



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*27th September 2020*

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

**A FATHER ASKS TWO SONS TO GO AND WORK IN THE VINEYARD.**

The first son says that he won't, but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will, but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we

are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.



### **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 18:25-28**

*When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**24(25):4-9**

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

### Second reading

**Philippians 2:1-11**

*Be united in your love*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 21:28-32**

*Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



This coming Tuesday is the Feast of the Archangels and Friday sees us celebrating the Memorial of the Guardian angels, but what or rather who are they?

Sacred Scripture identifies by name three angels, who are the great messengers of God — Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. They are called archangels because of their important roles in God's plan. St. Michael, whose name means "one who is like God," led the army of angels who cast Satan and the rebellious angels into hell; at the end of time, he will wield the sword of justice to separate the righteous from the evil (cf. Rv. 12:7-10). St. Gabriel, whose name means "strength of God," announced to Mary that she had been chosen as the Mother of the Saviour (cf. Lk. 1:26-38). St. Raphael, whose name means "remedy of God," cured the blind man Tobit (cf. Tb. 5).

The angels are also our guardians. The Catechism states, "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession" (No. 336). St. Basil (d. 379) asserted, "Beside each believer stands an angel protector and shepherd leading him to life." Most of us at an early age learned the

little prayer to our guardian angel: *"Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide."*

Moreover, as Catholics, we remember the important role of St. Michael in defending us against Satan and the powers of evil.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, Pope Leo XIII (d. 1903) had a prophetic vision of the coming century of sorrow and war. In this vision, God gave Satan the choice of one century in which to do his worst work. The devil chose this century. So moved was the Holy Father from this vision that he composed the prayer *"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle! Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls."* For many years, this prayer was recited at the end of every Mass. A couple of years ago, our present Holy Father at one of his Wednesday audiences made the strong suggestion that the recitation of the prayer be instituted at Mass once again given the great evils we see present in our world — the sins of abortion, euthanasia, terrorism, genocide, and the like.

### **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.***

### **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,  
Catherine Steven  
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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## Notifications from the Archbishop:

**40 Days for Life:** will take place outside the Chalmers Clinic in Edinburgh from 23 September to 01 November. The purpose is to pray for an end to abortion; parishioners are asked to consider taking part for an hour or so. For more details visit [www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh)

**Season of Creation:** The Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission invites parishioners and priests to a short retreat on Sunday 04 October, the Feast Day of St Francis. It takes place 2:30-4.30pm on Zoom, and marks the end of the Season of Creation. The retreat will explore the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si* and will "focus upon how we can renew our lives, personally, in parishes, and in community, and influence the behaviour of our government and business". Registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/Retreat4Oct>

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** This is on Sunday 27 September The Archdiocese's Commission for Caritas, Justice and Peace has set up the Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers working group. It aims to work with local parishes and other organisations to make life better for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. If you would be interested in joining, email [m.a.kaikai@ed.ac.uk](mailto:m.a.kaikai@ed.ac.uk)

**Walsingham:** A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life takes place from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on 27 September 2020. It can be accessed via YouTube – search Walsingham Catholic TV or [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/) Full details at [www.prolifepilgrimage.org/](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/)

**Men's Conference:** The Highland Gathering men's conference will be released on YouTube on 19 September. The pre-recorded talks are free to watch. Speakers include Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Bishop John Keenan and The Frank Friar aka Fr Nicholas Blackwell of New York State. The theme of the conference is authentic Catholic manhood, with talks on money, marriage, vocations, fatherhood and more. The talks are inspiring and will help build your faith. For more information go to: [www.roughboundmedia.wixsite.com/website/the-highland-gathering](http://www.roughboundmedia.wixsite.com/website/the-highland-gathering) or email [thehighlandgathering@gmail.com](mailto:thehighlandgathering@gmail.com)

**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

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Obligation to attend Mass:** The Bishop's have as yet not reinstated the obligation and so as we approach the colder weather, it may be good to remind ourselves that doors and windows of the churches must be kept open for air flow, and so we advise either dress for winter, or perhaps stay at home and watch online...

**Congratulations** to the winners for September of the Ss John & Columba 200 Club:  
1st. Stella Fitzgerald. 2nd. Pauline Livingston. 3rd. Loretta Leybourne.

**Visits to the Sick:** unfortunately we have still not been given the go ahead to start visiting the sick and bringing Holy Communion to them as yet. I know that this is not ideal, but the clergy and lay ministers would not want to be the cause of spreading any infections from one house to the next. Obviously in cases of extreme nature, Fr Kevin will attend.

**Parish Groups:** currently remain suspended during this period also.

**St John's Primary School:** congratulations to Mrs Shona Munro on her recent appointment as our Head Teacher. Mrs Munro is a well known and loved member of the teaching staff, having previously been Principal Teacher. We wish her all the very best in her new appointment and may God bless her through the intercession of St John the Evangelist and St John Bosco.

