



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*6th September 2020*

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

### A DOG IS LEFT BARKING OUTSIDE IN A SMALL GARDEN

whilst the owners are out at work all day. A small boy spends his afternoons kicking a ball against an end terrace whilst the owners sit inside with gritted teeth. A new person joins a busy workplace but spends most of his or her time checking out Facebook on the company computer. What do we do about it? Perhaps we stay quiet hoping the problem will go away. Perhaps we tell ourselves that it's none of our business and turn a blind eye. At best we might contact someone in authority and make an anonymous complaint. Speaking face to face with the person that has offended us is probably the most difficult option.

We can often fight shy of confrontation. We do this for all sorts of reasons. Perhaps we want to stay popular and would prefer to preserve an outward show of friendship even though we are seething inside. Perhaps we dodge confrontation because we are afraid of having a row, or worse, afraid of losing a row. Our fears and insecurities lead us to behave less than honestly. Instead of confronting someone who has offended us directly, we procrastinate, beat about the bush, pretend it isn't really a problem, complain bitterly to anyone who will listen, or worse, we erupt with sudden frustration and anger out of all proportion to the original offence.

In Matthew's gospel we are given some straightforward advice on handling a grievance. Firstly, we should approach the person who has offended us in private and voice our concerns. In this way the dispute may be very quickly and very happily sorted out. But if the dispute cannot be sorted out in this way, then we should call on the help of a third party. A third party can often shed light where there was none before. A third party can see or suggest things that haven't previously been considered. A third party usually has the benefit of lending an opinion without anger or bias. It might seem like a lot of trouble to go to, to resolve a grievance, but sometimes a 'nipping it in the bud' approach can save a much greater grievance somewhere further down the line. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation?

Saint Paul lends us some sound advice. "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour." If we approach conflict with love and a genuine desire to put something right we have nothing to fear. To do nothing in the face of wrongdoing is not an option.

#### The Parish Clergy

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Kevin Dow

**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

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

***If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death***

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**94(95):1-2,6-9**

*O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

### Second reading

**Romans 13:8-10**

***Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love***

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**2Co5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 18:15-20**

***If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER

### **The Month of August is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrow:**

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honour Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him. "She it was," says Pope Pius XII, "who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a



new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members."

### **A PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF**

**SORROWS** *Most holy Virgin. and Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the Passion of thy divine Son, and who in His glorious Resurrection was filled with never-ending joy at His triumph; obtain for us who call upon thee, so to be partakers in the adversities of Holy Church and the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff, as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolations for which we pray, in the charity and peace of 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 - if you wish to make an appointment with Fr Kevin to go to confession (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.

### **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 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 will not be able to sit where you normally do.**
  - **You are legally obliged to wear a face covering.** Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma.
  - 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.
  - For holy Communion, please keep your face covering in place when you receive Holy Communion, and then step to the side, remove mask, consume and replace mask.
  - 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.
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# When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a



Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

N Z P H S N J P L Q T I T G A  
 N M G N E I T C D I R X R P R  
 S O I V Q S C N H J S P W E M  
 C S A U N F I C R U N T H W K  
 O E N I G B F E F G R T E F Z  
 H U A Q W R H D A M A C Y N C  
 R G C C W T T T U F G N H T S  
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 O E I X S N R O E A W O N I E  
 S K R L Q E B E S S X A B M A  
 E K V J Q U S M E D S K P O R  
 Z Z D Z H C T R U T H E X N T  
 J G H E A V E N Z F W B S Y H

TRUTH	HEAVEN	BIND	FAULT	FATHER
AGAINST	EARTH	SINS	LOOSE	SHOW
CHURCH	WITNESSES	REFUSES	HEAVEN	LISTENS
YOU	AGREE	TESTIMONY	WON	BROTHER

**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

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Special Collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy:** a special collection will be held next weekend for the retired priests of our archdiocese. *Please use one of the diocesan Gift Aid envelope available at the back of the churches for this purpose, if you are a tax payer.*

