



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

14th February 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

**‘DYSFUNCTIONAL’ IS A WORD WE HEAR A LOT
NOWADAYS.**

Parents who drink, gamble or who neglect their children are deemed ‘dysfunctional’. Those who take drugs, steal or spend aimless and less than useful lives are labelled dysfunctional. As a society we are often guilty of shunning the dysfunctional, fearing them or even despising them. For those of us who have been labelled as dysfunctional we sink into an abyss of loneliness and desperation. There are those of us who know what it is like to have sunk so low that there seems no way back.

The leper in today’s story knew no way back from the affliction that had ostracised him from society ... no way back that is, until he heard of Jesus. The leper kneels before Jesus and begs for a cure, and moved by pity Jesus makes him well again, commanding him not to rush off and tell everyone. Of course, the leper cannot keep Jesus a secret. The ex leper has not just been healed of an illness, he has been rescued from an existence where he could not function at any level. Now the ex leper can return to his home, his community and his loved ones. For the ex leper his life has been transformed. His life had been restored, but restored with a meaning it didn’t have before. The ex leper has been made whole, emotionally, spiritually and physically. How can he keep his tremendous joy to himself?

Today we are asked to put ourselves in the place of the leper. Jesus asks us to look at our lives and ask ourselves what is missing. What is it that can isolate us? What is it that builds barriers? What makes us live lives of bigotry, fear, anger, jealousy, frustration, insecurity, pain or misunderstanding? What is missing from our lives that could make us function as a whole? Might it be purpose, determination, humility, courage, forgiveness, mission God?

When God brings us back from the brink of isolation, it is hard to feel anything but joy, and if that joy is contagious, is there any better way to promote Jesus’ desire for living life in wholeness?

The Parish Clergy

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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 Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The unclean man must live outside the camp

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Lk7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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, 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



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.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. You can register now on Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

Faith in the Time of Covid

Archbishop Cushley invites you to join the remaining series of online talks from distinguished speakers who will offer their thoughts and approach to the pandemic. All events will be broadcast on YouTube at bit.ly/ArchYouTube as the webinars themselves are sold out. **Professor John Haldane**, 5pm, Sunday 14 February. **Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, 5pm, Sunday 21 February.

Job Opportunity

SPUC Scotland (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has an opportunity for a full-time Communications Officer (Content Production). The role sits in the Public Affairs Department and helps SPUC to gather and tell stories that captivate, inspire and compel action. For more information and details on how to apply please email michael@spucscotland.org

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>



NEWS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP:

Lent event 1: INSPIRE prayer talks

Register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE talk series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. All talks on Zoom, 7-7:45pm.

TALK 1: *Becoming Saints Today: Unlocking the Present Moment*, with Sr Anna Marie McGuan. 7pm, Tue 16 Feb. Register: bit.ly/LentMcGuan

TALK 2: *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours*, with Brother Joseph Carron. 7pm, Tue 02 Mar. Register: bit.ly/LentCarron

TALK 3: *Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*, with Sr Sally Rollo. 7pm, Tue 16 March. Register: bit.ly/LentRollo

TALK 4: *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. 7pm, Tue 23 March. Register: bit.ly/LentCushley

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Lent resources

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>. The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

Day of Prayer for those who have Suffered Abuse

This takes place on **Friday, 19 February**. Please pray for all those affected by abuse in the church and across society using the 'prayers at home' document put together by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland: www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19

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



This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Please see the link from the Archbishop to access a format of a service that has been produced to enable you to make and receive your ashes on the day, if you so wish (perhaps make the ashes earlier in the week, so that you are not put hot ash on yourself!)

What are you going to do for Lent this year? Perhaps you feel that you are currently undergoing enough penance due to Lockdown and the Pandemic? Perhaps then, this would be a good opportunity for you to take something UP for Lent? Taking more time to pray? to read scripture? to help someone out? to be kind to someone?!

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



The weather hasn't been the best over the last week and we have all been stuck in the house.

Then, the snow came, and it came with a vengeance. Now we are knee deep in fine

powdery snow, just perfect for skiing and sledging and as I write the sun is streaming into the room bringing the warmth of nature into the study and the azure sky is promising a glimpse of hope in the seasons ahead. From the window I can see at least twenty children on the hill sliding downwards on everything from plastic sledges, boards and all sorts of gizmos. Anybody

remember using the garden shovel, sliding downwards, using the haft as a steering mechanism while sitting aboard the metal spade?

There are banks of virgin snow all around and bairns are running into it just to say "I was here first!" and the giggles are loud and wonderful. Groups of socially distanced parents are on the hill too and there is laughter in their lives again with hope for the future. The dog walkers are out too and that includes me. Ellie, the puppy is just like one of those bairns as she frolics in the snowbanks and I half expect her to lie on her back and make stars shapes or angel wings with her front and rear paws. She contents herself by making long meandering furrows in the snow using the tip of her nose as her ploughshare. She too gambles along infected with the prospect of a new season and new life!

The menfolk are also out and about, a benefit of home employment, with snow shovels and working together to dig the cars out of drives and roadside drifts. Everyone is enjoying the glow of company and community, absent for so long in our lives.

Saint Paul knew about the benefits of folk working together and this Sunday as he writes to the Corinthians, he reminds the people of how they should conduct themselves while working together as Christians for the benefit of all:

"Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I

try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ".

Now, all my neighbours have come together because that is human nature, and they are happy to work as a team for the benefit of all. Can you image how the world would be if people accepted that gift within our nature as a gift from God but not only that, accepted Christ as the Messiah, the Saviour of the World. Could we use Paul and his writings as a stepping stone to Christ?

Well, that is something you might want to explore as we enter Lent this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, and instead of giving something up for Lent why don't we do something for Lent. Could we make space and time in our lives to read the Letters of Saint Paul, pray the prayers of the Church from the Divine Office or enter into a voluntary capacity like a parish telephone 'phone thy neighbour' service? The opportunities are endless!

By the end of the six weeks of Lent we will have produced a full year of poignant memories, some sad, very sad as we remember loved ones who have passed but we should also enjoy the memory of these people in our life and thank God for their love and friendship. Then there is the joy as babies are born, and despite the fact the Grannies and Granddads are still waiting to hold that new addition to the family, the hope that that child brings to us all is wonderful to behold.

People have acted in extra ordinary ways this last year, all for the benefit of each other. Never have they asked for extra reward or pay, never have they done it for extra acknowledgement or fame. They have done everything they could since last march for love of mankind.

May this be the lesson we have learnt and keep to ourselves as we fight off the Chrysalis of covid and emerge into new life with new hope for the future.

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>

Sunday 14th February <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	11.00am	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 15th February <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 16th February <i>in the 6th Week of the Year</i>	7.00pm	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>Mrs I Doig RIP</i>
Wednesday 17th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> FASTING & ABSTINENCE	10.00am	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>Jacqueline Webb's Intentions</i>
Thursday 18th February <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00pm	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>George Wade RIP</i>
Friday 19th February <i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>Andrew Lynch</i>
Saturday 20th February <i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	10.00am	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>May Lynch</i>
Sunday 21st February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00am	livestreamed	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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