TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 27th February	(I) 4.15pm Exposition & Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Mgr Hugh Canon Boyle RIP)		
Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent (C)			
Sunday 28th February	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Jack Dundon RIP)		
3rd Sunday of Lent (C)	(R) 11.00am Holy Mass (Pro Populo)		
Monday 29th February Monday in the 3rd Week of Lent	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (The Deceased of Donnelly & Fern Families RIP)		
Tuesday 1st March	(R) 10.00am Holy Mass (Mark & Niamh Brogan-wed)		
Tuesday in 3rd Week of Lent	(R) 10.30am Stations of the Cross		
	7pm @ St Columba's HS—Archbishop's Meeting		
Wednesday 2nd March	Parish Priest's day off		
Wednesday in the 3rd Week of Lent			
Thursday 3rd March	(I) 10.00am Holy Mass (Deceased of Kane Family RIP) (I) 10.30am Stations of the Cross		
Thursday in 3rd Week of Lent			
Friday 4th March	(R) 07.30am Holy Mass (Elizabeth Ward RIP)		
Friday in 3rd Week of Lent	(R) 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour		
Saturday 5th March	No Morning Mass & Confessions		
Saturday in 3rd Week of Lent	(I) 4.15pm Exposition & Confessions		
	(I) 5.00pm Holy Mass (John Norrie RIP)		
Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent (C)			
Sunday 6th March	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass (Pro Populo)		
4th Sunday of Lent (C)	(R) 11.00am Holy Mass (John McManus RIP)		



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 27th/28th February 2016

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Events such as the Haiti earthquake or the Tsunami inevitably leave people questioning God. The disasters mentioned in today's gospel were interpreted by the people as God's punishment. Jesus rejects this and instead invites his listeners to put their own life in order. None of us know when or how we will die.

The time we have now is given to us to repent (to turn again to the God who loves us) and to bear fruit.

This is illustrated in the short parable of the fig tree. The owner of the orchard has waited patiently for three years for the fig tree to produce fruit. He decides to cut the tree down but is dissuaded by the gardener who will redouble his efforts to make the tree fruitful. God offered Israel every means of salvation; so too Jesus offers us assistance. However it is our decision! Each of us has to decide will we turn to God or not.

The challenge of Lent is to allow Jesus to "cultivate" our lives helping us to grow in the fullness of life with Christ.

Today's Mass Responses:

Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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, 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 <u>Thursday</u> evening

Mass	Gift Aid	Non Gift Aid	Total
St Peter in chains (5.00pm)	£204.00	£88.53	£292.53
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£61.50	£67.81	£129.31
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£66.00	£71.00	£137.00
Building Fund (R)	£30.00	£60.40	£90.40

PARISH NEWS

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 is held at 3pm in the *St John Paul II Oratory* in the Rosyth Presbytery on Friday afternoons.

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.

Rosyth Community Market: Sunday 28th February in the Rosyth Institute, Parkgate, Rosyth. 11am till 3pm. Lots of stalls with local produce.

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.

Monday Social Club: next meeting on Monday 28th February in the Church Hall, with Clark Stewart providing the entertainment.

Ladies Group meeting will next be held on Wed 2nd March at 7.30pm in the hall, with a Lenten Reflection. New members always welcome.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at 2pm in Inverkeithing Parish Church, or Dalgety Parish Church at 7pm all welcome to attend.

What are you doing for lent? Coping? Given up already? Not started? Pray that the Lord will bless and sustain you in your endeavours...

Ss John & Columba's War Memorial: is there a parishioner who would be willing to help with co-ordinating the gathering of names for inclusion of the proposed Memorial Board? Please speak to Fr Kevin if you think you may be able to assist.

Requesting Mass intentions: when asking a priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention, such as for someone who has recently died, a couple getting married, someone who is sick, or requiring prayers for a particular intention, please complete one of the Mass Intention envelopes available from the stall or from the back of the church, with the correct information, and place your donation within the envelope. If you require a Mass card to be signed by the priest, please purchase one from the stall and present it to the priest for him to sign and the time of your requesting the Mass Intention. *Please note that Fr Kevin* prefers any Intentions in the month before hand. The Monthly Mass Intention list can be found on the parish website.

Special Collections: next weekend there will be a special collection for the work of the Holy Ghost Father's who will be in the parish preaching the annual mission appeal. The following weekend, there will be a special collection for the Papal and Episcopal Charities.

Fr Kevin will be away from next Saturday for a week on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, please be assured of his prayers whilst he is following in the footsteps of our Blessed Lord. If there is an emergency, please contact the presbytery, where matters can be dealt with by Mrs Wade, Fr's housekeeper or by contacting Fr Davie at Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline (722202)

40 Days for Life: during lent, why not join this peaceful pro-life rosary vigil? Vigil hours are 8am-8pm each day—choose your time. The vigil is held outside the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Hardgate Road entrance, Govan, Glasgow. For further information see the leaflets available at the back of the church or email Rachel on rachelforty@outlook.com