

## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL ACT	PRESIDER	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sunday 10th May</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am</b> 4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>May Devotions &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Fr Kevin</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 11th May</b> <i>in the 5th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b> 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Deacon Pat</i>	<i>Janie Devine RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b> <i>in the 5th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b> 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Deacon Pat</i>	<i>Mariah's 7th Birthday</i>
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b> 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Deacon Pat</i>	<i>Our Lady's Intercession</i>
<b>Thursday 14th May</b> <i>Feast of St Matthias</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b> 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Deacon Pat</i>	<i>Eddie O'Brien RIP</i>
<b>Friday 15th May</b> <i>in the 5th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b> 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Deacon Pat</i>	<i>Margo Farrell's Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday 16th May</b> <i>in the 5th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am <b>10.00am</b>	<i>Rosary</i> <b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Fr Kevin</i>	<i>Teresa Lafferty RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 17th May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am</b> 4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>May Devotions &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Fr Kevin</i> <i>Fr Kevin</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

10th May 2020

### PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

### Response to the Psalm:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

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

Canon McAllister, Maureen McLeod, James Morris, Elaine McCormick, Sandra Graham, Ester Wren, Daniel Cornet, Ann-Marie Bevan, Patricia Phee, Angie Kempson, Margaret Lynch, Edith Bryant, Elizabeth McVay, Veronica Fogherty, David and Lynn Dean, Colin Reid, Martin Lacey, Sandra Christie, Eleanor Haggett, Bonnie Gauson, Susan Stevenson, Elizabeth Byrne and Jennifer Imrie

*Our Lady, Mother of the sick—pray for them*

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

Bonnie Gauson RIP (*Dalgety Bay*) and those who have died of Covid-19

**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			£121.00	
Ss John & Columba’s			£372.00	
Our Lady of Lourdes			£34.75	

*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!*

**Parish Activities:** as you can expect, all parish activities, clubs, services etc are currently on hold. We do not know when the government will allow us to resume normal activities, and so please bear with us. Let us pray that the all clear may come soon, and that the virus does not claim anyone from our parish community.

During this trying time, both Deacon Pat and Fr Kevin have taken to social media to try and keep some form of parish activities on going. The timetable on the back of the newsletter, tells you of when and what we are doing. All of these Masses and services are being ‘live streamed’ through the parish Facebook pages: “**The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity**” and “**Most Holy Trinity Parish-Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**” If you have Facebook and you have not already ‘liked’ these pages (*why wouldn’t you have already?!!*), then please do so and keep in touch with the parish.

**During this time of trial**, as we have said before, if you are in need of anything, shopping, prescription etc, please do get in touch.

**Although the obligation** has been lifted for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays, the obligation to keep Sunday as the Lord’s day has not been. We encourage you as a household, to take some time on Sundays to stop and read through the Mass readings together, and to reflect upon the Word of God. It is a good and pious act to make a Spiritual Communion.

**A Spiritual Communion fir use when not able to receive our Lord physically:**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit  
me to be separated from You.

Amen.

**Parish finances and coronavirus:** We have been asked how people can continue to support their parish when we cannot put money in the plate at church. If your income has been impacted by the crisis, please do not feel obliged to contribute at this time. If your income is secure and you wish to contribute, the best option would be to set up a standing order if you have not already done so. If you have online banking you can set this up quickly using the parish sort code and account number (if your circumstances change this can be amended/cancelled). We also have standing order forms available which you can complete, sign and post to your bank (using the branch address on your cheque book or bank statement).

Alternatively you can donate using electronic banking. The Parish account details are:

Sort Code: **833300**

Account Number: **19119778**

Account name: **Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh The Most Holy Trinity – Fife**

*(Please include your name as the payment reference).*

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Opening our Churches:** The Bishops Conference of Scotland has formed a Covid-19 Working Group for Infectious Disease, chaired by the former Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, Sir Harry Burns. It will propose procedures and protocols that will allow us to progress safely and in stages towards the opening of our churches, first for prayer, and later on for Mass, even if in a curtailed form. Please see today's press release on the BCOS website: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/News/tabid/113/Default.aspx>

A Working Group on Pastoral Ministry was also established to look at how to sustain pastoral life and ministry into the coming months, as necessary. I will keep you informed of developments emerging from both these Groups.

