

## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Saturday 7th Dec</b> Vigil of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>4.15pm</i> <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> <b>St Peter in Chains</b>	<i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 8th Dec</b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <i>4.00pm</i> <b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<i>Holy Mass</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Exposition</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Founding Members of</i> <i>SSVP</i> <b>Emily Brown RIP</b>
<b>Monday 9th Dec</b> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Peter in Chains</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Margaret Carberry RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th Dec</b> 2nd Week of Advent	<b>10.00am</b>  <i>6.00pm</i> <i>6.15pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>  <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i> <b>Ss John &amp; Columba's</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>  <i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>John Hedges RIP</i>     <b>Michael RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th Dec</b> 2nd Week of Advent	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Peter in Chains</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>Frank Harding RIP</b>
<b>Thursday 12th Dec</b> 2nd Week of Advent	<b>10.00am</b>  <i>6.00pm</i> <i>6.15pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Ss John &amp; Columba's</b>  <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>  <i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>     <i>Caroline Nwaogu RIP</i>
<b>Friday 13th Dec</b> Memorial of St Lucy	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Peter in Chains</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>Francis Larkin RIP</b>
<b>Saturday 14th Dec</b> Memorial of St John of the Cross  Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent	<b>10.00am</b> <i>10.30am</i>  <i>4.15pm</i> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Ss John &amp; Columba's</b> <i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i>  <i>St Peter in Chains</i> <b>St Peter in Chains</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Confessions</i>  <i>Confessions</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>Marianne Stewart</b>    <b>Vhairi Harding RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 15th Dec</b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <i>4.00pm</i> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Ss John &amp; Columba's</b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Exposition</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b> <i>Gerry Breen RIP</i>  <i>Rab Duncan RIP</i>

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A/2)

8th December 2019

### PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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In this Sunday of Advent we are presented with the figure of John the Baptist, a challenging personality, as Jesus once said about John the Baptist in describing his personality: "What did you go out to see, a reed blowing in the wind?" (Mt 1:7). The profile of the Baptist that the liturgy puts before us is in two main sections: 3:1-6, the figure and activities of John; 3:7-12, his preaching. Within these two sections we may detect smaller matters that define the expression of this text. In 3:1-2 John is presented as the one who preaches «repentance» because «the kingdom of heaven is close at hand». This cry is like a thread running through the whole of John's activity and is repeated in 3:8,12. The reason for this call to repentance is given as the imminent judgement of God which is compared to the cutting of every dry tree to be thrown into the fire to be burnt (3:10) and to the winnowing done by farmers on the threshing-floor to separate the wheat from the chaff which is also to be burnt in the fire (3:12). The image of fire which characterizes the last part of our liturgical passage shows the urgency of preparing oneself for the coming of God's judgement.

### Response to the Psalm:

In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God

**Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm**

Canon McAllister, Fr Joe Millar, Maureen McLeod, James Morris, Elaine McCormick, Sandra Graham, Ester Wren, Daniel Cornet, Mona Linton, Madge Speed, Ann-Marie Bevan, Patricia Phee, Angie Kempson, Margaret Barratt, Margaret Lynch, Theresa Murphy, Edith Bryant, Elizabeth McVay, Veronica Fogherty, David and Lynn Dean, Colin Reid, Teresa Lafferty, Martin Lacey, Sandra Christie, Eleanor Haggett, Bonnie Gauson, Susan Stevenson and Jennifer Imrie *Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them*

**Of your charity, please pray for the recently deceased**

Margaret Carberry *RIP (Inverkeithing)*

**Parish Safeguarding Coordinators**

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.

**Bulletin Notices**

All notices should be with the Parish Office by Thursday morning for inclusion in the week-end bulletin.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Gift Aid</u>	<u>Loose monies</u>	<u>Stand Orders</u>	<u>Total</u>
St Peter in Chains			£121.00	
Ss John & Columba’s	£63.00	£124.00	£372.00	<b>£559.00</b>
Our Lady of Lourdes	£224.00	£366.92	£34.75	<b>£625.67</b>

*Thank you for your generosity*

**NEWS & EVENTS**

**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.—*welcome!*

**First Confessions in Ss John & Columba’s:** please remember in your prayers the children of our parish who will be celebrating God’s love and mercy for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming Wednesday, from 6pm in the Church.

*Parents/guardians, please sign up for a time on the sheet in the sacristy—thank you.*

**Advent Confessions:** The best present that we can give to ourselves this Advent in preparation for Christmas is to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are available 4 time a week in the parish (*please see timetable on back page of news-letter*), and upon request from either Fr Nicholas or Fr Kevin.

**Present Sunday:** following on the tradition of previous years, we will again be collecting presents for distribution from all 3 churches. This will take place on Sunday 15th Dec. Please bring all presents wrapped and marked boy/girl and suitable age. *Many thanks.*

**The Regimental Band of The Black Watch Battalion ACF** are holding their Christmas Concert on Sunday 15th December at 6pm in Kinross Parish Church. Tickets are £5, available at the door.

**The annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** takes place 10 – 17 July 2020. Why not come on a spiritual trip of a lifetime while helping pilgrims in wheelchairs? Please visit [Edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://Edinburgh-lourdes.com) for details. An early expression of interest is necessary to allow Safeguarding requirements to be completed. For those aged 16 and over.

**Ss John & Columba SSVP** will, once again, be making up and distributing Christmas Hampers to those in need, in our area. As always, your generous donations will be gratefully received. Non-perishable food, new toys or cash donations, if you prefer, will go a long way in helping us again this year. Your contributions can be brought to SS John & Columba and St Peter in Chains Churches, or given to any SSVP member. *Thank you for your continued support.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes SSVP** will once again be collecting non perishable food for distribution at Christmas to people in need in our community. Donations can be left in the church porch. *We are very grateful for your very generous support in previous years.*

**Unwanted Clothing:** Please note that we are no longer able to recycle unwanted clothing. There are a number of local charity shops that would be delighted to have your surplus clothing.

**SPAR Halbeath** (Pittsburgh Road, Dunfermline) is holding an in-store Christmas evening on Monday 9th December from 3-6pm and if anyone from any local groups are invited to come along and do some carol singing?

*The event is to share the joy of the festive season with the community, with product sampling and goody bags for customers.*

**Stewardship Reflection:** *“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10)*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?