

The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity, Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because no matter what reading cycle we are in, the Gospel always focusses on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

This year, the Gospel reading talks about Jesus as a true shepherd prepared to lay down his life for his sheep. He is not like the hired man who runs away when danger appears. He knows his sheep and one day will gather them all into one flock.



Jesus acts towards us like a good shepherd: feeding, nurturing, defending and even laying down his life for us. Our Good Shepherd is deeply concerned about us, the flock and there is a deep sense of warmth and intimacy in the realisation that Jesus knows each one of us. Like a good shepherd Jesus is the source of life, nourishment, and safety for the sheep.

Any reflection about Jesus as the Good Shepherd also serves as a reminder that shepherding each other in Jesus’ name is part of the vocation of every disciple. We are very used to thinking about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, but we also need to think about being/becoming good shepherds to each other.

One of the very encouraging things about these difficult days is the number of people who have become good shepherds to others, providing safety and security to vulnerable people, supporting health workers, providing meals and companionship.

That is what it means to lay down our lives for each other.

(Reflection from Carmelite Fathers and image taken from source online.)

The Parish Clergy

Parish Administrator:

Fr Joshua Kauras

Pastoral Assistant:

Rev Pat Carrigan
(Permanent Deacon)

Parish Secretary:

Mary Irvine



St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline**

Scripture Readings & Responses

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.
2. I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

Second Reading

John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord

Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. ‘The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Parish News & Events

Archdiocese Announcement Weekend Mass Bookings

The Scottish Government is lifting the cap on numbers attending Church services, however we are still constrained by social distancing and the space that our Churches can safely accommodate. Under direction from the Archbishop from Monday 26th April capacity within each Church will be determined by the size of the building. Please continue to follow the guidance from the Parish Pastoral Council and book through our Church Coordinators, as well as this the use of face masks (unless exempt), hand sanitiser and one way systems will remain in place. Weddings and funeral numbers will both be increased to a maximum of 50 attendees. Currently children are not included in numbers, however the Scottish government have changed its position on this. From the above date children between the age of 5 and 12 are required to be counted in numbers, so please keep this in mind when booking places at Mass. Please email your request on a Friday between 12noon and 6pm, stating how many places you require, your name and telephone number to:

St Peter in Chains:

kathleen481@outlook.com

Ss John & Columba's:

lisaquinn50@hotmail.co.uk

Our Lady of Lourdes:

hall_margaret4@sky.com

You will only receive a response if you have been unsuccessful in getting an allocated seat.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church– Reader Extraordinaire

Reader Extraordinaire and coordinator of the Reader's Rota for the past thirty-five years, Bob Cockburn has decided to give his organisational skills a rest and retire from the voluntary position he held which ensured that every Sunday Mass and Seasonal Liturgy had a team of Readers ready and willing to carry out this special Ministry. Many thanks Bob for this truly appreciated effort from everyone in the Parish, we look forward to hearing you from the Ambo every now and again.

Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Work has progressed well with the construction of the Grotto and just a few finishing touches are now required, including the purchase of a statue of Our Lady. The project is estimated to cost £2.5k and to date we have received donations of over £300. If you would like to and are able to make a donation to the project this would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made in the wall safe at the back of OLOL as you enter or see either Fr Joshua, Deacon Pat, Mary Irvine, Margaret Hall. There will be envelopes at the back of all three Churches should you wish to use these for your donations. Many thanks for your support. We are very grateful for the £250 donation that was given anonymously.

St John & Columba's Virtual Safeguarding Course

Safeguarding is an important step in keeping everyone safe within our Parish and all regulated volunteers are required to complete the training course. Due to the pandemic induction part 2 will be conducted online via Zoom. The Archdiocese have arranged for these courses to be held, if you are able to take part please book directly with the course trainers and inform Lisa Quinn (Parish Safeguarding Coordinator), that you are taking part. For Saturday 15th May 2021 please email Scott Mackenzie at scott.mackenzie@staned.org.uk. There is also a course on Sunday 16th May 2021, if you would like to register for this date please contact Callum Timms on callum.timms@staned.org.uk. Each course is restricted to 100 participants and you need only take part in **one** of the dates. Lisa will contact those volunteers who require the training and will be happy to answer any questions.

Part Time Masters Courses at Gillis Centre

This September, St Mary's University in Twickenham, a leading Catholic university in the UK, will open a campus at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh in conjunction with the Archdiocese. There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. This is great news for the provision of Catholic Education in Scotland.

Archbishop Cushley has written a pastoral letter about this exciting initiative which is available to read online at bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421 and can also be accessed on the Parish Facebook accounts.

Find out more about the courses and register at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Right to Life UK- Vote for Both Lives

Right To Life UK has launched its 2021 Scottish election campaign - Vote For Both Lives - a major initiative that will run throughout Scotland in the lead up to the Scottish election on 6 May. The main goal of the campaign is to get as many people as possible to ask their MSP candidates to sign the Both Lives Pledge designed to increase protection for babies in the womb, end pregnancy discrimination for women and stop DIY abortions - policies that will save lives by protecting and supporting both mother and child. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that members of the public can use to contact their local candidates and ask them to sign the pledge. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! Visit www.righttolife.org.uk/BothLivesScotland

Mass Intentions If you wish for a Mass to be said for diseased relatives or friends, an anniversary or for a special or private intention please collect an envelope at the back of the Church. When complete these can be placed in collection plate or posted through the priests door at the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes church or given to the priest at the end of Holy Mass.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter (Year B)	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Tommy Morphy (Ann)
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Annice Templeton RIP
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 26th April in the 4th Week of Easter	-	NO MASS	-	-
Tuesday 27th April In the 4th Week of Easter (*live Streamed*)	<i>6:15pm</i>	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	No Intention
	7.00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 28th April In the 4th Week of Easter	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	No Intention
Thursday 29th April in the 4th Week of Easter	<i>6:15pm</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	No Intention
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 30th April in the 4th Week of Easter	10.00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	
Saturday 1st May in the 4th Week of Easter (*Live Streamed*)	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	<i>10:30am</i>		<i>Confessions</i>	
	<i>4.15pm</i> 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	
Sunday 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	9.30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Contact Details:

Parish Administrator- Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswfife.com)

Parish Office & Priests Address– 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ Telephone 01383 722202

Pastoral Assistant- Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary– Mary Irvine (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.

Parish Newsletter– email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com (submissions should be send by 12 noon on a Friday)

Parish Safeguarding Officers

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. Joshua 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 (Tel: 01592 592111). In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Catholic Chaplain please request this from the nursing staff at the hospital. For patients in Queen Margaret Hospital please contact Fr Chris Heenan (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. This should be communicated to Fr Joshua.