



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

21st June 2020

TWELTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

THIS WEEKEND

is Mid-summer (*I mean the time of the year, not the scene of the TV murders!*) - although our weather hasn't really matched it. We've suffered that curse of the Scottish east coast in summer-time - sea-mist (or 'haar', to use the official word). Perhaps this poor weather puts us in the right mood for this Sunday's first reading - from the prophet Jeremiah. He felt called by God to preach a hard message to the people - the fact of their public and private immorality. Based in Jerusalem, he was in the centre of what was left of the Jewish nation - the southern area called Judea. The northern bit, called 'Israel', had been a more prosperous and populated kingdom, but had been lost to invaders years earlier. The people in Judea, having escaped invasion, now felt secure - or smug, as Jeremiah claimed.

Jeremiah gave us the idea of a personal relationship with God - at the level of our own conscience. From a mixture of prayer and personal moral training, we have a sense of God's Law for us being "written in our heart". For Jeremiah, this should help us do the right thing - both as individuals, and in society at large. Unfortunately for him, then (as now) people did not live up to this ideal. This led him to speak out against the ills he saw all around him - individual bad behaviour, and public corruption. A very public figure, he was most unpopular, and this caused him to write the 'confession', or public statement of his feelings, that we get in this first reading. He was upset by the unpopularity - he knew he was doing God's work, but he still felt, at a human level, a sense of being let-down. He trusted that God would help him - as an Old Testament person, he expressed this in terms of seeing his opponents "stumbling, mastered, confounded by their failure". We must remember that this was before Jesus and his very different approach to suffering and public rejection.

In the gospel, Jesus develops what Jeremiah preached 600 years earlier about standing up in public for what is right. "What you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops." This isn't easy, especially at a time of public emergency like this, when none of us wants to 'rock the boat'. On the other hand, church leaders need to speak out whenever issues need to be raised, but the problem for them is the tone they must set. People respect (and desire) firm beliefs and approaches, but they want them to be expressed diplomatically. I know that it's a fine line between being diplomatic and being hypocritical, but experienced leaders (*eg. Cardinal Nichols in London*) know how to strike the right balance.

The Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr Kevin Dow

Priest in Residence:

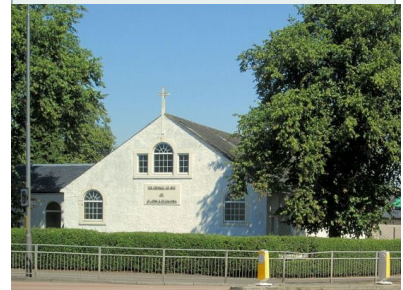
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Pastoral Assistant:

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with
justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, cousin of our Lord; here is a wonderful prayer in his honour:

Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age, the gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His ministry here on earth.

Lord, Fill Your people with the joy of possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist, and direct the minds of all us in the way of salvation and peace. St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so may we Dear God, energetically profess our Faith in You, and help us to lead others to Your Way, Your Truth, and Your Eternal Life. Amen.

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),

As mentioned by Fr Kevin last Thursday at weekday Mass, in our tradition, each month and indeed each day of the week has a particular devotional aspect. Here is the list of each particular month/day and it's devotional focus:

January: The Holy Name of Jesus

February: The Holy Family

March: St Joseph

April: The Holy Eucharist

May: The Blessed Virgin Mary

June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

July: The Precious Blood

August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

September: The seven Sorrows of Mary

October: The Rosary

November: The Holy Souls

December: The Immaculate Conception



Sunday: The Resurrection and The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: Our Guardian Angel

Wednesday: St Joseph

Thursday: The Most Holy Eucharist

Friday: The Passion & death of Our Lord

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND INFIRM

Canon McAllister,
Gerald Welsh,
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,
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

Stella Morrison
RIP and those who have died of Covid-19

Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

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.

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.

Below are the details for the bank accounts for each church if you wish to make your donation directly into the bank account:

St Peter in Chains—
RBS A/C No:
00600297
Sort Code: 833300

Ss John & Columba's—
RBS A/C No:
00114865
Sort Code: 832339

Our Lady of Lourdes—
RBS A/C No:
00249131
Sort Code: 833300



Where are we at: After the announcement by the First Minister on Thursday in Parliament, we will now be allowed to gradually open our churches for private prayer, at this new stage.

Thanks to the assistance of Deacon Pat and a small band of parishioners volunteering (see *Deacon Pat's Ponderings on page 6*) we can now open **Ss John & Columba's Church on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-7pm**, and **Our Lady of Lourdes Church on a Thursday from 6pm-7pm**.

St Peter in Chains will remain closed at the present time due to the carrying out of essential work.

Practicalities: Each person coming into the Church during these times is asked to ensure their nose and mouth are covered, either with a mask or a scarf (children

under 2 are exempt from this).

On arriving and leaving, through a one way system which will be in operation, you will be able to sanitise your hands. When you enter you will be shown to a suitably distanced individual place in the Church by a pass keeper (*people from the same household may sit together*).

There will be no leaflets, hymnbooks etc. available. If you bring a prayer book please ensure you take it home with you when you leave.

When you are ready to leave, you are asked to do so swiftly, without stopping to chat to others in the church, in the porch or immediately outside. Toilet facilities will not be available except in a case of emergency.

If you feel unwell, have a cough or are running a temperature please stay at home.

This may sound rather prescriptive but it is in the best interests of us all and, if we adhere to these guidelines, we may be able to have public Mass sooner.

