

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 21st Dec <i>Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>4.15pm</i> 5.00pm	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	<i>Francis Larkin RIP</i>
Sunday 22nd Dec <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 11.30am <i>4.00pm</i> 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Mike Aitken RIP</i> <i>Donors Intention</i>
Monday 23rd Dec <i>Advent feria by date</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	<i>Rab Duncan RIP</i>
Tuesday 24th Dec <i>Christmas eve</i>	5.00pm 8.00pm <i>11.30pm</i> 12.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes St Peter in Chains <i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Ss John & Columba's</i>	Holy Mass Holy Mass Carols Holy Mass	<i>John & Barbara Ewing RIP</i> <i>Francis Larkin RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Wednesday 25th Dec <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	10.00am 11.30am	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass	<i>Parish Benefactors</i> <i>Caroline Nwaogu RIP</i>
Thursday 26th Dec <i>Feast of St Stephen</i>	<i>6.00pm</i> <i>6.15pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i> 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>Donors Intention</i>
Friday 27th Dec <i>Feast of St John</i>	10.00am 10.00am	St Peter in Chains Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass Funeral	<i>Maureen Scullion RIP</i> <i>Maureen Scullion RIP</i>
Saturday 28th Dec <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i> <i>Vigil of the Holy Family</i>	10.00am <i>10.30am</i> <i>4.15pm</i> 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's <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>Christine Milligan RIP</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 29th Dec <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	9.30am 11.30am <i>4.00pm</i> 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>Exposition</i> Holy Mass	<i>T & E Allcock RIP</i> <i>Fr. A McCarthy RIP</i> <i>Donors Intention</i>

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A/2)

22nd December 2019

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel - God is with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.

Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?

Response to the Psalm:

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

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)* & Jenny Dunlop *RIP (Dunfermline)*

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.

Church	Gift Aid	Loose monies	Stand Orders	Total
St Peter in Chains	£235.50	£202.90	£121.00	£559.40
Ss John & Columba’s	£54.00	£114.00	£372.00	£540.00
Our Lady of Lourdes	£325.50	£308.39	£34.75	£686.64

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!*

OLOL Sunday Teas: The Lourdes Group will not be serving tea/coffee for the next two Sundays. *Start again on the 5th January.*

OLOL 200 CLUB WINNERS:

Oct: No 30 - Mrs Margaret Carr; No 9 Miss Nicole Philp; **Nov:** No 138 - Mark Collins; No 31 - Mrs Rosemary Carroll; **Dec:** No 68 - Philip Cockburn; No 28 - Mrs Rosemary Carroll; *All of whom have won £25.00*

Bonus: No 58 - Graeme Wordie - £100.00

A cheque will be sent to SCIAF on behalf of OLOL. Thank you for your continued support.

OLOL Women's Group - next meeting will be on Thursday 9th January at 7:30 for 7:45pm (after Mass) in OLOL Church Hall. We will be planning for our Burns Supper at end of January. New members welcome.

Mother’s Prayers Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th January after Mass, at OloL hall, all welcome.

Bible Study prayer group: Our next meeting is on Friday 17th January starting with coffee at 7:15pm at OLOL hall and moving on to OLOL church at 7:30pm for the Bible Study. *All welcome.*

Cook book for sale at the back of the Churches. One of our parishioners working at Edinburgh Airport is raising money for Edinburgh based charity The Yard. The charity offers support to children with disabilities whilst supporting their families. The cook book has been written by airport staff who come from all over the world. From delicious starters, mouth-watering main courses and Devine desserts there’s a recipe for everyone. The cost is £5 and all proceeds go to this

amazing charity. *Thank you*

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@staned.org.uk

Married couples retreat: ‘Together before the Lord - A Valentine's Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie’. This takes place on Saturday 15th February 2020. The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to come to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married couples at the Gillis Centre. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats. *Booking details will follow shortly.*

Gender mini-symposium: The Marriage & Family Commission has organised a mini-symposium on the issue of gender, entitled “Male and Female He Created Them.” It will take place in the evening on Friday 28th February at Our Lady & St Ninian’s, Bannockburn, and in the afternoon on Saturday 29th February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The speakers are Dr Adrian Treloar of the Catholic Medical Association and Sr Andrea Fraile of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. *Booking details to follow.*

Stewardship Reflection: “*When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*” (*Matthew 1:24*)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.