

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 15th December <i>Vigil of 3rd Sun of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	Kevin McBride RIP
Sunday 16th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Brian Carr RIP
	4.00pm 4.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Exposition Vespers	Georgette Conte RIP
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 18th December <i>Advent feria by date</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> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	Gregor Scott RIP
Wednesday 19th Dec <i>Advent feria by date</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Donors Intention</i>
Thursday 20th Dec <i>Advent feria by date</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	Exposition Vespers Confessions Holy Mass	Sandy Gilmour RIP
Friday 21st Dec <i>Advent feria by date</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Alec McGuire RIP
Saturday 22nd Dec <i>Vigil of 4th Sun of Advent</i>	4.15pm 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	Confessions Holy Mass	James Jordan RIP
Sunday 23rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	G. Bradley RIP
	4.00pm 4.30pm	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Exposition Vespers	
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	R Buchanan's Int



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 PARISH OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C/1)

16th December 2018

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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As we begin the Third Week of Advent, we anticipate Christmas, and so we ask Christ to grant us His grace that we might be prepared for welcoming His Birth.

Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, marks a traditional turning point in this period of preparation, and we see it visually in the Advent wreath. Not only do we light more candles than we leave unlit for the first time in Advent—thus providing more light, symbolising the light of Christ—but in our Advent wreath we have a rose candle, and that's the one that we light this week. The purple candles of the first two weeks (and of the fourth week) are symbols of penance, but the rose candle is a symbol of our coming joy at the soon to be amongst us Christ child.

Response to the Psalm:

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia!

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm

Maureen McLeod, James Morris, Elaine McCormick, 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, and Elizabeth McVay
Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them

Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased

Fr John Robinson *RIP*

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 one of the clergy.

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 Mary Irvine at the Parish Office (*for Our Lady of Lourdes Hall*) for availability.

Church	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains			£121.00	
Ss John & Columba's	£82.00	£124.90	£372.00	£578.90
Our Lady of Lourdes	£359.40	£347.88	£29.75	£737.03

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.

Mother's Prayers: The next meeting will be on 9th January 2019 at SPiC church after Mass, parishioners from all churches welcome.

OLoL Women's Group: The next meeting is on the 17th January 2019 at OLoL parish hall all welcome.

The Women's Group were pleased to be able to donate £50 to Crisis and £50 to Shelter from their fundraising efforts after a very successful first year.

Pantomime reminder: All those booked for Sleeping Beauty on Thursday 20th December at the Alhambra, doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm start.

Stewardship Reflection: *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (Phillipians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

The O Antiphons:

O Sapientia *O Wisdom*

O Adonai *O Leader of the House of Israel*

O Radix Jesse *O Root of Jesse*

O Clavis David *O Key of David*

O Oriens *O Radiant Dawn*

O Rex Gentium *O King of the Gentiles*

O Emmanuel

If you have ever entertained guests, or even made the slightest effort to get ready for any company, you will see how those experiences lend themselves well to your own groundwork

this Advent to invite Christ to dwell within your heart—and thus truly be ready for His second coming. The Advent liturgical readings powerfully remind us every year of the passions of the great Hebrew prophets, of the furore of their messianic desires and hopes – remind us that their passions and desires hold as true for us today as they did for Israel then. Isaiah excels in articulating the tension in Israel's experience of seesawing between balm and trauma – between God's mercy and God's justice. All of this – the complex and dynamic relationship between God and the recited story of Israel and us as listeners to that story; the lyricism and passion of the prophet Isaiah; and that yearning for radical change from dire realities that spans across all times and cultures – all of this contributes to the beautiful form and content of that most ancient of Advent texts, the O Antiphons. The Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. Please use the coming days prayerfully to prepare for the birth of our Saviour. May your heart be made ready for Christ and may your Advent season be a blessed one! *God bless, Fr Kevin*

Christmas Masses:

24th Dec 5pm in Our Lady of Lourdes

24th Dec 8pm in St Peter in Chains

25th Dec 10am in Ss John & Columba's