



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

26th July 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.” In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.



Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought

them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

The Clergy

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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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, how I love your law!

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, how I love your law!

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



The Litany of the Most Precious Blood (July Devotion)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**
Christ, graciously hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**
God, the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**
Holy Trinity, One God, **have mercy on us.**

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word or God, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in Agony, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, without which there is no

forgiveness, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, victor over demons, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, **save us.**
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honour, **save us.**

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, **spare us, O Lord.**
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us, O Lord.**

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.
R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. 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

All those who have died, especially *Mary Inch RIP* and all those who have died as a result of Covid-19 and all who have no one to pray for them

*Fidelium animae
per misericordiam
Dei requiescant in
pace. Amen*

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 obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time

Public Worship

As from the 15th July we have been able to open our 3 churches, following both the bishop's and the government guidelines.

We will only be able to continue to open our churches if enough parishioners volunteer to assist with the cleaning after each Mass...

- You may attend any weekday Mass, instead of attending the Sunday one;
 - If you are shielding, it's important that you do not come out to Mass at all;
 - We will need to record your name and address when you attend Mass, in case you need to be traced;
 - We are not allowed more than 50 people in church.
 - Seating according to physical distancing rules. Currently, Rosyth would have a capacity of 30, Inverkeithing will also be about 30 and Dunfermline is 48. Households may sit together. You will be guided to a seat by a passkeeper you not be able to sit where you normally do.
 - You will need to wear a face covering. Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma. We have a very limited supply of masks if you do not have your own.
- You will need to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving. This will be provided. Please avoid touching statues and other surfaces. If you wish to light votive candles, please place them in the basket provided for this purpose (*We ask you not to light the candles yourself, as your hands have flammable liquid on them...*)
- There will be no music or singing, no readers, ministers of communion, altar servers or sacristans. Only the priest will be allowed in the sacristy and toilet facilities will not be available.
- Mass will be celebrated without the Gloria or Creed and only one reading, psalm and the gospel.
- Holy Communion (under the one species) will be distributed after the final blessing and people are asked to leave immediately.
- Offertory donations may be placed in baskets as you leave the church at the end of Mass
- There will be no Teas etc. after Mass.
 - We will suspend the Holy Hours to focus on Mass, until we can resume normal services.
 - The church will have to be cleaned after each Mass.
- We will need a team of at least 2 pass keepers, and 2 or 3 cleaners for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time and help make this all possible.
- My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the churches at the end of each period.

COVID-19 & OUR



Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Parables of the Kingdom



When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

M K E J O Y A G A I N E V A D
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Z K Z E P X A E D G H H N Z L
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GREAT
KINGDOM
VALUE

AGAIN
FIELD
ALL

SOLD
JOY
HEAVEN

TREASURE
FOUND
MAN

BOUGHT
HIDDEN
PEARLS

NEWS & EVENTS

Ordinations: please remember in your prayers Robert Taylor and Martin Eckersley who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate next Saturday in the cathedral, for service in our archdiocese, and please God will be ordained priests next year.

Church halls: these remain closed at the present time until advised by the Archbishop that it is safe to open them up.

Parish Groups: currently remain suspended during this period also.

Time of private prayer: now that the public celebration of the Mass has been allowed, we will stop the periods of private prayer, to cut down on the time in church—and yes, I know that sounds wrong, but so is dying on a contagious virus!

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/2020/07/the-kids-bulletin-17th-sunday.pdf>

Children's Liturgy material for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/17th-Sunday-of-Ord-Time-Year-A-PDF.pdf>

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



Sadly, we had to bid a fond farewell to friends this week as they are about to return to their home country after living and working in Scotland for some time.

It was a massive decision for them to leave their home and relatives in the first place and travel to this Land of ours in search of a new life. Much

heart searching must have taken place before the emotional breaking of their news to parents and siblings before undertaking their journey.

In recent months we have all found ourselves in the position of having to search our hearts in regards to family matters. Do we work from home or the office where there is the chance of picking up the Covid bug and bringing it home to our family? The inability to be with loved ones was heart wrenching despite modern technology allowing us to have video calls and seeing each other. Then there were the additional problems for those who were 'Shielding' or indeed were resident in our Care Homes where staff proved themselves time and time again in their love and dedication to their clients. We could go on and on ... Home Schooling was not everyone's delight, even getting the shopping organised took some thought and letting the children out to play was a definite no no!

Even now, as we try to return to normal, we are facing dilemmas in our daily lives and even when it comes to the practice of our Faith, we see massive changes and challenges. Our churches have a limited capacity of fifty people maximum and we are being asked to book a pew or a seat for our Sunday worship. Happily, the same rule does not apply for weekday Masses although the

maximum number does. The Scottish Bishops have dispensed with the need to attend Mass on a Sunday, another heart wrenching decision, but ask that we try and attend one Mass per week so that we may feel a sense of normality creeping back into our communities.

Regrettably we are starting to see the results of situations where people have embraced the relaxation of regulations too enthusiastically and got too close to each other resulting in some minor spikes in the transmission of this virus and people are falling ill. In those circumstances people will be searching their hearts worrying if they were at fault. Did they choose wisely or did wisdom elude them?

In today's First Reading we hear of Solomon and his prayer to the Lord in the vision when gifts of all kinds were on offer. The young King asked for a heart to understand and how to discern between good and evil. Shouldn't this be our prayer too! Enabling to realise and understand that our words and actions have a domino effect on those we know and love. I suppose in modern parlance what we could be asking God is to give us the grace to put our brain in gear before we open our mouths. Here we have Solomon asking for wisdom and if we do the same perhaps God will respond to us in the same way awarding us by saying "I will give you a heart wise and shrewd". Can you think of that? A world where everyone had the gift of Wisdom. I can only leave that one to your imagination!

Finally, to our friends who leave the Parish today and return to Spain we wish them well and good fortune and may the love of God go with them.

Jesus, Alicia y Saul: 'Adios amigos espero a verte pronto'.

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 26th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
Monday 27th July <i>in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 28th July <i>in the 17th Week of the Year</i>	10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	6.30pm	Ss John & Columba's	Private Prayer	
Wednesday 29th July <i>Feast of St Martha</i>	No Mass			
Thursday 30th July <i>Memorial of St Peter</i> <i>Chrysologus</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	-
	7.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
Friday 31st July <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of</i> <i>Loyola</i>	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	-
Saturday 1st August <i>Memorial of At Alphonsus</i> <i>Mary Liguori</i>	10.00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	
Sunday 2nd August <i>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-



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