus Christ himself is the 'Amen.' He is the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father: 'For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.'" (1065)