

TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 30th December <i>Vigil of the Holy Family</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 31st December <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Margaret Begley RIP</i> <i>Christine Milligan RIP</i>
Monday 1st January <i>Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God</i>				
Tuesday 2nd January <i>Memorial of St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</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>James Morris' Intentions</i>
Wednesday 3rd January <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Joan & Malby Goodman RIP</i>
Thursday 4th January <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Francesca Burke RIP</i>
Friday 5th January <i>in the Christmas Season</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Elizabeth Walker RIP</i>
Saturday 6th January <i>in the Christmas Season</i> <i>Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord</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	<i>Kelly Murphy RIP</i> <i>Eva & Danny Gibbons RIP</i>
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	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>George Hutchison 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
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
31st December 2017

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Kevin A. Dow

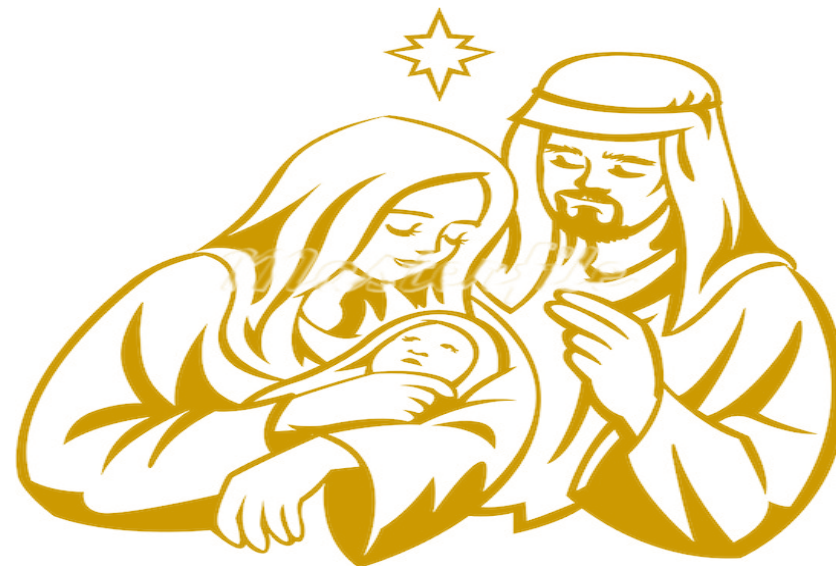
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Response to the Psalm:

He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son

NEWS & EVENTS

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

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	£191.00	£225.75	£121.00	£537.75
Ss John & Columba's	£41.00	£76.68	£372.00	£489.68
Christmas Collections	(Inverkeithing) £718.15	(Rosyth) £465.19		£

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.

A BLESSED, PEACEFUL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO.....

All members of our Parish Community!
Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Dhuit!

Manigong Bagong Taon! Feliz Ano Nuevo!
Gelukkig Nieuw Jaar! Ein Gluckliches Neus Jahr!
Buon Anno! Blyddyn Newydd Dda!
Nonne Annee! Sehe Bokmanee Bateusayo!
Bliadhna Mhath Ur! Heri xa Mwaka Mpya!

We all know that Christmas officially begins on Christmas Eve, but when does Christmas officially end? The answer gets a bit complicated . . .

On 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany (but for us the feast is transferred to Sunday 7th January this year), the Church celebrates the biblical event where the Magi, also called the Three Wise Men or Three Kings, travelled from the East to pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus Christ. Many believe that this is the date when the Christmas season officially ends, being the end of the traditional 12 days of Christmas. However, according to the liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time doesn't officially begin until Tuesday 9th January after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on the Monday *after* Epiphany. This means that the Christmas season actually extends beyond the popular "Twelve Days of Christmas." *So if you had your tree and decorations up before Christmas eve and already have them down and away, are you really celebrating Christmas or just the secular commercial season....?*

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.

Requests for home visits/Holy Communion to the housebound: When making a request, please do so in writing, (using the forms available at the back of each Church) including the proper address to be visited. Sadly some recent requests have not being met as no contact details are held by the parish (*ie a parish census form as not been completed..*) and so Fr Kevin has no idea where to go!

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: "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co- worker or neighbour or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Please be aware of what you are placing in the collection bags! There were a fair amount of old coins, foreign coins and just plain old rubbish put in the donations for the upkeep of the parish over the past few weeks...