



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)

WINSTON CHURCHILL WAS INVITED TO SPEAK TO A BOYS' SCHOOL IN ENGLAND DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT DAYS OF WORLD WAR II.

He simply said these words, "Never give up, never give up, never, never, never." After this he sat down. When it was reported in the papers, it became the mantra for the British people during the darkest days of the war. This would be something good for us too. It's a mantra that reminds us, that however dark our lives might feel, we are never abandoned. However defeated we might feel, the resurrection is there to show us that we have a future.

Easter is the time to reaffirm our faith. The Resurrection is the culmination of Christ's journey on this earth, and the beginning of our journey in faith. Our journey begins with belief in the Resurrection. The Resurrection reminds us that God can lift up what is cast down, mend what is broken and raise what is dead. The Resurrection didn't of course make everything all right for us. We still have a world full of pain, sickness and sin, but now we have a hope that we didn't have before. The empty tomb points to God working in our world. At whatever stage we are in our journey of faith, the Resurrection means that nothing can be the same again.

But what if our journey in faith has faltered or even stopped? What if the account of the empty tomb leaves us with more questions with answers? In our twenty first century, 'belief' sits side by side with lots of other words like 'evidence' and 'measurable or tangible outcomes'. But if we are going to treat the resurrection as though it were some sort of detective story then we are travelling along the wrong path.

Our journey of faith needs to rely firstly on a trust that God is working in our world. Trust is a decision and we decide to trust in all sorts of things in life from insurance to wrinkle cream and a million other inconsequentials. Yet a decision to trust in God is the most important thing any of us will ever do. A trust in God will lead to observations day by day and those observations will lead to a spiritual relationship. That's an exciting belief. Our spiritual journey leads us to know that God loves us. It might take a long time to know it, so today's advice is 'never give up'.

The Parish Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr Kevin Dow

Priest in Residence:

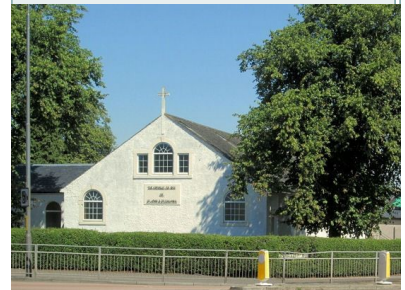
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St Peter in Chains Church,
Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church,
Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I
shall live
and recount his
deeds.

The stone which the
builders rejected
has become the
corner stone.
This is the work of
the Lord,
a marvel in our
eyes.



Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1Cor5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

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.

FR KEVIN'S PARTING THOUGHTS

It hardly seems possible that nearly six years have passed since I moved into the Presbytery in Rosyth and yet here I am all packed up and ready to move again and this time to a non parish setting, but following where the Lord is calling me, to ministry as a full-time chaplain in the army.

It has been a very real privilege to serve the communities of St Peter in Chains, Ss John & Columba's and latterly Our Lady of Lourdes as your parish priest and to share in the lives of many people in those years. The contact with St John's and St Margaret's primary schools has enabled me to meet very many children and young people – I love the '*Hello Fr Kevin!*' that greets me around the towns and shops from the children.

Sharing in the events of your lives has been joyful through the Sacraments of marriage: it has been thankful through the very many Baptisms I have conducted: it has been moving to share in the times of sorrow that many of you have experienced over the years as we also tried to give thanks for what has been and in the hope of what will be.

It has been challenging at times to be parish priest of the parish, especially when parishioners who claim to love God and be Christian have levelled a campaign of hate against me—even before I was appointed! I feel pained that people abandoned the church and the worshipping community, because of peoples tastes.... To me, God and the community of faith are more important than personal style and wither you like the priest/ want to be entertained etc—God is at the centre of all. Perhaps for some I've ruffled a few feathers, but please be assured, I have never sought to hurt anyone or cause offence, if I have, then I apologise, but truth is more Important than popularity, service more important than benefit, reality more important than hypothesis: the glory of God and the development of ministry is costly too but the benefits are without measure.

I leave at a time of hope for the parish, with the restrictions caused by the global pandemic starting to get lifted and the vaccines being given out to all. My hope is that under the care of Fr Joshua, the parish will grow stronger in faith and in love of God and of each other—for there can be no 'them and us' in a faith community—you are all parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity! That is my hope and I shall pray for that hope to be realised in a new shape for the future.