**Sunday evenings** At this time, there is a weekly ecumenical call to prayer on Sundays at 7pm. Thirteen Christian churches and organisations are taking part for the fourth consecutive week, with people urged to place a candle in their window at that time. We will publish details for this Sunday's prayer on our social media and website when we receive it. Please see <https://archedinburgh.org/churches-join-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening/>

**Prayer resources** There are an increasing number of valuable resources online that are very useful to Catholics during the lockdown. One which you may find worthwhile is on a website called They Kingdom Come, which has issued a range of neatly formatted resources, including Morning, Evening and Night prayer as well as a Pentecost Novena. You may wish to share these with parishioners. Visit: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

**Children's Sunday Newsletter:** Copy and paste this link into your web browser and it will take you to this week's edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish: <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/the-kids-bulletin-easter-5.pdf>

**Parish First Holy Communion celebrations:** because of the on going pandemic and the closure of our churches, the scheduled celebrations have been provisionally moved to the following dates after consultation with the senior management teams in our parish schools: Our Lady of Lourdes Church (*St Margaret's PS*) - **Saturday 7th November at 11am** & Ss John & Columba's Church (*St John's PS*) - **Saturday 21st November at 10am.**

During this time of Church closure, and no public Masses being celebrated, you have very little chance of supporting the ongoing mission of the parish and upkeep of our church buildings. Therefore the archdiocese has arranged for a new way of giving. If you click on the relevant link, for which of our 3 churches you wish to make a donation towards, this will take you to the relevant site. All you need is your credit or debit card details and you can securely make an online donation. We thank you for all that you have contributed in the past, and if you are able to continue your support, which can also be Gift Aided, we would be eternally grateful. God bless.

For St Peter in Chains Church - <https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...>

For Ss John & Columba's Church - <https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...>

For Our Lady of Lourdes Church - <https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...>

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel reading today at Mass is the one I often choose for Funeral and Requiem Masses. These are the intimate words of our Lord spoken at the Last Supper and faithfully recorded by the youngest Apostle John, and they resound through Holy Church in this joyful season. Just listen again to the words of our Saviour, the Good Shepherd as he speaks to the Twelve, hours before his arrest and betrayal.

He is trying to give them good memories to go on when the worst had happened - betrayal by Judas and the beginning of his Passion. "Do not let your hearts be troubled - trust in God and trust in me." "I am going to prepare a place for you now and after I have gone and prepared you a place I shall return to take you with me so that where I am, you maybe too." "There are many rooms in my Father's house and if there were not I would have told you."

Now there you have it. These words of course are addressed to the whole Christian community and are valid for each and every one of us. Jesus is talking to YOU. "Do not let your hearts be troubled - I have gone to prepare a place and I shall return to take you with me." Our journey through the pilgrimage of life and the final passage of death from this life to the Eternal life is done with Jesus our Lord "Taking us" - like a parent takes the hand of a child as it reaches up for security. He is taking us by the hand to rooms prepared for us- for us!!! Imagine that? It has our name on it. I remember being with my dear late Grandad, who you may know was a Funeral Director, and one day I was with him visiting a friend of his who was also a Funeral Director, and we were at his friend's business premises. I wandered off and being a young child and curious I went for a look about—it was there that I saw my first dead body. I raced back to my granddad's side. He asked what was wrong and I explained, what I had seen and he said "Are you afraid?" I must have shown it and he said to me - "it's not the dead you need to be afraid of but the living!!!" How true as we all discover. I was only 7 so I did not comprehend then.

Our Lord uses such human language to reassure us. But remember he speaks with Divine knowledge and authority. He is not a guru trying to comfort us with some therapy. He is the Way and the Truth and this is the reality. "I shall return to take you with me." In death we will not be alone.

