

# TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 19th December</b> <i>Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Dawn Marie McDermott</i> )
<b>Sunday 20th December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent C</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Sharon Breeze</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> )
<b>Monday 21st December</b>	(I) 10.00am ( <i>Donors Intention</i> )
<b>Tuesday 22nd December</b>	(R) 10am Funeral Service for <i>Jamil Foughali RIP</i> (R) 6.30pm Confessions (R) 7.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>John Fitzpatrick RIP</i> )
<b>Thursday 24th December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	(I) 10.00am ( <i>John &amp; Barbara Ewing RIP</i> ) (I) 6.00pm Vigil Mass ( <i>Donors Intention</i> ) (R) 11.30pm Carols & Office of Readings (R) Midnight Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> )
<b>Friday 25th December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	(I) 09.30am Mass at dawn ( <i>Mgr M Regan RIP</i> ) (R) 11.00am Mass during the day ( <i>C. Milligan</i> )
<b>Saturday 26th December</b> <i>Feast of St Stephen</i> <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of the Holy Family</i>	<b>No morning Mass</b> (I) 4.15pm Confessions (I) 5.00pm Holy Mass ( <i>Caroline O'Kane RIP</i> )
<b>Sunday 27th December</b> <i>Solemnity of the Holy Family</i>	(I) 9.30am Holy Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) (R) 11.00am Holy Mass ( <i>James Mulholland RIP</i> ) (R) 2.00pm Msza w Polsce




### 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**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT C**  
19th/20th December 2015

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*Today's Gospel describes Mary's visit with her cousin Elisabeth. They knew each other. They were related. But during the meeting, they discover in each other a mystery that they did not yet know and that fills them with great joy. How often does it happen that we meet people whom we know, but who surprise us by their wisdom and by their witness of the faith! It is thus that God reveals himself and allows us to know the mystery of his presence in our lives.*

*Let us pray.... Lord Jesus, we thank for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

*May the Christ Child bless you, your loved ones and all whom you encounter in this coming Christmas-tide, God bless.*

Fr Kevin

**Today's Mass Responses:**

**Psalm:** *Lord of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me.*

# 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, Mrs Doig, Alvaro Gagliardi, Jean King, Joan McBride, Brian Mackenzie, Franki Murray, Helen O'Neill, Mary McManus, James McElhinney, Christine Milligan, Joe McBride

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

Jamil Eddine Foughali *RIP*

### Parish Safeguarding Officers

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

### Baptisms

By arrangement with Fr Dow

### Marriages

Arrangements for weddings (for which six months notice is required) 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.

### 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)	£142.00	£72.30	£214.30
St Peter in chains (9.30am)	£107.60	£72.30	£179.90
Ss John & Columba (11.00am)	£132.40	£66.00	£198.40
Building Fund (R)	£36.00	£83.40	£119.40

**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.

**Christmas gifts for children:** thank you to all who donated.

**Crib Fund:** All monies donated at the Cribbs in the parishes of the Archdiocese are sent to the Archbishop for him to distribute to various charities and organisations of his choice.

**SSVP Christmas Hampers:** the basket at the back of the churches are for non perishable goods that can be used to make up hampers for the SSVP to distribute to those in need.

**Christmas Masses:** please see back page for info

**200 Club:** Congratulations to the following winners of the November draw - Kathleen McIntyre, Karine Scott & Margaret Watters. Congratulations also to the winners of the December draw: Jenny Sullivan, Colette Hunter, Ann Tierney, Janet Agnew (fix!!), Ray Kudesia & Ann Conway. Any money owing, please see Janet. New envelopes will be available at the start of January 2016.

**Ladies' Group Christmas Raffle Winners are:** Hamper - May Armour, 6 x Btls Wine - Jeff Gibbons, btl Whisky - Maureen Thom, btl Brandy - Jean Clarke, Janet Agnew - Chocs, and Theresa Gallagher - Chocs. *Thank you for your generosity and support.*

**Help required:** The Cleaning Team urgently need new members in both parishes, but especially in St Peter's. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please, add your name to the list at the back of the churches.

**Church Roof Rosyth:** The contractors are now finished, so hopefully we are now properly wind and watertight! Thank you for your patience during the time of the work.

**Msza Świąta w języku polskim** zostanie odprawiona w niedzielę, 27 grudnia o godz. 14.00, w kościele pw. Ss Jan & Kolumba's Church, Rosyth.

**Stewardship Reflection:** "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the reader or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

**Year of Mercy:** There are a number of designated Churches in the Archdiocese which have Holy Doors to remind us of our links with our Cathedral Church and with the Holy Father in Rome.

In these sanctuaries of mercy we will be encouraged to pray the prayers of the Holy Year to gain the Plenary Indulgence promulgated by Pope Francis. Some of the local sanctuaries are St Margaret's in Dunfermline; St James' in St Andrews; and St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk.

Pope Francis is also reminding us during this Year of Mercy, not to forget to put into practice the ancient works of mercy.

*The corporal works of mercy are:*

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To harbour the harbourless;
- To visit the sick;
- To ransom the captive;
- To bury the dead.

*The spiritual works of mercy are:*

- To instruct the ignorant;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offences willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