**Ss John & Columba's 200 Club draws:** **April:** 1st. Norma Lynch. 2nd. Father Kevin. 3rd. Brian Neil.

**May:** 1st. Martin Coyne. 2nd. Pauline Livingston. 3rd. John Watt.

**June:** 1st. Annie Sehanz. 2nd. Julie Webber. 3rd. Elaine Steinbach.

**July:** 1st. Muriel O'Donnell. 2nd. Jenny Sullivan. 3rd. Kathleen McIntyre.

**Aug.:** 1st. John Auld. 2nd. Mary Guild. 3rd. Clair Lucas.

**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 of a contagious virus!

**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/2020/08/the-kids-bulletin-23rd-sunday-1.pdf>

**Children's Liturgy material** for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/6thSep2020-23rdSunOrdTimeYr-A-PDF.pdf>

### OUR VIRTUAL PARISH...

as you all know, whilst all public services, activities, clubs, etc are currently on hold. Public Masses have resumed, but with certain restrictions in place. We do not know when the government will allow us to resume everything as normal, 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, whilst Masses are being celebrated with a smaller number of parishioners physically present in our churches, Fr Kevin will continue to celebrate Mass live from Rosyth and recorded in Inverkeithing to be later added to the parish Facebook Page. If there is a desire for the videos to be added to our Youtube channel, please advise that you would like this to happen.

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.

If you do not have Facebook, then please subscribe to our parish YouTube channel, where Masses are uploaded for you to view.



## DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS



It's the week leading up to Christmas in the early 1980's and in the small Scottish town there are two rough sleeping itinerants. It's the early hours of the morning, the snow is falling and it is bitterly cold... suddenly the radio on the Police Constable's label squeaks out an alert with the report that two

men are smashing shop windows on the High Street.

On arrival at the Crime Scene the young Cops find two scruffy, cold and tired elderly men. There is a small window broken at one of the shops and both men are holding bricks which they drop as soon as the Police arrived. Just for good measure both men start verbally abusing the Police but with no real intent although they spice up their comments which some colourful language. The men are arrested and transport is called up.

On arrival at the Police Station the Gentlemen of the Road are presented to the Duty Sergeant and the story of their misdemeanour told. The Sergeant accepts that a crime has been committed and both men are taken to the cells to appear at the Sheriff Court in the morning.

Up in the canteen at meal time the Sergeant tells the Probationer Constables about the men they have arrested and gives a brief history of their lives. Just for the antecedents in the report you understand.

In Court the Duty Solicitor is assigned to the case and the Custodies are called and placed in the Dock. The Sheriff asks for their pleas. Both men plead guilty and the Sheriff asks for a copy of Previous Convictions and a long-range weather forecast. Somewhat surprised the Clerk of Court finds a forecast and presents it to the Sheriff.

Eyeing the men sternly the Sheriff tells them "You are rogues and vagabonds! Men of numerous petty convictions. Not good enough, not good enough!" and sentences them to twenty-eight days in prison.

That was a quick summary of the Scottish Court and legal system. Does it relate to today's Gospel? Well, it does actually! If someone does something wrong in this country the first port of call is Mediation, try and talk things out. If that doesn't work the witnesses are called and the evidence examined then it is reported to the Community, that is the Court and if the person in the wrong is found to be guilty of a complaint they are excommunicated from the community, that is they are sent to prison.

So, you can see how the words of Jesus guide our courts and manages disputes in our own communities in these modern times.

Hold on though, what about the last sentence in the Reading, "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them". How could that happen in a Scottish Court? Would our God of love and compassion guide the legal system?

Here's the rest of the Story:

Returning to duty the next night the young Officer looked up the Court sheets and was stunned to see that his custodies got twenty-eight days each. He spoke to the Sergeant after the start of the shift about his concerns. Smiling, the experienced Cop explained that both men were well known to the Police and the Courts they never caused any real problems except through drink and their crimes were mostly alcohol related. Despite the best efforts of all the Agencies concerned with their social well being the men were staunch friends and much preferred their present lifestyle. Every year about this time both men committed a similar offence and both appeared in Court together.

The legal teams knew the story, as did the Sheriff, and they knew the men were trying to get off the streets before winter's harshest days came to bear.

So, when the Sheriff came to sentencing the men, he called for a weather report, saw the period of severe weather and jailed the pals accordingly.

God works in mysterious ways!

## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 6th September</b> <i>Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Theresa Murphy RIP</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Monday 7th September</b> <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Tuesday 8th September</b> <i>Feast of the Nativity of our Lady</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Stella Morrison RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 9th September</b> <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Nigel Saunders RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 10th September</b> <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Friday 11th September</b> <i>in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Saturday 12th September</b> <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Sunday 13th September</b> <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
	<b>11.30am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
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