I went on to become a qualified Funeral Director myself, following in the family profession, so as you can imagine, I have seen a lot more of death since I was 7. The words of Christ, brought me comfort then and have sustained me through life as I followed another path, another vocation, and became His priest. For as a priest, I again meet the dead and the bereaved, the loved ones left behind, and it is all the more relevant that I use and pray the words of Christ—'*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*' Let us believe that, and so draw comfort.

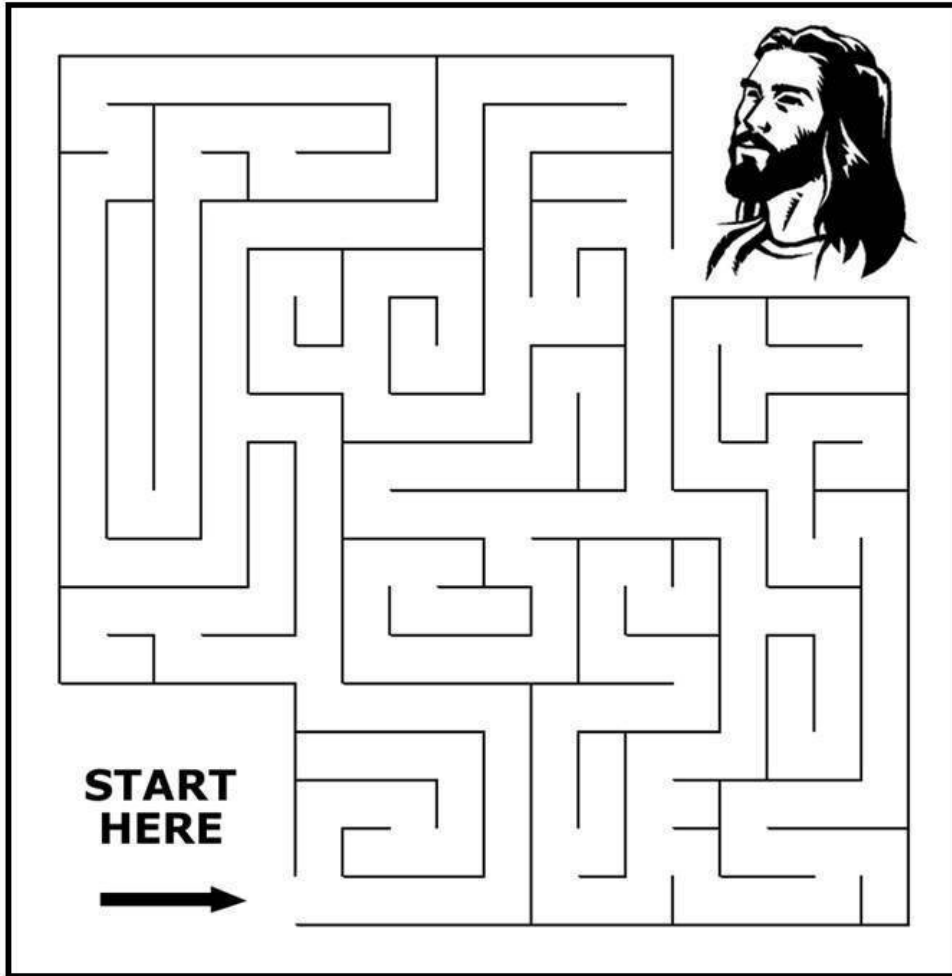
With every prayer and blessing I continue to offer Mass each day in the oratory within the Presbytery and it is live-streamed on the main parish Facebook page and also later on our Youtube channel: Most Holy Trinity SW Fife.

*Stay safe & God bless, Fr Kevin*



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the Way"



Quietly pray the Our Father as you find your way to Jesus. Always keep Jesus in your heart and follow his light, Jesus loves you!

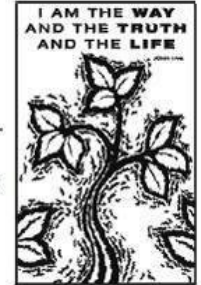
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### Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14



T J Y C O M T W A Y Z C P V A  
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THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH