

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 10th March <i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Arthur Brennan</i> RIP
Sunday 11th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>Vespers & Talk</i>	<i>Jennifer Rennie</i> RIP <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 12th March <i>Fourth Week of Lent</i>	6.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Msza św. z nauką	<i>Jane Maley</i> RIP
Tuesday 13th March <i>Fourth Week of Lent</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Ss John & Columba's	Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Jim McElhinney</i> RIP
Wednesday 14th March <i>Fourth Week of Lent</i>	09.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.45am 7.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains <i>St Peter in Chains</i> <i>Hillend Cemetery</i> Ss John & Columba's	Stations Mass <i>Funeral Burial</i> Msza św. z nauką	<i>James Morris</i> <i>Patricia Fraser</i> RIP <i>Donors Int</i>
Thursday 15th March <i>Fourth Week of Lent</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Mass	<i>Patrick McHale</i> RIP
Friday 16th March <i>Fourth Week of Lent</i>	10.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	Holy Mass <i>Divine Mercy</i> Stations	<i>Flora Dynes</i> RIP
Saturday 17th March <i>Feast of St Patrick</i> <i>Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> St Peter in Chains St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass Confessions Confessions Holy Mass	<i>Dec Of McKenna</i> Family RIP <i>Mary Swan's Int</i>
Sunday 18th March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Henry Dellar</i> RIP

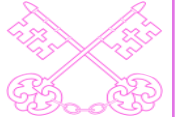
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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Ss JOHN & COLUMBA ROSYTH
AND



ST PETER IN CHAINS INVERKEITHING

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B/II)
11th March 2018

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The garden becomes a desert for the man who draws himself away from God. And in the desert of his limitations as man he once again finds the poisonous bites of the serpent. But God does not abandon His children, and when they withdraw from Him, he follows them, ready to intervene when necessary. A serpent, the symbol of healing, is raised every time that the poison weakens the life in man, Christ the Lord. If man prefers to look down to the ground and to remain in the desert of "I do it myself," God, just the same, offers Himself: as a serpent, as the only way in which man can recognize Him. Christ has made Himself sin, damned, in order to save His image, in order not to let human life die out. Condemnation does not belong to God; it is man's choice. I am completely free. God's freedom has a price of condemnation. Only people who are not intelligent enough do not profit from a gift which is given to them. It is simply foolish not to accept what is best so as not to feel as debtors. In the sphere of love the word "debt" does not exist, because gratuitousness is the only term that can be consulted. With the word, gratuitousness light explodes: everything becomes possible, everything becomes an occasion. Works done in darkness or works done in God. It is better to go frequently to halls filled by the sunshine of a never finished apprenticeship! At least there life grows and joy fills all things with beauty.

Response to the Psalm:

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son:
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Margaret Carberry, Janet Agnew, 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, Rose Toher, Michael McElhinney, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Patricia Fraser RIP (Inverkeithing); Mary Lynch RIP (Rosyth)

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	£154.00	£154.97	£121.00	£429.97
Ss John & Columba's	£38.00	£107.80	£372.00	£517.80
<i>Building Fund (Rosyth)</i>	£21.00	£35.50		£53.50

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.

We welcome in a very special way the Rev Dr (Ks Dr) Wojciech Parfianowicz, a priest of the Diocese of Koszalin-Kołobrzeg (Poland), who will be leading our parish mission this week.

We also welcome K1 Tomasz Żuchowski who is the decano (head student) of their seminary who will be assisting.

And of course a special welcome is offered to Mothers on this 'Mothering Sunday'!

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon (introit) for that day. *Laetare* means *rejoice*, and this Sunday is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. *Remember: Jesus ROSE from the dead, he didn't pink!*

Lenten Devotions: as is advertised in the Lenten leaflet, Ss John & Columba's Church will be open from 2.30pm every Friday with the Divine Mercy Chaplet being recited at 3pm followed by Confessions. The Church will remain open for anyone who wishes to come and pray. **Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at 6pm on Fridays in Rosyth and Wednesdays at 9.30am in Inverkeithing.

Special Collection for Papal and Episcopal charities will be taken at all Masses this weekend.

The next Ladies Group meeting will be on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the hall, with a Lenten Reflection from our Deacon, Damian Murray. New members always welcome.

Rosary on the Coast: as a parish we have committed to hosting a gathering of faithful to recite the Rosary on Sunday 29th April at 3pm. All around the UK coast, Catholics will

gather at the same time, praying together for our country. *Our location will be the Tower Lighthouse in North Queensferry, as close as we can safely get to where St Margaret landed in Scotland.*

Parish Mission/Rekolekcje Parafialne



As part of our Lenten spiritual discipline, we will be hosting a short Mission.

Fr Wojciech will preach at the three Sunday Masses on the 4th Sunday of Lent (10/11 March).

A different talk will be given during Vespers on the **Sunday evening** at 6pm in Ss John & Columba's

Poniedziałek 12 marca o godz. 18 Msza św. z nauką (po polsku), a po niej spotkanie przy wspólnym posiłku w domu parafialnym (hall) przy kościele St Peter in Chains.

Tuesday 13th March at 7pm in Ss John & Columba's

Wednesday 14th March at 10am in St Peter in Chains

Środa 14 marca o godz. 19 Msza św. z nauką (po polsku) w kościele Ss John & Columba.

Please try to attend as many of the talks as you can – they are being provided for you!

Stewardship Reflection: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.