Thankyou to Deacon Pat, Deacon Damian and Mary our secretary for their assistance, to the workers in each of our churches for their care and support and for the many good wishes and thanks I have received from folks in the parish and beyond – they have been encouraging and heart warming both now and I am sure through the years that lie ahead as I serve God and the men and women who defend our land.

Please remember me in your prayers as I seek to do the will of God wherever I am posted!

God bless,,

Your friend and priest, Fr Kevin

NEWS & EVENTS

Booking a place at Mass starting Saturday 27th March:

As from Sat 27th March, our churches are allowed to resume public worship with a maximum of 50 parishioners in attendance (social distancing allowing).

The Parish Pastoral Council have agreed that if you wish to attend one of our Sunday Masses, please use the relevant email address and send your request stating how many places you require, your name and telephone number to:

For St Peter in Chains: kathleen481@outlook.com

For Ss John & Columba's: lisaquinn50@hotmail.co.uk

For Our Lady of Lourdes: hall_margaret4@sky.com

You may email in your request on a **Friday between 12noon and 6pm** for the approaching weekend. *You will only be notified with a response if you have been unsuccessful in getting an allocated seat.*

MAKING A DONATION

During this time of Covid and restricted numbers allowed to attend Church, 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

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

FR JOSHUA:



Rev Fr. JOSHUA DAMINA KAURAS is from Bauchi Diocese Nigeria is currently on mission here in the Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh. Fr Joshua was born on 15th September 1980 in Bogoro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

He attended Bazanshi Central Primary school Bogoro LGA, from 1987 to 1993. Later proceeding to High School : Federal Technical College Shiroro, Minna Niger State; where he finished in 1999. After which he gained admission into St. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary from 2000 to 2004 for his philosophy there and gained Bachelorette Certificate in philosophy. Furthermore, after one Year of pastoral work, he proceeded to St Augustine Major Seminary Jos, Plateau State, there he obtained his STB in Sacred Theology from 2005 to 2009. He was ordained a Deacon on 4th of July 2009 and served for one year. Ordained a Catholic Priest on 12th June 2010, by his Grace Most Rev. Dr. Ignatius Kaigama, the Archbishop of Jos Archdiocese, then the Apostolic Administrator of Bauchi Diocese.

Meanwhile, as a priest Fr Joshua has worked as an assistant priest at Christ The King Chaplaincy Federal Polytechnic Bauchi from 2010 to 2012; then as a Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier Azare From 2013 to 2016, after which he was then transferred to St. John the Evangelist's Catholic Cathedral to become.

During the time that he worked as the Cathedral Administrator in Bauchi Diocese for two years From 2016 to 2017. In 2018 Fr was sent on a Spiritual Direction Course in IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY at Centre For Renewal Jos (CFR). Then from September 2018 to September 2019, He served as a Parish Priest of St. Dominic Inkil, Bauchi.

In 2019 Fr Joshua volunteered to go for missionary work in Scotland to the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh in particular as it was Fr Aidan Cannon, a priest of this archdiocese who received his family into the Catholic Church.

Father arrived in the Archdiocese on 3rd December 2019, and started his Mission work as an assistant priest in St. Serf's Parish Kirkcaldy: St. Marie's, St Pius X, and St. Ninian's Cardenden and served there from December 2019 to August 2020. He was then posted to St. Mary's Stirling as assistant priest from September 2020 to March 2021.

It was on 3rd of March 2021 that Archbishop Leo Cushley appointed him to be Parish Administrator of The Most Holy Trinity Parish, South West Fife, which will take effect on 10th of April 2021. Fr arrived here in Dunfermline on 20th of March, to start the handover from Fr Kevin.

We give a warm welcome to Father Joshua as he takes up his new duties here in our parish.

DEACON PAT'S PONDERINGS:



It's a funny old thing the way the mind works! As I drove away from Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Wednesday afternoon a film from many decades ago popped into my mind and lodged itself there for the

rest of the evening. The film was called 'Lilly's of the Field' and it starred Sidney Poitier and Lilia Skala. The story is set in 1963 America and it tells of an itinerant worker stopping off at a farm looking for water for his car. There he sees a group of women trying to mend a fence rather ineptly. So, Homer Smith, the worker, lends a hand and discovers the women are a group of German nuns led by Mother Maria. Long story short, the bold Mother Maria finds other tasks for Homer to help with and that includes, in the end, building the Sisters a "Kapelle", chapel!

