



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

24th May 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SOMETIMES IMPORTANT THINGS

go unnoticed for a while. When Jesus died on the cross, his death seemed just another in a long line of brutal executions in a distant and unimportant province of the Roman Empire. Even when Jesus rose from the dead, he made himself only known to a few, and the truth of his resurrection was cherished by a small number of disciples. These disciples pondered the meaning of these extraordinary events but without understanding them.

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter we await the great Solemnity of Pentecost. On the first Pentecost day the Holy Spirit made sure that the most important event in all of history would not go unnoticed. The Spirit, like a brilliant light, illuminated the cross and the tomb so that people of faith could begin to see their meaning. The disciples, filled with wisdom, were moved to penetrate the deep mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. They came to recognise that Jesus by his cross and resurrection had set us free from sin and death, and that by dying he had destroyed our death and by rising had restored our life.

The life which Jesus offered to his Father in the sacrifice of the cross was restored to him in a glorious manner in his resurrection. From the cross the life which was manifested in the resurrection flowed into the Church, the people of God. The Church, born from the side of Christ as he was dying on the cross, was brought to light on the day of Pentecost.

To understand the death of Jesus is to see that he opened his arms on the cross to embrace in unity and love all of God's people and to form them into his body, the Church. God's will is that we stand before him, not as isolated individuals (even though that maybe how we perceive ourselves in this time of lockdown) but as a united people, the universal Church. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday we pray for a 'new Pentecost' in which our eyes, our hearts and our very lives might be open to the great plan and mission that Christ has for all who have the honour of bearing the name 'Christian' – namely that, empowered by the same Holy Spirit, who emboldened the Apostles, we might be given the courage and the strength to be his witnesses to anyone who might be willing to listen.

The call to be Jesus' missionary disciples will almost always push our comfort-zones to the limit. We might have to face ridicule, hostility and rejection, but the blunt truth it that was ever so! Let us find strength and encouragement in the words of Peter from today's Second Reading: 'If anyone should suffer for being a Christian then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.'

The Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr Kevin Dow

Priest in Residence:

Fr Nicholas Hodgson

Pastoral Assistant:

Rev Pat Carrigan
(Permanent Deacon)



St Peter in Chains Church,
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

The apostles all joined in continuous prayer

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Father, it is time for you to glorify me

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:
glorify your Son
so that your Son may glorify you;
and, through the power over all mankind that you
have given him,
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted
to him.
And eternal life is this:
to know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
I have glorified you on earth
and finished the work that you gave me to do.
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me
with that glory I had with you
before ever the world was.
I have made your name known
to the men you took from the world to give me.
They were yours and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.
Now at last they know
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from
you,
and have believed that it was you who sent me.
I pray for them;
I am not praying for the world
but for those you have given me,
because they belong to you:
all I have is yours
and all you have is mine,
and in them I am glorified.
I am not in the world any longer,
but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



Come Holy Ghost Creator come...

To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we as a parish are currently praying the Holy Spirit Novena! It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity. Even though we pray this novena as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost, you can also pray a novena to the Holy Spirit any time that you want. So, let us pray with great confidence and trust in our God who is all Good and Loving. At 2pm each day, a video containing the various prayers used over the 9 days is published on our Parish Facebook pages. Please make use of this opportunity to pray for yourself, our parish, country and indeed our world.

A Spiritual Communion for 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation & Holy Communion: if you wish to make an appointment with Fr Kevin to go to confession and receive Holy Communion (with all necessary safeguards in place), please contact him at the presbytery or by email.

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 weekend bulletin

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 Haggart,
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

Fr Tommy Greenan
RIP
&
Joseph Gilhooley
RIP and those who have died of Covid-19

COVID-19 & OUR PARISH

MAKING A DONATION

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...](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...)

For Ss John & Columba's Church - [https:// donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate...)

For Our Lady of Lourdes Church - [https:// donor.secureoperations.com](https://donor.secureoperations.com)

The First Minister has this past week, set out Scotland's Four Phase programme for lifting the current restrictions.

In Phase 2 churches will be allowed to reopen for private prayer and in Phase 3 for Mass and other public gatherings.

There is no date for when these phases might happen, since it all depends on the developing scientific evidence, but we are likely still talking about a good number of weeks (possibly 18th June). To make sure we are ready for when it does happen the bishops' working groups are preparing guidance and parishes have been asked to begin looking at practical plans to make access to our churches as safe as possible.

Government Document can be found here: <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/strategy-plan/2020/05/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis/documents/covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis/covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis/govscot%3Adocument/covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis.pdf?fbclid=IwARoyYA5cVjPQpoPreYiwsnXz192qokzbHohtdJfokvIGqb8mxJQnAEF1YZI>

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.

It is important for us as a parish to begin to gather together a parish "support network". We need to recruit the following volunteers for each church:

- 1) A person in our community who has technical skills. This will be useful if you think an electronic booking system might be used to facilitate low density activity and it will also help to keep our community connected;
- 2) A person who is well connected with active adults of your parish. This will be useful especially if you want help to increase the volunteer pool so that there are people to facilitate good practice and cleaning;
- 3) A person who may have connections to the more senior members of your community to ensure they are made aware of the changes taking place;
- 4) A person with sewing skills. Guidelines will very likely require the use of face coverings. It is likely that your parishioners will have their own face coverings and they will be asked to bring them and wear in the church buildings. We may be able to help parishioners who are unable to procure their own face coverings, or who come along without one. There is solid evidence based advice on how to sew home-made face coverings (click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>, and there may be volunteers willing to sew these;
- 5) A creative person. Protocols will involve the use of hand sanitisers and face coverings, and they may be able to prepare signage that will work within your parish to alert the faithful to these expectations. We hope to provide templates soon for you to use, but it's likely you will want to tailor them to your community and building, and someone to help with that would be an asset.

Please email the parish if you wish to volunteer.



NEWS & EVENTS

This Sunday is World Communications Day. The Pope's annual message can be read [here](#). Peter Kearney of the Scottish Catholic Media Office has written a reflection on the message, which I attach. Parishioners can donate online to the collection using the following link: https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&period=&reference=COMMS&hidden_amount=&amount=&type=2

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/churchesjoin-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 Thy 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>

Vocations Mass: The monthly Mass for Vocations will be streamed on the Facebook page of St David's Parish, Dalkeith ([@stdavidisdalkeith](#)) on Monday 01 June at 6.30pm. You can also watch it live on the Archdiocesan Facebook page ([@EdinburghRCdiocese](#)). Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Day for Life: The theme for this year's Day for Life is "Choose Life". During the coronavirus crisis calls from pregnant women are still being received so your donations will be well used by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office to help them. You can donate online: https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=LIFE. Or cheques can be sent to Pro-Life Office, Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please make cheques payable to Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Thank you for your support at this time!

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous runs a national telephone helpline as well as an online 'chat now' service for the suffering alcoholic to receive help and an email response service. For help contact www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk or call our 24 hour helpline on 0800 9177 650.

Online Activities to Support EU Citizens: The national lockdown during the coronavirus outbreak, unfortunately, prevents us from traveling around Scotland with our free information sessions. Many EU citizens and their families however still require information and support with their EU Settlement Scheme applications. In response to their needs, Citizens' Rights Project has decided to launch an online information and support service. For more information, please contact info@citizensrightsproject.org.

OUR VIRTUAL PARISH

as you all know, all public Masses, services, activities, clubs, 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.



DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS

Well, we've all been saying our Night Prayers together for some time now via a live post on our Facebook page.

I've broken the post into two parts with the opening specifically made up of children's prayers and a wee explanation of some relevant part of the Church's day.

In the second part of the post I refer to Compline and I thought I might explain why I do this.

Prayers at the End of the Day, Night Prayers or Compline is the final Church service, sometimes called Office, of the day in the Christian tradition of praying the canonical hours which developed in the Monastic communities of the early Church. Most prominent in the configuration of these prayers is St Benedict as he laid all this out in his 'Rule' or guide for those living in community.

Our English word Compline is derived from the Latin *completorium*; the completion of the working day.

Normally recited by candlelight this prayer tends to be contemplative and lays the emphasises on inner spiritual peace.

It is generally thought that the Benedictine form of Compline is the earliest form of this prayer in the West and this format was adopted and embellished by the Roman Catholic Church and now know as The Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours.

Whatever way you look at it; it's a lovely way to end the day and say 'Good Night!'

Deacon Pat

Deacon Pat's Night Prayers can be followed on <https://www.facebook.com/ourladyoflourdesldunfermline/> at around 6pm each evening.



Pope Francis in his prayer intentions for the month of May

states: *"Deacons are not second-level priests.*

They are part of the clergy and live their vocation in and with their family.

They are dedicated to the service of the poor, who carry within them the face of the suffering Christ.

They are the guardians of service in the Church.

Let us pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church."

If you wish to know more about the Permanent Diaconate, please feel free to speak to Deacon Pat or to visit the official website for Diaconal Ministry in Scotland: <http://www.scottishdeacons.org.uk/>

We keep Deacon Pat, Deacon Damian, their families and all to whom they minister in our prayers.

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Gospel Today
Seventh Sunday of Easter | John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all who believe in God, His Father, that they will be united in love and share the love of God with the whole world.



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Answers
Jesus
Prays
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Message
United
Loved
Share
World

“Then the world
will know that
you sent me and
have loved them
even as you have
loved me.”

John 17:23



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

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 24th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass <i>May Devotions & Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 25th May <i>in the 7th Week of Easter</i>		NO MASS	
Tuesday 126th May <i>Memorial of St Philip Neri</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Mass	<i>Fr Tommy Greenan RIP</i>
Wednesday 27th May <i>in the 7th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Mass	<i>Joseph Gilhooley RIP</i>
Thursday 28th May <i>in the 7th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Mass	<i>Fr Kevin's Intentions</i>
Friday 29th May <i>in the 7th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Mass	<i>Bonnie Gauson RIP</i>
Saturday 30th May <i>in the 7th Week of Easter</i>	09.30am 10.00am	<i>Rosary</i> Holy Mass	<i>For the intentions of the sick & infirmed of our parish</i>
Sunday 31st May <i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass <i>May Devotions & Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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