

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 6th January <i>Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	Eva & Danny Gibbons RIP
Sunday 7th January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Pro Populo George Hutchison RIP
Monday 8th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>				
Tuesday 9th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</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	Donor's Intentions
Wednesday 10th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret McAllister RIP
Thursday 11th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Seymour's Int
Friday 12th January <i>in the 1st Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Amanda Callendar RIP
Saturday 13th January <i>Feast of St Kentigern</i> <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Confessions Confessions Holy Mass	Effie Murphy RIP KellyAnn Smith RIP
Sunday 14th January <i>Second Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Josie Gallagher RIP Pro Populo



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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7th January 2018

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Response to the Psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

James Morris, 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, Anna Bonnar, Margaret Seymour, Rose Toher,
James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Rosemary Gilmartin (*Rosyth*) RIP

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Lisa Quinn (*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	£168.00	£226.64	£121.00	£515.64
Ss John & Columba's	£66.00	£109.10	£372.00	£547.10
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£42.00	£56.40		£98.40

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.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "*The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.*" With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

Epiphany also means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. Of course, there is no mention of how many Magi there were, but tradition has them a being 3 in number, due to their bearing of 3 gifts.

Christmas Crib Fund: as is tradition, a donation box is placed in each of the cribs in the churches, and again this will take place this year. The monies raised through these donations will be used by Caritas Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh for assistance with children who suffer through poverty.

Christmastide ends on Monday evening!

Special Collection this weekend for the work of Justice & Peace, which in our Archdiocese is now part of Caritas.

20+C+B+M+18

Epiphany House Blessings: Around January 6, the symbol +C+B+M+ with two numbers before and two numbers after (for example, 20+C+B+M+18) is sometimes seen written in chalk above the doorway of Christian homes. The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "*May Christ bless the house.*" The beginning and ending numbers are the year, 2018 in the example above.

Please take a piece of chalk and the text home with you, and as a family, carryout this wonderful blessing.

St John's Primary School: Primary 1 enrolments for August 2018 will take place on Thursday 18th January 2018 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Just pop in anytime between 1.30pm and 4.30pm on the day or for more information please contact the school office on 01383 602432. **We will require to see your child's birth certificate and also a utility bill as proof of address** *Our catchment area includes: Rosyth, Inverkeithing, Dalgety Bay, Aberdour, North Queensferry, Limekilns, Hillend, Dunfermline Eastern Expansion (Masterton and Pitreavie Castle)*

Stewardship Reflection: "*..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...*" - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!