**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 10am & 1130am & Ss John & Columba's Church (St John's PS) - Saturday 21st November at 10am. Due to the government restrictions, we are only allowed 50 people in church at a time, therefore in OLOL, we will hold 2 Masses. At each of the 3 Masses, there will be enough space for a child, plus 4 family members only. Further details will be made available nearer the time.

**Children's Sunday Newsletter:** Copy and paste this link into your web browser and it will take you to this week's edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/the-kids-bulletin-26th-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/27thSep2020-26thSunOrdTimeYr-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



This weekend many of us will be thinking here we go again!

Friday saw the introduction of a mini lockdown restricting our movements in certain areas of our daily life. They won't be reiterated here for we have heard them all time and time again. The question must be

asked though, how are we responding?

Our sources of information all have slanted views. Each newspaper produces headlines and stories written in such a way as to support the Government, whether that be UK or Devolved, or undermine the Authorities because of the political bias of the editorial team.

Social media is also a wonderous source of disinformation and the proclamation of views which have never been fact checked. All this information bombards us on a daily basis and we have to sort out the wheat from the chaff.

Let's look at a lockdown of a different nature. For centuries the enclosed Orders of the Catholic Church have seen men and women isolate themselves from society and lead a daily life of solitude with no adverse effects. Yes, they may live in Community but often they only come together in the Chapel or Refectory and verbal communication is at the minimum. However, they all have a common purpose and direction in their life.

For Benedictine Brothers and Sisters (and Oblates) their hope is to fashion their lives around the daily routine of work and prayers, this being their tool in responding to the Vows they made on entering the Community.

These Vows are intended to direct us towards growth and the understanding that all is done for the wellbeing of the group, Community or Country in order that everyone should flourish. Very quickly, here are the aims of all in such a Religious Community and a short explanation of the vows made.

The first vow is that of *Stabiliitas*, that is sticking with something and not walking away when the going gets tough. This vow covers a life with a maintained and steady commitment of action. Another word to describe the durability of this chosen life is faithfulness. Faithfulness bends and

grows with us on our journey through life and can be very difficult but it can give a new impulse to our relationships.

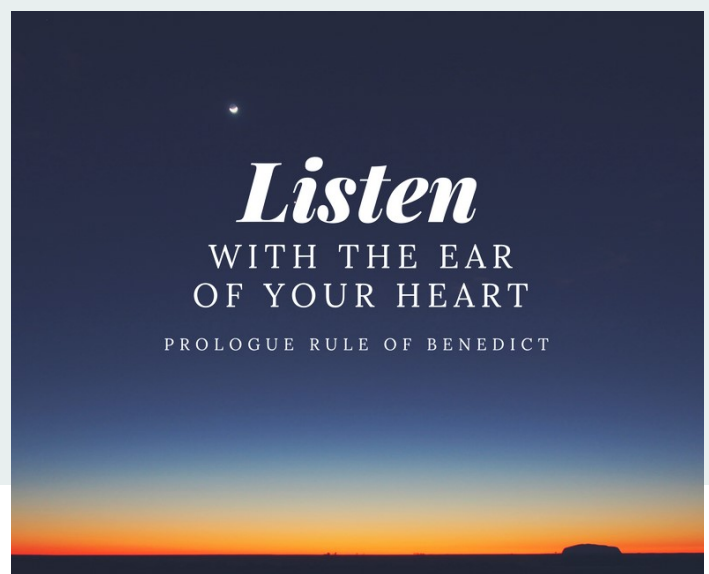
Secondly there is *Conversatio Morum* or the daily improvement in our way of life by changing our habits or lifestyle. This is about individual positive growth and learning the feasibility of establishing an improved way of life.

Thirdly, and this vow takes us back to how we respond to one another, this is *Obedientia* or answering each other's call. Standby for the Latin root lesson: *obedientia* comes from *ob-audire*, a reinforced form of *audire* (to hear, to listen). So, the easiest way to explain this vow is; listen with the ear of your heart and then let your heart guide your response to that situation.

Taking the above as a short resume of a way of supporting a Community in an enclosed living style should we, could we adopt this to health guidelines when they are published?

Today in the Gospel we heard of the Father asking his sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son replied 'I don't want to' but later thought better of the situation and went out to work. The second son replied to his Father 'Certainly Sir' and then didn't bother himself at all. This parable relates to the refusal of the Chief Priests to recognise John the Baptist as a Prophet and Messenger from God.

Many poor sinners were converted by John and confessed their sins and later accepted Jesus as the Christ. Indifference to the *Message* or *Word* is the point being made.



## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 27th September</b> <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Monday 28th September</b> <i>Memorial of St Wenceslaus</i>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Tuesday 29th September</b> <i>Feast of the Archangels</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Mary Close RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th Sept</b> <i>Memorial of St Jerome</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Tom Cosgrove &amp; Matthew Watson RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 1st October</b> <i>Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Friday 2nd October</b> <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
<b>Saturday 3rd October</b> <i>in the 26th Week of the Year</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 4th October</b> <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	-
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Hugo Donaldson RIP</i>



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