



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11th October 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

DO WE FONDLY IMAGINE THAT PEOPLE OUGHT TO LOVE US JUST THE WAY WE ARE?

We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

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(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

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial

Psalm 22(23)

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

***With the help of the One who gives me strength,
there is nothing I cannot master***

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him he gave power to be-
come children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER

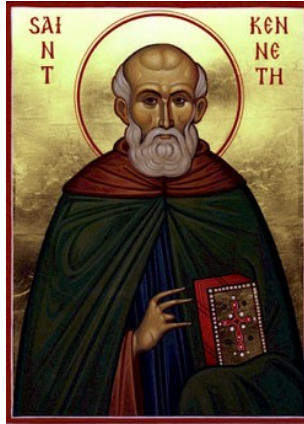
This Sunday is also the feast days of

Pope John XXIII (1881 - 1963)



Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in the village of Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo, in 1881. At the age of 11 he entered the seminary at Bergamo and later pursued his studies at the Pontifical Seminary in Rome. He was ordained priest in 1904. He was secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo but from 1921 onwards he served the Holy See directly in various posts, both in Rome and in Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece, culminating as Apostolic Nuncio to France from 1944 until 1953, when he was created cardinal and made the Patriarch of Venice. He was elected Pope in 1958. He convoked the Roman Synod, instituted the revision of Canon Law, and called the Second Vatican Council, which opened on 11 October 1962. He died while the Council was still in session, on the evening of 3 June 1963.

Saint Kenneth (515-599)



Saint Cainnech of Aghaboe is also known as Saint Canice in Ireland, Saint Kenneth in Scotland, Saint Kenny and in Latin Saint Canicus. He was an Irish abbot, monastic founder, priest and missionary.

He was born in 515 or 516, at Glengiven, near Dungiven in Ireland. He spent his early years watching his chieftain's flocks.

In 565 he joined Columba in Scotland. He built a church in the place now known as Saint Andrews and also a monastery in Fife on the banks of the Eden. He is recorded as having carried out missionary work in central Fife also.

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,
James Lynch,
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

Fr Hugh Purcell 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 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

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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.
- My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the churches at the end of each period.



News from the Archbishop:

Archbishop Leo has issued a pastoral letter updating everyone on the Covid-19 crisis. You can read it online at <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/Pastoral-Letter.pdf>
The Bishops of Scotland have also issued an update letter which can be found on the same website

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

Missio: October is Mission Month, when the Church focuses on the missions, missionaries and the work of the Missio Scotland. As there is no second collection this year, please consider donating at missioscotland.com/donate and keep those who preach Christ across the world in your prayers. Read the inspiring stories of Missio's work on the news & features section of missioscotland.org.

In God's Image: The Bishops in Scotland want to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They say: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.

National Rosary Rally: This takes place in our diocese at 1pm on Saturday 31 October. Pray the Rosary online with others on the Archdiocese's Facebook, YouTube or website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Getting to Know St Mark: A Zoom event on the gospels of St Mark for Year B will take place at 7pm on Monday 19 October. Getting to Know St Mark will be presented by Fr Andrew Garden. Details on registration for this free event will be shared soon on the Archdiocese's Facebook page and website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Catechesis for deaneries: The Archdiocese is running an exciting new series of catechesis events for adults, led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. The first take place at 2pm and 7pm on Monday 26 October for parishioners in the Fife deanery. It is titled 'Life of Faith: Where does Prayer fit in?' Registration details will be published soon on the Archdiocese's Facebook page and website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Fratelli Tutti

The Pope's new encyclical is available to read online now. '*Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*' can be found in the encyclicals section of the Vatican's website: vatican.va

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...

Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday Masses this coming week or the following week until Thursday 22nd October. Next weekend Masses will be supplied by Fr Samuel Burke OP, Dominican priest and chaplain to Edinburgh University.

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 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 weeks edition of a newsletter designed especially for our younger members of the parish <https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/the-kids-bulletin-28th-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/11thOct-28th-Sun-OrdTimeYr-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



Organising a family shin-dig, especially a large event takes a lot of planning and organising. Such was the case with a young couple in the Parish when they started to organise their Marriage some time ago. Initially they planned a small wedding ceremony on a romantic Mediterranean island

with a small group of friends attending.

Things were dramatically changed with just weeks to go when the island of their dream was excluded from travelling to and from the United Kingdom. Suddenly everything had to go to overdrive.

Thankfully members of the Parish rallied round and what was almost a disaster turned into a wonderful occasion.

With the Government Covid restrictions the guest list became immensely small and a lot of hard choices had to be made as to who could attend the ceremony. However, for these youngsters it was all about the Sacrament of Marriage and not the wedding party afterwards.

The same could be said for the up and coming First Holy Communion Services that will take place in the Parish soon. Both schools were organised and ready to go as normal during May and June but then the churches were closed and disappointed children had to be consoled. Happily, we are ready again for that big day in the children's lives when they will meet Jesus in the Sacrament as they receive their First Holy Communion. Despite restrictions we will strive to make this a great occasion and as the young couple said; it is the Sacrament that is the important aspect of the occasion.

And so, to the Church and her community as we enjoy a renewal and as we return to a slightly different awakening which involves much planning and organisation. We are witnessing full attendance at Mass despite the limited places available both on Sundays and during the week. The only thing that is regrettable is that some folk are booking and then when they can't make it forget to cancel. It's not easy turning someone away from a Church door, especially older members the community who don't have access to a computer or smart phone. We're trying hard to save a space for such as those since they have

been our backbone for so long.

Today, we have Jesus telling us of a great wedding feast and this is a parable of two parts. In the first part God invites us to a great banquet where there is a place for everyone. Throughout the history of the Jewish Nation God had been sending prophets to the people but God's message was ignored, as was Jesus.

The King would not be thwarted though and he sent out messengers (the Apostles) to other Nations (crossroads) so that the Gentiles and pagans may enter the Church. The King is celebrating the wedding of his son, Christ, who we call the bridegroom (Mk 2:19) as he became one body with humankind.

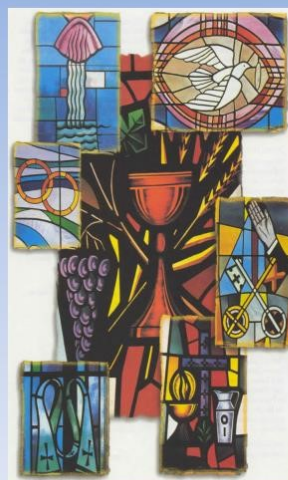
As we meet for the Eucharist Feast, we must remember what Christ is saying here today.

So, as we attend Mass, we should remember that God is calling us to use our daily lives as a preparation for that great banquet held by him for all humankind. What are we supposed to do? We're supposed to unite and reconcile all Nations (and indeed communities). If we don't that group of comfortable Christians will diminish and others will be called to take charge of the work of God.

The second part of the parable highlights this: You, the Christians already inside the Church, do you wear the new garment – a life of justice and trustworthiness and honesty?

The alternative is to be the silent guest who is not properly dressed. Remember at this time in history the host supplies the wedding attire.

Silence purposely rejects the hand that God offers you.



The Sacraments

Encounters with
Christ

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 11th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Margaret Connelly RIP</i>
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
Monday 12th October <i>in the 28th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass		-	
Tuesday 13th October <i>in the 28th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass		-	
Wednesday 14th October <i>in the 28th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass		-	
Thursday 15th October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>	No Mass		-	
Friday 16th October <i>Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	No Mass		-	
Saturday 17th October <i>Vigil of the 29th Week of the Year</i>	NO MASS 5.00pm	Ss John & Columba's St Peter in Chains	- Holy Mass	- -
Sunday 18th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9.30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	<i>Louise & Gary Montignani</i>
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	-



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