

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 8th September <i>Vigil of 23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Pat Lamond RIP</i>
Sunday 9th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Josephine Quigg RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Donors Intention</i>
Monday 10th September <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Parish Priest's Day Off</i>		
Tuesday 11th September <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>			NO MASS	
Wednesday 12th Sept <i>The Most Holy name of Mary</i>			NO MASS	
Thursday 13th Sept <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i>	6.00pm 6.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Ann-Marie Hood RIP</i>
Friday 14th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Richard Mooney RIP</i>
Saturday 15th Sept <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <i>Vigil of 24th Sun of the Year</i>	11.00am 4.15pm 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>The Sick</i> <i>Birthday Intention</i>
Sunday 16th September <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>James Coyle RIP</i> <i>Dec of Marrs & Ward Families</i> <i>Pro Populo</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 ST PETER IN CHAINS, INVERKEITHING Ss JOHN & COLUMBA'S, ROSYTH AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES, DUNFERMLINE

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B/II)

9th September 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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This Sunday's liturgy shows us Jesus healing a deaf and dumb person in the land of Decapolis and praised by the people thus: "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak!" This praise is inspired by some passages in Isaiah (Is 29:8-19; 35:5-6; 42:7) and shows that the people saw in Jesus the coming of the messianic times.

Jesus himself had used this same expression in reply to the disciples of John: "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and ... the deaf hear" (Mt 11,4-5).

The early Christians used the Bible to clarify and interpret the actions and attitudes of Jesus. They did this so as to express their faith that Jesus was the Messiah, the One who was to fulfil the promise, and so as to be able to understand better that which Jesus did and said during those few years that he spent in their midst in Palestine. How do we recognise Jesus at work in our times?

Response to the Psalm:

My soul give praise to the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Ann Boner; Violet Merrilees, Brian Carr, Elaine McCormick, Anne & Alex Beveridge, Georgette Conti, Sandra Graham, Ester Wren, Daniel Cornet, Margaret Burns, Catherine Kane, Madge & David Speed, Mairead McKenzie, Ann-Marie Bevan, Patricia Phee, Pat Busby, Angie Kempson, Marjory Curie, Margaret Barratt, Margaret Lynch, Theresa Murphy *Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them*

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Parish Safeguarding Officers

Maureen Ritchie & Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLOL)

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 Office 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 the Parish Office 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 (*for St Peter's Hall*) Mrs Pat Reid on 417214 or the Parish Office (*for Our Lady of Lourdes Hall*) for availability.

Bulletin Notices

All notices should be with the Parish Office by Thursday evening for inclusion in the weekend bulletin.

Parish	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains	£119.85	£188.35	£121.00	£329.20
Ss John & Columba's	£69.00	£103.90	£372.00	£544.90
Our Lady of Lourdes	£	£	£	£

Thank you for your generosity

Welcome: If you are a visitor to the parishes, 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.

Parish meeting re merger: Our Lady of Lourdes Hall on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm

A special Collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy of the Archdiocese will be taken at all weekend Masses of 15th/16th September. *This fund provides a modest pension to our 28 retired priests and also covers the cost of their rent & council tax.*

Annual Masses and celebration of the Sacrament of the sick: one will be held in St Peter in Chains Church on Saturday 15th September at 11am. *Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.*

A similar Mass is being held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 22nd September at 1pm.

A Joint Parish Quiz Night will take place on Friday 28th Sept, in St Peter in Chains Church Hall. Tickets (£5) are on sale at the back of each church, or contact 07922 034215. Bring Your Own drinks and nibbles. Donations for raffle prizes, and cakes on the day will be most gratefully received.

Days of Recollection: a day for Readers and a day for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been arranged for all who carry out these important ministries in all 3 parishes.

The Readers day is on Saturday 22nd Sept from 10am-12noon in Our Lady of Lourdes Hall and will be led by Fr Paul Denney from Motherwell Diocese

Communion Ministers day is on Sat 20th Oct in St Peter in Chains Hall, 10am-12.30am and will be led by Fr Martin Pletts of Dunkeld Diocese

I would kindly ask that all who carry out these ministries in our Churches make every effort to attend please.

"Wee Followers" The next get together for this children's group will be held on Sunday the 23rd of September from 10.15 to 11.15 in the Church hall at Our Lady Of Lourdes. This group has been set up by a few parents who face the challenge of having their children in non-Catholic schools while committing to bring them up in the Catholic faith. *If you want to find out more what this group offers please come along to session or contact Deborah on 07702213026*

Help needed. There are strong moves to decriminalise abortion. To find out what this means and how it removes a safety barrier for the unborn and their mums, please go to www.spucscotland.org.

Please also join a letter-writing campaign to our MPs, who have advised that a personal letter, rather than an email, is the best way to get their attention. Information packs are available at the back of the church, explaining more about decriminalisation and how you can help.

Please take a pack and write to your MP this week. Everything is provided apart from a stamp. This is urgent and needs to be actioned before parliament goes back. We are aiming for 50 letters from our parishes. Thank you.

Stewardship Reflection: *"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.