



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*21st November 2020*

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

IF WE ARE HONEST NONE OF US RELISH THE IDEA OF  
JUDGMENT OR ACCOUNTABILITY.

Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could .... we probably aren't!

On the Day of Judgment, we will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you .... I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

### **The Parish 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** Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

***The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep***

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** 22(23):1-3a,5-6

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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.

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** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

***Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all***

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be

destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mk11:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

***I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

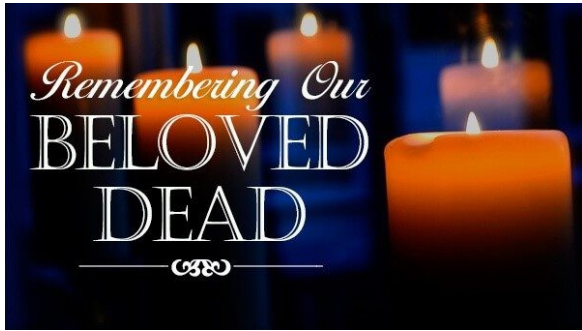
'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.

*'The Gospel of the Lord.*

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER



### November is the Month of the Holy Souls

This Sunday we'll enter the month of November, the month in which the Church prays for all who are in the purifying fires of Purgatory, waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, but we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. We can also help the Poor Souls by doing acts and prayers that have indulgences attached to them. There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, which can be obtained during the month of November.

#### The Holy Souls Masses:

During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass List, they will have Mass offered for them, they will be included in the

Masses for the Holy Souls, and they will be prayed for (collectively) during the Intercessions every day. Holy Souls Mass offering envelopes are available in all three churches this week or so. Please return Mass offerings to Fr Kevin.

**November Lists:** Please collect a sheet from one of our churches and fill in the names of all whom you wish to be remembered in prayer during our Holy Souls Mass in this month of November, and return them to the burse/basket at the front of the altar.

#### Cemetery Sunday:

Unfortunately we will not be able to carry out our annual commemoration and blessing of the local graves due to government restrictions brought on by the global pandemic, but we would still encourage you to make a visit to your family graves and pray for the souls of your loved ones.

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins."*  
2 Maccabees 12:46

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

### 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

William Davidson  
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
- 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.
- 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.

## COVID-19 & OUR

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...*)



## News from the Archbishop:

### COVID-19

Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org)

### Diploma in Catechetics

Want to know more about the Archdiocese's new Diploma in Catechetics? Join a 30min Zoom event at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 November. There's no registration, but we've got a new link as it will now be in a webinar format: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865730471> This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Alternatively, for more info email: [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

### Life of Faith talk - Zoom

The final Life of Faith talk with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM is this Monday (23 Nov) for parishioners in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery you can take part in this session. To register, email Sr Anna Marie [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk), telling her which date/time you want to attend.

### Archbishop's Advent Talk

Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at [bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent](http://bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent)

### Parish Catechists

Are you involved in sacramental preparation of children in your parish (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation)? You are invited to attend a Zoom event to launch the Archdiocese's new sacramental workbooks and materials. It takes place on Saturday 28 November at 2pm. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at [archsecretary@staned.org.uk](mailto:archsecretary@staned.org.uk)

### DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard

Take part in this Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on early medical abortion at home. You'll learn how to make the best possible response to stop unsafe DIY abortions in Scotland. Register at [bit.ly/DIYabortion](http://bit.ly/DIYabortion)

**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...

**Online Google Mass Booking Form:** will be available on Fridays from 4pm till 6pm only from now on. Once the booking form is closed, a post will be uploaded to the parish Facebook page advising if there are any places left, and these will be available on a first come first served basis on the Sunday.

### **SSVP St John & St Columba/St Peter in Chains Christmas Appeal**

Obviously Christmas is going to look a lot different this year but now more than ever people need our assistance. Due to the current restrictions we do not intend on making up hampers, as in previous years, so we will not be collecting donations of non perishable foods. However we will be trying to help people with their gas, Electricity and food vouchers but can only do this with your help and your donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations can left in our collection boxes as you enter the church, in person to James Meade, David Hunter or any member of the SSVP or if online to our Clydesdale bank account Sort Code 82-67-25 Acc No 80453899 Account Name SSVP AE02042 If you need any further information please call Fiona Meade on 07709261584, thank you for your help.

### **SSVP Our Lady of Lourdes. Christmas appeal**

The Covid 19 Pandemic has made us acutely aware of the many people and families in need of help. We are unable to collect food and toys as usual. In the past you have shown great generosity and we are again asking for your help please. We hope to be able to distribute food vouchers and help people in any way we can. Our collection boxes can be found on entering and leaving the church. Cheques can be made payable to SSVP Our Lady of Lourdes Church. On line donations details—OLOL SSVP Sort code 80-08-09. Account Number 06002932. Bank of Scotland. We are grateful for any help you can give and please be assured of our prayers at the difficult 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/2020/10/the-kids-bulletin-christ-the-king.pdf>

**Children's Liturgy material** for you to use at home with the children can be found here: <https://archedinburgh.org/wp-content/uploads/Christ-the-King-22Nov2020-YrAPDF.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. 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



Hogmanay! Growing up on the west coast of Scotland Hogmanay was always a special day, and full of special traditions. The house had to be scrubbed from bottom to top and everything had to be put in place for the ending of the year and the approach of the new. A buffet would be laid out with much emphasis

being laid at the door of sweet or sugary things. There would be shortbread and Madera cake, Dundee cake or dumpling which used up all the dried fruit and sometimes little tokens or silver thruppennies would be baked into the 'cloutie'. Sausage rolls and savoury things of fond memory would have a place on the table as would the bottle of whisky to offer the anticipated First-footers a wee dram. Fruit cordial for the 'weans' was on hand too. Everyone had to be dressed in their finest.

The celebrations always started by watching the White Heather Club on the BBC, a live show hosted by Any Stewart, the performers embracing the tradition of offering each other a dram at the 'Bells' and it didn't take long for the entire cast to be on the falling down stage of being merry.

There was always a reflection on things good and bad gone bye in the course of the year. Then at the end of the celebrations Andy and the Dancers would sing: *"Haste ye back, we love you dearly, Call again you're welcome here. May your days be free from sorrow, And your friends be ever near. May the paths o'er which you wander, Be to you a joy each day. Haste ye back we love you dearly, Haste ye back on friendship's way"*.

That was the signal for the house parties to begin!

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, perhaps we could say the Church's Hogmanay, and it is also the Feast of Christ the King, a solemnity instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 confirming the consubstantiality of Christ with the Father.

At Baptism each of us was anointed by the Priest with holy oil, as priest, prophet and king. So, today's feast is a good time to reflect on our own kingship and what 'King' means and how to be one. If we understand the feast then we can understand our own call better.

A possible example of how God wants to treat us can be found in Genesis; Adam sits in State and God brings him all the animals for him to give them names. Now, to give names to all of one's subjects is the act of a king. But the duties of a king don't stop with a naming ceremony, indeed they only just begin and by adopting and naming these creatures comes the duty of responsibility to care for them.

This is the reason why we are obliged to act as the custodians of creation, a responsibility which no other creature holds.

How far that duty extends can be then visualised in Christ, the King of the Universe, who is at one and the same time the ruler of all and the servant of all.

As we approach Advent, our Christian New Year, might we reflect on the past year and all its good and bad points. We could also reflect on our personal role in life, our Kingship, by asking ourselves "Who are my subjects and over whom am I, personally king?" which leads us to a second question: "Whom am I called to serve?"

Our stewardship will be examined when we are called to judgement. All the enquiry described in today's Gospel as to how we treated others will be asked of us, not collectively, but individually.

Hmmm, I wonder... Will we be able to 'First-foot' heaven on that day?



## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

<b>Sunday 22nd November</b> <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Henry Russell RIP</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 23rd November</b> <i>Memorial of St Clement I</i>	<b>No Mass</b>			-
<b>Tuesday 24th November</b> <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac &amp; Companions</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 25th November</b> <i>in the 34th Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Gordon Allan RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 26th November</b> <i>in the 34th Week of the Year</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Jack Fitzpatrick RIP</i>
<b>Friday 27th November</b> <i>in the 34th Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Vhari Harding RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 28th November</b> <i>in the 34th Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Charlie Moran RIP
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St Peter in Chains	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Frank Harding RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 29th November</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Helen McLaney RIP</i>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>



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