PHASE TWO DOS AND DON'TS

Meet two households outdoors



Use toilets at another house



People shielding can exercise outside



Small weddings



Beer gardens and outdoor dining



Meeting households indoors



Large gatherings



We encourage you to remain united in faith, hope and love and to keep responding to our current circumstances with confidence and creativity, assured by the promise of the risen Christ: "I am with you always to the end of the world." (Mt 28:20)

Bishops' Conference of Scotland, June 2020



Phase 2

Places of worship will reopen for private prayer in Phase 2 of the Scottish Government's route map. How does this affect Catholic churches in Scotland?

What is it?

It's the next step out of lockdown. For us it means the reopening of our churches for private prayer.

When is it?

The Scottish Government is expected to make an announcement about the Phase 2 date on Thursday 18 June.

Your Parish

- Your parish priest will decide opening hours/dates.
- Contact your parish priest if you have questions.
- Each church will open according to the availability of volunteers.

bcos.org.uk/COVID19

Full guidance on the reopening of churches is available on the Bishops' Conference of Scotland website.

Phase 2 basics*



Churches to reopen for private prayer.



Funeral Masses can take place in church.



Weddings can take place in church.



In making a decision to come to church those aged 70 and over are asked to follow Scot Gov advice.



Parishioners who are shielding should not come to church until Scot Gov guidance advises them it's safe to do so.



Please wear a face covering (children aged 2 and under are exempt).

Support



We've provided all priests in the diocese with contacts to support them and answer any questions they may have.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice.



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*with limited numbers attending and appropriate stewarding and sanitising procedures in place.

NEWS & EVENTS

St Peter in Chains Church: for those of you who attend St Peter in Chains, you will have noticed (*if you can remember as far back as to when you were last allowed in church!*) that the internal walls of the church were very dirty and the place was in need of a bit of TLC.... Well, making use of this period of lockdown, Fr Kevin has arranged for it to be painted! Work is currently underway, with the scaffolding being delivered on Friday past. I'm sure you will be pleased with how clean and fresh it looks for our re-opening.

Congratulations to Fr Chris Heenan of our neighbouring parish of St Margaret's, who is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ this week (*25 years a priest*). I'm sure the celebration will not be up to his usual standards of partying, but we wish him well and I'm sure something will take place post lockdown to mark the occasion! ***Ad multos annos Fr Chris!!***

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>

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.

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/2020/06/the-kids-bulletin-12th-sunday.pdf>

Children's Liturgy material for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-3/>

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, it's been a rollercoaster of a week since last Sunday with emotions all over the place!

As we looked to the future in the hope that the Government would take us to Phase 2 and the easing of the lock-down restrictions work would have to be done. So, with almost Christmas like anticipation

the Church buildings were examined and equipment bought as the safety regulations were to be put in place.

On Monday morning I did a 'live' post on our Facebook page asking for volunteers to come to meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Anticipation was thunderous as I watched the number of views of the post rise and rise. Our Church and Parish was coming to life!

Tuesday started with a sadness, for I had to officiate at a Parishioners funeral. These occasions are bad enough but with the restrictions in place reducing the number of mourners at the crematorium to eight the situation for the family and, indeed for all families in these circumstances is heart breaking. However, as we say our good-byes to our Loved Ones only time can be the healer. In weeks to come and as we fight our way out of this pandemic, I am sure many a Memorial Mass will be arranged and family and friends can mourn and come to terms with their loss. In the meantime, may our dearly departed rest in peace.

The evening came, and with it the realisation that the Facebook syndrome had struck. People seem to think they have done their bit by liking a post and indeed thinking all will be well because the post is advertising a good cause. Four Parishioners turned up for the meeting and thank God for these people for together with those who had written to Fr Kevin

the Churches of Inverkeithing and Rosyth will be ready for re-opening. St. John and St Columba already is thanks to a small group who worked all through Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday came and there was a visit to Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr Nicholas had been busy during lock-down looking after the building and we were able to start taping off the seats that we could not use. During the day we learnt that the Scottish Bishops had decided that fit and active people over 70 years of age would also now be accepted as volunteers.

Six in the evening saw two people and a family turn up to help prepare the church for opening, I had apologies from two others. The group got tore in, as they say, and all the safety measures are now in place. At Our Lady of Lourdes, we can now only allow the use of 21 pews for private prayer. That's right 21! Our Lady of Lourdes can now be opened.

As I watched those folk on Wednesday evening I realised that the youngest two of the group were working so hard, full of anticipation, looking forward to the time when the opening of our doors will become a reality, I realised that the mantle of responsibility was being grasped by the youngest in our Community. Through these very young people our Church was rising from the flames of Covid 19 like the fabled Phoenix of mythology.

I was wrong! These two young people were being **moved by the Holy Spirit**. Their love for the church and their enthusiasm was the gift to them which would bring our Church back to life. It would appear that it is this generation which is being inspired to bring the presence of the Lord to others. If you asked these two why they came to Church on Wednesday they would probably tell you that they just wanted to help. Perhaps the Holy Spirit knows better!

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.

Bulletin Notices All notices should be with Fr Kevin in Rosyth by Thursday morning for inclusion in the weekend bulletin

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 21st June <i>12th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Exposition & Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 22nd June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass		
Tuesday 23rd June <i>Requiem Mass</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	<i>Stella Morrison RIP</i>
Wednesday 24th June <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	<i>Fr Nicholas' Intentions</i>
Thursday 25th June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	<i>Joe & Josephine Gallagher RIP</i>
Friday 26th June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	<i>Deacon Pat's Intentions</i>
Saturday 27th June <i>in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Holy Mass	<i>In thanksgiving</i>
Sunday 28th June <i>Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass <i>Exposition & Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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