

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 14th Dec Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent	<i>4.15pm</i> 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Vhairi Harding RIP</i>
Sunday 15th Dec Third Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am <i>4.00pm</i> 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Holy Mass</i> Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Gerry Breen RIP</i> <i>Rab Duncan RIP</i>
Monday 16th Dec 3rd Week of Advent	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Caroline Nwaogu RIP</i>
Tuesday 17th Dec Advent feria by date	10.00am <i>6.00pm</i> <i>6.15pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i> 7.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Thomson RIP</i> Peter Harding's Intentions
Wednesday 18th Dec Advent feria by date	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Sandy Gilmour RIP</i>
Thursday 19th Dec Advent feria by date	10.00am <i>6.00pm</i> <i>6.15pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i> 7.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	<i>Holy Mass</i> Exposition <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>A mother's prayer</i> <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Friday 20th Dec Advent feria by date	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Robert Duncan RIP</i>
Saturday 21st Dec Advent feria by date	10.00am <i>10.30am</i> <i>4.15pm</i> 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Ss John & Columba's <i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Holy Mass</i> Confessions <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Donors Intention</i> Francis Larkin RIP
Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent				
Sunday 22nd Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am <i>4.00pm</i> 5.00pm	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Holy Mass</i> Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Mike Aitken RIP</i> <i>Donors Intention</i>

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A/2)

15th December 2019

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- Let us whisper quietly the words of the Gospel and let them slowly pass from our tongue to our mind and from our mind to our heart. Let us quietly savour some of these words... - We are gathered around Jesus and we are listening to what the disciples are asking of him concerning John: this is a serious question from those who have the power to change history. - Jesus' answer takes on a staid tone, but it wounds our heart as with a spear: it is clear that the awaited Messiah is Himself! - Let the questions, doubts, desires and hopes run freely around the Word of Jesus. Let them confront and engage with it. Gradually an answer will come, even though it may be partial: not in the arguments, but when looking squarely at "He who is to come" and who is speaking to you now. Do not weary of repeating his Word in a soft voice and of keeping it in your heart, above and within all the doubts and problems of your day, Take time during Advent to reconnect with the Lord, allow his grace and peace to fill your heart and mind.

Response to the Psalm:

Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

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

Maureen Scullion *RIP (Rosyth)*

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	£169.80	£204.70	£121.00	£495.50
Ss John & Columba’s	£55.00	£116.20	£372.00	£543.20
Our Lady of Lourdes	£290.00	£329.33	£34.75	£654.08

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!*

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But today, on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the clergy wear rose vestments. The change in colour provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose coloured.

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 newsletter*), 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.*

Mother’s Prayers Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th December after mass at Olol hall, all welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue If anyone would like to have the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home for a little while please contact Christine 07967466895, thank you.

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.

Mass of the Holy Innocents On the 28th December at 12noon, Archbishop Cushley will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass at the Gillis Centre, followed by drinks and refreshments. For more info please contact: pro-life@stanned.org.uk

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 for details. An early expression of interest is necessary to allow Safeguarding requirements to be completed. For those aged 16 and over.

Stewardship Reflection: *“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” (James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Christmas Masses:

- 24th Dec 5pm in Our Lady of Lourdes
- 24th Dec 8pm in St Peter in Chains
- 25th Dec Midnight in Ss John & Columba’s
- 25th Dec 10am in Ss John & Columba’s
- 25th Dec 11.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes