



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*28th June 2020*

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

### THOSE OF US

who have been Christians since childhood take Peter and Paul for granted. They are like one piece of the same jigsaw. Even their names seem to go together like Laurel and Hardy or Marks and Spencer. We have to stop in our tracks for a while to remind ourselves that Peter and Paul each had to find out who they really were before they could become powerful agents in the service of Christ.

Peter was not always Peter. He came out of Simon, the rock out of the jelly. Today we celebrate him as the strong leader of the early Church; we recall him as being steadfast as a rock, the choice upon which Jesus would build his Church. But we remember that he was far from steady. He was the headstrong, volatile one who was told by Jesus to get behind him like Satan. He was the one full of promises which he broke as soon as the going got tough, the lover turned deserter. Yet Jesus knew this. That is why he invited him to discover his real self: not the Simon with all his limitations, but the Peter who in Christ would accomplish much.

Paul was not always Paul. He came out of Saul, the lamb out of the wolf. We recall the zealous Jew whose very life was consumed in tracking down Christians and having them persecuted. We remember the man whose understanding of religion was such that he considered Christianity to be abhorrent to God. Yet for some reason he was not to remain so blinkered. He saw the light. He was blinded by the reality of Christ's teachings and deep in his heart he was no longer Saul the persecutor, but Paul the fearless preacher and teacher of the faith. When he became Paul he could be used by God to the fullest.

In every one of us there is both Simon and Saul. We do not have to look hard to see our imperfections or seek very far before finding our own fickleness or presumptuousness. The good news, though, is that we are not condemned to live out this self-destructing role. At our baptism we are called to a greatness that we cannot achieve by ourselves. Our new name is that of "Christian", and we agree to be living witnesses to the new life offered in Christ. In a sense our Christian life is a journey of discovery into who and what we are called to be. The more we know our true selves before God, the more God can use us in the service of the gospel. God, of course, did use Simon and Saul. But when they faced up to who they really were, they could become Peter and Paul: far richer and more effective preachers of the gospel. Do you know who God is asking you to be?

### 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 12:1-11

*'Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod'*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

33(34):2-9

*From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

### Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mt16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



**This Sunday** is the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, which would normally fall on 29th June, but the bishop's of Scotland have moved to today. The 29th June is the date that honours the martyrdom of the two saints, St. Peter and St. Paul, sometime between AD 64 and 68. While the church recognizes that they may not have died on the same day, tradition says that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero.

### *A Novena Petition Prayer to Ss Peter & Paul:*

**O** holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this day and forever to be my special patrons and advocates; thee, Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon which Almighty God hath built His Church; thee, Saint Paul, because thou wast fore-chosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth in the whole world. Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope, and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

*V. Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.*

*R. They shall be mindful of Thy name, O Lord.*

*Let us pray:* **O** God, Whose right hand raised up blessed Peter, when he walked upon the water and began to sink, and thrice delivered his fellow-Apostle Paul from the depths of the sea, when he suffered shipwreck: graciously hear us and grant, by the merits of them both, that we also may attain unto everlasting glory: Who livest and reignest world without end. 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), please contact him at the presbytery or by email.**

### **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,  
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**

Gerald Welsh, *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**



### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MSP

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, we have worked hard to get our churches open for private prayer. Many volunteers have come forward to help sanitise our churches and keep everything in accordance with physical distancing measures as laid down by the Scottish Government and the great work done by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Covid-19 Working Group. We have received the disappointing news that the Government has decided that we can't return to Mass before 23 July.

It is difficult to understand why this is, considering that from 15 July the public will be able to go to hairdressers, cinemas, museums and libraries, restaurants and pubs, as long as physical distancing measures are in place. It is very disappointing that the practice of religion is placed somewhere below non-essential leisure and beauty activities. Be that as it may, we ought to try to change their minds.

I want to encourage you to write to your MSP today regarding this. Among other things you may want to say, you could make the following points:

In good faith, the Church has absolutely complied with all the requests that the Government has made of it in recent months. The Church will continue to comply with the necessary measures to open safely; At Ss John & Columba's church and Our Lady of Lourdes church at present, and in St Peter in Chains when it is ready for opening, strict physical distancing and sanitising facilities are already in place for those visiting the church for private prayer.

If cinemas, libraries and restaurants are open, it is difficult to see how a physically distanced gathering in a church is essentially different. Mention briefly what the parish means to you, your family and the community in South West Fife

Remembering that we are trying to represent the needs of the Church to a secular authority we should be very polite but very to the point.

A letter or email and a telephone call to his office would be good. Here is Annabelle Ewing MSP's email address:

**Anna-  
belle.Ewing.msp@parliament.scot**

And her full contact details can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/currentmsps/98424.aspx>

And for Dunfermline, Shirley-Anne Sommerville MSP's email address:

**Shirley-  
Anne.Somerville.msp  
@parliament.scot**

And full contact details are found here:

<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/currentmsps/99254.aspx>

I encourage you to do this today. I think there's a good chance we could get the authorities to change their minds.

God bless you for your efforts



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba



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](https://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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OF ST ANDREWS  
& EDINBURGH



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

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Primary 7's Leavers Mass:** sadly we cannot celebrate as we normally would the leavers Masses for the children of St John's Primary School and St Margaret's Primary School. However, Fr Chris will be celebrating a 'virtual Mass' on Thursday of this week at 10am from St Margaret's Church and Fr Kevin will be celebrating a 'virtual Mass' in Ss John & Columba's for the respective schools. Please join us via the various parish social media platforms. *We wish our young parishioners well in the years that lie ahead of them.*

**Churches open for private prayer:** Many thanks to all who assisted in preparing our churches for opening last week. A wee reminder that Ss John & Columba's in open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm and Our Lady of Lourdes church is open at the same times on a Thursday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place during this time. Confessions are available with Fr Kevin on a Tuesday (*outside weather permitting—as use of the confession is not possible under the guidelines*).

**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.

**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-13th-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-4/>

## 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



“Pure dead brilliant!” – Now isn’t that a phrase to play with? Allegedly it was coined in, and comes from the inhabitants of that ‘Dear Green Place’ on the banks of the River Clyde which is guarded by St Andrew’s Cathedral and means ‘outstanding’, ‘cannot be surpassed’ or in any situation that brings pleasure to those who utter it ‘totally delightful’.

I wonder if St Peter uttered that phrase (in Aramaic of course) when the chains fell from his body and he was guided to freedom by the Angel, just the way we heard it in today’s First Reading. And, what about St Paul; did he exclaim “Oh, Pure Dead Brilliant” when he received the Crown of Righteousness from the hands of Christ. I’m not being trite when I write these things, I’m simply trying to bring out into the open our greatest challenge and how those people reacted when God saved them from those who would destroy the Faith.

For now, can we stay with those things that we consider to be “Pure Dead Brilliant” Have they changed since the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and Lockdown? The trip to the shops... just to browse, taking a trip away into the city or countryside, meeting friends for lunch, and a myriad of other things. Were these encounters “Pure Dead Brilliant” or just another day out in the general run of things?

Things have changed and “Pure Dead Brilliant” has to be reserved for the things in life that really matter – the start of each new day that we are granted and how we make use of it. The technology that lets us keep in touch with family and friends and lets us see our nearest and dearest. The joy when we actually get to meet our family (social distancing rules apply) face to face. The anticipation of the hugs and kisses that are to come. The delightful daydreaming of how

things are going to be. Perhaps the Supreme largesse granted to us at the moment is the time we have been given to slow down, look around us and realise what is really important in life. Didn’t say life was being made easier, far from it, because life as we live it is changing rapidly each day. The problems that come along are all solvable and our road will turn and twist with strenuous climbs and there will be trips and falls along the way.

But this is our Greatest Challenge – those turns and twists, the peaks to be climbed, our personal ambitions, these are the daily contests with ourselves that bring us to share in the Divinity of Christ. This is how we hone our skills in becoming Christlike. How we treat each other is the key to becoming recipients of the Crown of Righteousness, that’s the gamechanger.

Remember how Jesus treated people? Are we taking note of this? Are we following His way?

Do we go back to the old days, now we know what being insular is really like, or do we move on and become active and valued members of our Community willingly working for the good of each other. Or day we think somebody else will do it. Do we recognise the true value of those whom we barely saw in the past, the Cleaners, the Porters, the Dustmen, the transport workers, those who were considered to be the little people, but are the people who really make a community work?

Lots of questions marks this week. Do have or are we searching for the Wisdom to answer?

Perhaps now on reflection, and as we look inwards towards our own divinity at the end of the day, we can glance westward to that ‘Dear Green Place’ and beyond to the setting of the sun and we can say to ourselves that our day was “Pure Dead Brilliant!”

**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

<b>Sunday 28th June</b> <i>Solemnity of Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i>	<b>10.00am</b> 4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Exposition &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 29th June</b> <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Tuesday 30th June</b> <i>Memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Mgr Brian Provost Halloran RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b> <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Very Rev James Canon Friel RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b> <i>in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>For the children in Primary 7 of St John's &amp; St Margaret's Primary Schools</i>
<b>Friday 3rd July</b> <i>Feast of St Thomas the Apostle</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Deceased priest of the former parishes</i>
<b>Saturday 4th July</b> <i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Fr Tommy Greenan RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 5th July</b> <i>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b> 4.00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> <i>Exposition &amp; Benediction</i>	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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