



## NEWS & EVENTS

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

John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Pat Condon, Theresa Murphy, Jenny Campbell, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Joe McBride, Marie Cushley, Violet Merrilees, Hugh Finnigan, Anna Bonnar, Margaret Seymour, Rose Toher,  
*James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

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

Tom Kelly *RIP*; Sid Ward *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 Gowans 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

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains	£184.00	£247.86	£121.00	<b>£552.86</b>
Ss John & Columba's	£56.00	£105.35	£372.00	<b>£533.35</b>
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£30.00	£67.90		<b>£97.90</b>

**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.

**Congratulations** to the Very Reverend Father James (Jamie) Boyle, a son of Ss John & Columba's and currently Parish Priest of the Falkirk area parishes on his recent appointment by the archbishop to the position of Vicar Episcopal for Clergy & Religious. *In the recent curial appointments (diocesan management) Fr Kevin no longer has responsibility for the Caritas/Justice & Peace department, but has been appointed Diocesan Master of Ceremonies...*

**Rosyth Ecumenical Advent study** this year will start on Monday 27 November and meet 4, 11, 18 December in Rosyth Parish Church. We will use the book *Heralding the coming King*. (£4.99). As well as a group study it has daily reflections under the themes Prepare the Way, Draw near to Jesus, Seek him first, Who will you live for.

**Christmas Cards, Advent calendars etc** are available for purchase from the piety stalls found in each Church.

**Please help bring a smile** to children and families in need in our community by donating new toys and non-perishable food items to the SSVF Christmas Hamper appeal. If everyone in our parish makes just one small donation, it will be a great success! *Place donations at the back of the church. Thank-you.*

**SSVF Christmas raffle tickets** are now on sale. There's a range of great prizes, including quality children's toys and fine wine. All proceeds go towards Christmas food hampers for the poor. Get your tickets from Elaine or Isobel after Mass [Inverkeithing and Rosyth]. *Prize donations welcome*

**St John's Primary School Christmas Fair** will be held on Saturday 2nd Dec from 11am-

1pm in the school. *Various stalls and an early Santa will be present...*

#### St Columba's RC HS - Sleep In The Park

A team of 31 students and staff are taking part in 'Sleep In The Park 2017' - which entails them sleeping rough on a cold winter's night in December. They are joining many others in Princes Street Gardens on Saturday 9th December. The funds raised by this grand gesture are going towards building a Homeless Village in Edinburgh and supporting hospices, shelters and missions throughout Scotland with the aim of eradicating homelessness in this country in 5 years. Today you will here from one of the students involved and we would appreciate your support - whether that is in prayer or in financial contributions. The best way to donate is by visiting <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/stcolumbas> as you can also GiftAid your donation and the charity claims your income tax back.

**The Archbishop** is launching a new youth initiative for the whole Archdiocese this coming Advent. On each of the Fridays of Advent, he will gather with the youth of the diocese in the Cathedral at 7pm to offer catechesis, prayer and social time together. It promises to be a great new way of meeting Christ and meeting others interested in their faith, so if you're between 16-29, keep your Fridays in Advent free.

**Stewardship Reflection:** "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.