Maybe God was playing with me when he reminded me of this film. Why? Well, our Grotto for a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes had been finished during that afternoon and I had just seen it for the first time... maybe I was 'Mother Maria' who for ages looked for someone to come along and build a place for quiet prayer in our Church grounds. And, where did I find that person? Right under my nose!

Parishioner Mark Rogers and I bumped into each other on a sunny day a couple of weeks ago in the grounds of Dunfermline Abbey and as we sat drinking in the tranquillity, I mentioned that somewhere at our church where people could sit and pray quietly would be a wonderful thing. Without hesitation Mark volunteered himself and son Martin to take on the build and here we are a short time later the work is almost complete. A garden bench will be added to the area by the time you read this and Fr Kevin is managing the search for a suitable statue. So, God willing we shall have our quiet outdoor 'Kapelle' very shortly for the use of all the parishioners of our parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

This long-winded intro is an attempt to show us how faith sustains us all. Mother Maria had faith that God would prevail and provide and provide for the Communities needs. That leads to another question – "What is Easter without Faith?"

If Christ didn't rise from the dead our faith has no meaning. You have to remember that Easter, not Good Friday, is the climax and completion of Holy Week. The Resurrection is the fulfilment of God's gift to mankind... Salvation. Christ's divinity takes us through death to a life that can never be taken away.

The Easter message is first communicated to us by Mary Magdalene finding an empty tomb. The fact that Jesus had died was unequivocal, it had been witnessed by family and friends along with the High Priests and the Romans. Jesus had died on the Cross! The Resurrection was a silent mystery, witnessed by none, but it certainly did not involve a body being medically resuscitated.

We know of the Disciples running pell-mell to investigate the tomb when informed by the holy women that the body of Jesus was missing and we know from the testimony of the witnesses in the Gospels that the risen Jesus is the same person who died on the cross. It is also abundantly clear that he is so different that his friends and followers have trouble identifying him.

Jesus, the Christ, is known and recognised only through and by faith. The foundation of that faith is the empty tomb and the transformation that comes over the disciples. They certainly did not expect to see their Lord again and when he was arrested and executed, they ran off and went into hiding.

On realising that Jesus was still with them even is so different a way they were no longer fearful but joyous Believers who were prepared to suffer all that their Master had gone through, to give their lives for love. They were on a Mission to spread the Good News. We also share that mission. We are not simply disciples, followers of Jesus, we are meant to be his living ambassadors. Nobody will know about Jesus and what he means to us unless we tell them.

This is my final weekly Ponderings for with hope we move into a new era of pandemic free life and the freedoms we enjoyed up until this time last year.

Our Parish also enters a new era and we welcome Father Joshua and wish Father Kevin every success in his new post, an adventure that may take him and his colleagues to many lands but hopefully peacefully.

So, I have to say goodbye to Kevin, a priest that took a recently ordained Deacon under his wings and taught him how to fly in his ministry and was given the freedom to grow and develop in this new Parish of The Most Holy Trinity. Through Father Kevin I have learnt many things about the Liturgy and indeed our faith. We all approach God in our own way and no one is right or wrong and we all worship together in the leadership of *Persona Christi* and Father Kevin always allows Christ to lead him as he celebrates Mass.

So, God Bless, Kevin and we'll hear how you get on in Army life.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 4th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	09.30am	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Higgins RIP</i>
	5.00pm	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>George Templeton RIP</i>
Monday 5th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i>	No Mass			
Tuesday 6th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i>	7.00pm	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Gillian Ross RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Inverkeithing	Holy Mass	<i>No intention requested</i>
Thursday 8th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i>	7.00pm	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Higgins RIP</i>
Friday 9th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am	Inverkeithing	Holy Mass	<i>No intention requested</i>
Saturday 10th April <i>in the Octave of Easter</i> <i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>Gillian Ross RIP</i>
	5.00pm	Inverkeithing	Holy Mass	<i>No intention requested</i>
Sunday 11th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</i>	09.30am	Rosyth <i>(livestreamed)</i>	Holy Mass	<i>No intention requested</i>
	11.00am	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Thomas Higgins RIP</i>
	5.00pm	Dunfermline	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>



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