

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 2nd December <i>Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Mgr Jim Glancy RIP</i>
Sunday 3rd December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Hour	<i>Tom Kelly RIP Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday 5th December <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Kitty Lloyd RIP</i>
Wednesday 6th Dec <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Mass	<i>Colin Wild RIP</i>
Thursday 7th December <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	10.00am 6-7pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass 1st Confessions	<i>Marie Styan's Int</i>
Friday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>James Close RIP</i>
Saturday 9th December <i>in the 1st Week of Advent</i>	10.00am 10.30am	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	No Mass	
<i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Matilda Burnside RIP</i>
Sunday 10th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Hour	<i>Pro Populo Brian & Glen Gilmartin RIP</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
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AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B
3rd December 2017

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Advent devotions

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of silence from **4.00pm on Sundays** followed by Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. *Confessions are also available during this time in St Peter in Chains Church.*
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time of silence from **6.00pm on Tuesdays** followed by Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. *Confessions are also available during this time in Ss John & Columba's Church.*
- **Rorate Mass:** Mass by candlelight on the **Tuesdays of Advent at 7.00pm** in Ss John & Columba's Church

Response to the Psalm:

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

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, Kathleen Gordon, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

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 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	£205.50	£209.04	£121.00	£535.54
Ss John & Columba's	£65.00	£84.00	£372.00	£521.00
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£32.00	£42.50		£74.50

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.

Advent begins this Weekend. This is a time of quiet reflection to help us to prepare for the Coming of the Saviour. The liturgy of the Church changes in these weeks: we use muted colours (purple and rose), there are no flowers in the church, the Gloria is omitted from the Mass and in our parishes we will use a different penitential rite, recite the Apostles Creed and omit the Sign of Peace. These gestures help us to celebrate more joyfully when they return at Christmas. *Please see page 1 for a list of Advent services that will be taking place in our Churches.*

On Tuesday 5th December Fr Martin Pletts, PP of St James' Kinross will preside and preach at the 7pm Rorate Mass

On Tuesday 12th December, Fr Scott Deeley, PP of St Margaret's South Queensferry will preside and preach at the 7pm Rorate Mass

Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child:

Another Advent devotion, is the blessing of the images of the baby Jesus from the family crib sets. During Fr Kevin's first Advent in the parish around 50 figures were handed out to the children of the parish, and over the years other children have brought their own figures along to be blessed. *The blessing of the baby Jesus will take place on Gaudete Sunday 17th Dec, so please look out your 'baby Jesus' and bring it along to be blessed!*

Advance notice of Christmas Masses:

Sun 24th Dec: Vigil @ 5pm in St Peter in Chains Church.

Midnight in Ss John & Columba's Church (*Carols from 11.30pm*).

Christmas Day at 10am in Ss John & Columba's Church.

Please remember in your prayers the 24 young parishioners who will be making their first confession this coming Thursday in Ss John & Columba's Church. *May this be the first of many encounters with the love and mercy of God received through this wonderful sacrament.*

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 SSVP 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.*

SSVP 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 Columba's RC HS - Sleep In The Park £281 was raised last week in our parishes for this cause, the pupils would like to thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Reflection: *"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.