

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 13th June</b> 11th Sunday of the Year (Year B)	<b>9:30am</b>	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (Ann)
	<b>11:00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ian Rodger (Ann)
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 14th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time	-	<b>No Mass</b>	-	-
<b>Tuesday 15th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	<i>6:30pm</i>	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	Fr John Scally (RIP)
	<b>7:00pm</b>		Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 16th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time	<b>10:00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Billy Andrews Jnr (RIP)
<b>Thursday 17th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time	<i>6:30pm</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	Martin Wallace & Len Williams (Ann)
	<b>7:00pm</b>		Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 18th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time	<b>10:00am</b>	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Fr John Scally (RIP)
<b>Saturday 19th June</b> 11th Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	<b>10:00am</b>	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Monsignor Tony Duffy (RIP)
	<i>10:30am</i>		<i>Confessions</i>	
	<i>4:15pm</i> <b>5:00pm</b>	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	
<b>Sunday 20th June</b> 12th Sunday of the Year (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	<b>9:30am</b>	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

**Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras**, (email: admin@catholicswife.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: maryolol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.  
**Parish Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire** (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) Submissions 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 & Funeral Arrangements

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Parish Office to arrange for Fr. Joshua to visit. For funeral arrangements please contact Fr Joshua or Deacon Pat. 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 Isaac (625611) *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.*

#### Mass Intentions

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

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

## Sunday 13th June 2021 11th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

### Reflection - What is the Kingdom of God Like?

We return to Ordinary Time in the Church's year this Sunday with two parables about the Kingdom of God.

Parables are meant to leave the hearers wondering. They are not straight-forward answers to questions. They are food for thought.

In the Gospels Jesus is rarely concerned about facts and figures, dates and times. By using parables Jesus is trying to engage his listeners at a deeper level. He wants his teaching to seize their hearts. He wants them to discover the truth of what he is saying for themselves. It is part of the business of conversion - coming to see with new eyes.

It is wonderful to see Jesus, again and again, looking at life and at what's happening around him, for things and images that might help the people to detect and to experience the presence of the Kingdom.

In Mark's Gospel the Kingdom is not something yet to come, it is a present reality. It is the presence and action (reign) of God among his people. That may not always been readily seen, but it is there none the less. It may seem to have humble beginnings (like the small seed in the second parable), but the experience of it grows into something all consuming.

The story of the seed that grows all on its own The farmer who plants the seed knows the process: first the seed, then the green shoot, the leaf, the ear and the grain. The farmer knows how to wait and will not cut the stalk before it is time, but he does not know from where the power comes for the soil, the rain, the sun and the seed to make a seed turn into fruit. That's what the Kingdom of God is like. It's a process. There are stages and points of growth. It takes time and happens in time. The fruit comes at the right time but no one can explain its mysterious power.

The story of the tiny mustard seed that turns into something very big The mustard seed is small, but it grows, to the point where the birds can make their nests in its branches. That's what the Kingdom is like. It begins as something very small, it grows and spreads its branches providing shelter and shade where new life grows.

Thinking about the Kingdom today sets a context for our continued listening to Mark's Gospel and a reminder that God is at work in the world.

Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom is central and fundamental – the work of uncovering the often hidden reign of God and returning humanity to God's original plan for his family.

(Reflection from Carmelite Fathers Lectio Divina)

## 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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

*The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

**R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. ( R )
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. ( R )
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. ( R )

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

*The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.*

### Acclamation

John 15:15

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

*The Gospel of the Lord— Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## This Weeks News & Events

### **Weekend Mass Bookings**

Please continue to follow the guidance from the Parish Pastoral Council and book through our Church Coordinators, face masks (unless exempt), hand sanitiser and one way systems will remain in place. Please email your request on a Friday **between 12 noon 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.

### **Covid 19 Update**

Up to 100 people are now permitted to attend weddings and funerals, however this will be determined by the capacity of each Church building. At this time there will be no further change to the existing measures regarding 2 meter social distancing or any other safety measures. There will also be no increase in the number of people able to attend Mass in our Churches.

### **Parish Announcement**

**Parishioners are reminded that if they are ever contacted by anyone via email, phone or any other means saying they are Fr Joshua, Deacon Pat, or Dean or Mary from the office asking you to send iTunes vouchers or anything to this effect please DO NOT DO THIS. We would NEVER expect anyone to do this. Parishes across the Archdiocese have recently been targeted. We just wanted to remind of this so none of us fall victim. If you ever need clarity on the authenticity of an email, you can contact the Parish office on 01383 722202 to check this first before replying. Many Thanks.**

### **Sacramental Preparation**

We have formed a Team to prepare children who attend non Catholic schools for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parents of these children should register in the first instance by contacting Deacon Pat on obl.columba@gmail.com .A contact telephone number should be included in the message to allow us to make contact with you.

### **Continuation of Holy Rosary & Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament**

The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue 30 minutes prior all Masses. