



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*17th January 2021*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

IT'S STRANGE BUT TRUE, THAT WE TEND TO LIVE UP TO OTHER PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS.

If someone expects very little of us, then it is likely that we will end up achieving next to nothing. Living up to high expectations can feel daunting, but the surprising thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to great expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.



By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to clear our 'in tray' at work, or take the car to the car wash. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening? For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. Surely amongst our resolutions for 2021, we must plan how to answer God's call.

### The Parish Clergy

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Fr Kevin Dow

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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 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

*'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

*Do not sin against your own body*

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**1S3:9,Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 1:35-42**

*'We have found the Messiah'*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



## DEVOTIONAL LIFE & PRAYER

**Daily Prayer Intention in the midst of the Pandemic**—Archbishop Leo in has recent Social Media address to the members of the Archdiocese, has asked that we pray the Memorare each day with the intention of a swift end to the current crisis.

### MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



**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**

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow & Bishop Vincent Logan formerly of Dunkeld, 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*



### ST. JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the holy family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

—anonymous

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**Year of St Joseph** - Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of St Joseph, which runs until the 8th December 2021. He has issued a new Apostolic Letter, which can be read online. Just type **PATRIS CORDE** in to your web browser. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

### **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.***

## COVID-19 & OUR PARISH

### 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.
- 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:

### Coronavirus updates

The latest news on the impact of Covid-19 on the Archdiocese, along with resources, can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/>. Please also see the Bishops' Conference website: [www.bcos.org.uk/](http://www.bcos.org.uk/)

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This takes place from 18-25 January. Resources are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

### Sacramental Talks

Rediscover the power of the Sacraments in the *Fire & Water* series of talks, covering confirmation and baptism. Sign up for your deanery area by emailing [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk). All talks on Zoom. Mid/East Lothian & Borders: Mon 18 Jan 2:00pm | Edinburgh: Mon 18 Jan 7:30pm | Falkirk & Stirling: Mon 25 Jan 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery area, simply join a forthcoming event of your choice.

### Fail!

Fr Augustine Wetta, a monk of the Order of St Benedict, hosts a talk titled 'FAIL! Life Lessons from Losers, Has-Beens, Nobodies, and Other Great Saints'. It takes place on Zoom at 6:30pm, Monday 18 Jan. No registration required. Join from 6:20pm using this link: [bit.ly/ArchEvent\\_Fail](https://bit.ly/ArchEvent_Fail)

### Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Ahl Al-Bait Scotland Society host this online conference to mark the signing of the document on Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Sheikh Al Azhar. Keynote speakers are Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald. Monday 01 February 2021, 5-7pm. To register, search 'Human Fraternity for Peace and Living Together' on Eventbrite.

**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

### **Bishop's Conference Of Scotland Statement – 05 January 2021**

Recognising the dangers posed by the new faster-spreading variant of COVID-19, we note the Scottish Government's decision to close all places of worship from Friday 8 January 2021. \*

The Scottish Government believes that such measures are necessary to curtail the spread of this new strain during the roll-out of the vaccine. We appreciate the difficult choices facing the Scottish Government at this time and we have shown ourselves ready both to cooperate with and to support its efforts in protecting the common good. This has included curtailing public worship in extreme circumstances and for a limited period.

However, we are also perplexed by the decision, given that the stringent measures taken since last March to ensure public safety in our churches have been effective. No evidence has been forthcoming to justify the inclusion of places of worship as sources of infection. Without such scientific evidence these restrictions will appear to Catholics to be arbitrary and unfair. Moreover, a significant number of other sectors similarly restricted last March alongside public worship – such as construction, manufacturing and elite sports - have now been left free to continue in operation.

We also note that, in England, the essential contribution of public worship to the spiritual welfare of all citizens during this crisis has now been endorsed by the decision not to close places of worship while the Scottish Government has apparently retreated from this view, causing dismay and confusion

We are very aware of the disappointment these closures will cause not only to our own Catholic community, but to many of our fellow-Christians and those of other faiths in Scotland. We wish to emphasise again the spiritual, social and psychological benefits provided by continuing public worship, and we ask for these to be taken into full account in future decisions. Public worship is a human right and is a duty humanity owes to God. More concretely, Catholics need the Eucharist and the Sacramental encounter with the LORD as necessary to their spiritual wellbeing and their ultimate salvation.

While we unequivocally share the common goal of protecting public health, we urge the Scottish Government, when the present measures are reviewed later in January, to reconsider these restrictions in the light of the above concerns.

*\*Edit: The Scottish Government has since clarified that churches should be closed now.*



### 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



Ian Bradley in his book *The Fife Pilgrim Way (In the footsteps of Monks, Miners and Martyrs)* suggests “*Quasi-monastic communities involving shared disciplines and a communal lifestyle have been one of the main growth areas within western Christianity over the last fifty years or so...As the*

*Parish system breaks down, it may be that medieval-style monasticism, with its regular discipline of prayer, its collegiality and mutual support and its ministry of pastoral presence and hospitality, provides a possible model for the future of the Church. There are surely lessons to be learned in our increasingly frenzied and atomised society from the principals of balance between action and contemplation, engagement and withdrawal and solitude and community, the rhythm of prayer, meditation and manual labour and the commitment to the common life as opposed to narrow individualism which were at the heart of medieval monasticism. So, there is much for today's pilgrims to ponder as they walk through the ruins of Fife's once mighty abbeys and monasteries (p.109/10)”*

Now, that's a lot to digest in one gulp but it is a hard fact of life that the structure of our Catholic parishes is breaking down. Once we had a number of Priests serving in a Church and that has diminished in such a short time to one Priest per Church until the present day where we have one Priest in a Parish made up of several congregations.

Has Mr Bradley hit the nail on the head with his observations? Do we modern day Catholics need to take a long hard look at ourselves and go back to basics?

Archbishop Cusley, as he commenced the sad and hard job of amalgamating congregations, commented at the first meeting in Portobello that the geographical parish was a thing of the past and we now pick a parish of our own choice and we drive to that church each Sunday to attend Mass. The above quote and the memory of the Archbishop's comments set me wondering this week as to where we are going as a Church community after we return to a semi normal life.

To be part of a community means commitment and not just a Sunday visit. Now, if I drive from Fife to attend Mass in the Cathedral in Edinburgh each Sunday and consider the Cathedral to be my 'parish', how am I supposed to support the work of that community except through monetary donation. Can I attend services and social events that bond that community or am I just an outsider looking in? May I suggest the answer to that question is yes and no. Yes, you are an outsider looking in and no you are not a member of that community.

Membership of a Christian community, particularly a Catholic one, needs commitment and that will lead to personal stability and an ever-improving lifestyle. This type of involvement puts the community first as it prays together, evangelises by example and offers hospitality to those in need and it places *Persona Christi* first and man second.

At present, with all the churches closed, the internet facility has let us 'attend Mass' anywhere in the world, it's almost a click and collect service leading to a modern-day Catholic nomad who is never on the same website twice. Will this behaviour continue as we come back to reality?

Catholics are turning into gyrovagues, those who move from congregation to congregation, staying for a few Sunday Masses and then move on just as if they were at a World Buffet sampling food from around the globe but leaving much behind.

Today's Gospel reading tells us of how Jesus, the Christ, gathered folk around himself. These people weren't just punters who would become pals. No, today we see how Jesus selected those he felt capable of forming that community of Disciples who would be the rock-bed on which the Church would be founded. Yes, there would be much troubled water in the journey that established the Church but that is community, that is family and these men stayed the course that saw the Apostles answer the instruction: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations".

Can you commit in the way that Jesus asks? It's not easy and it's not a Sunday only job either, it's a commitment to the congregation you are part of and the way of life that they inspire.

## LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

**As in accordance with the current Government legislation, all of our churches remain closed to public acts of worship. Mass will however, be celebrated by Fr Kevin and livestreamed onto the Parish's Facebook platform: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicswfife>**

<b>Sunday 17th January</b> <i>Second Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 18th January</b> <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	<b>No Mass</b>			-
<b>Tuesday 19th January</b> <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Stella Morrison RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 20th January</b> <i>Memorial of St Sebastian</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Anne Burke's Intentions</i>
<b>Thursday 21st January</b> <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Alistair Dow RIP</i>
<b>Friday 22nd January</b> <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Mary Davies RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 23rd January</b> <i>in the 2nd Week of the Year</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>John Ewing RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 24th January</b> <i>Third Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>livestreamed</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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