

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 7th April <i>Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Peter & Sarah Boner RIP</i>
Sunday 8th April <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> <i>(2nd Sunday of Easter)</i>	9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass Divine Mercy	<i>Margaret Seymour RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9th April <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>				
Tuesday 10th April <i>2nd Week of Eastertide</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	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>James Dobbie RIP</i>
Wednesday 11th April <i>Memorial of St Stanislaus</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Mary Woods RIP</i>
Thursday 12th April <i>2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>John Kane RIP</i>
Friday 13th April <i>2nd Week of Eastertide</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Charles O'Brien RIP</i>
Saturday 14th April <i>2nd Week of Eastertide</i> <i>Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am 10.30am 4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Ross O'Connor RIP</i> <i>Pat Lamond RIP</i>
Sunday 15th April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Grace Devine 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) (B/II)
8th April 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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In today's gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples and shows them his hands and his side; later he invites the doubting Thomas to touch the holes from the nails and the gash from the soldier's lance. We all have scars from our own Good Fridays that remain despite our small experiences of resurrection. Our 'nail holes' remind us that all pain, grief, ridicule, suffering, disappointments, and anguish are transformed into healing and peace in the love of God we experience from others and that we extend to them. Jesus tells Thomas and his brothers not to be afraid of the nail marks, the scars, the fractured bones, the crushed spirit, and the broken heart. Compassion, forgiveness, justice - no matter how clumsily offered - can heal and mend.

Response to the Psalm:

Give thanks to the lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Margaret Carberry, Janet Agnew, James Morris, John Ash, Paddy McCafferty, Susan Stevenson, May Lannan, Theresa Murphy, Jenny Campbell, Marie Boyle, Isabelle Doig, Joan McBride, Joe McBride, Marie Cushley, Violet Merrilees, Anna Bonnar, Rose Toher, Michael McElhinney, Jennifer Imrie, *James Kelly, Sandy Moffat, Colin Flett, Margaret Stewart*

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	£234.50	£195.75	£121.00	£551.25
Ss John & Columba's	£117.00	£451.40	£372.00	£940.40
Building Fund (Rosyth)	£32.00	£96.00		£128.00

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Prayers

Please join us on Sunday April 8, 2018 at 3pm in Ss John & Columba's Church for an hour of Divine Mercy before Our lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. (*Confessions available*).

The annual coffee morning for the Nicola Murray foundation will be held on Sat 28th April 10-12 in the Parish Hall with Home baking, tombola, raffle etc.

Men's Group will meet on Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – 7-14 July has additional availability for anyone sick, frail, handicapped etc in need of support. All care, medical, nursing, mobility is provided 24/7. If you do know of anyone – friend, family etc who could benefit from a full week on Pilgrimage-respite, change of surroundings, etc please contact Edinburgh-Lourdes.com, Parish Priest or Ken Ritchie 413508, drkritchie@aol.com

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.

*If you would like to volunteer to be a steward on the day and assist with 'herding the sheep', please add your name to the list at the back of the church. A preparation meeting will be held in the Presbytery on **Thursday 12th April at 7pm** for those interested in giving a hand on the day.*

As part of the Spiritual preparation for the day, the national organisers have produced a list of daily activities that we can do before the event. This weeks list is:

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th – Pray the Chaplet of Mercy/ or spend time in silent prayer for the needs of your Family and the whole World.

Monday April 9th – Feast of the Annunciation – Pray the Angelus and renew your "YES/Fiat" to God this day. Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Tuesday April 10th - Pray for and offer a sacrifice for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for the intentions of the Persecuted Church.

Wednesday April 11th - Invoke the powerful intercession of Our Lady and the saints for the lapsed of your own family.

Thursday April 12th – Pray for the departed souls of all Bishops & Priests.

Friday April 13th – Pray that all unborn babies be cherished and that a Culture of Life will prevail in our National Life. *Friday Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Saturday April 14th – Pray the Rosary for the Peace of the British Isles and for the whole world.

More information can be found at:
<https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>

Stewardship Reflection: *"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – ACTS 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.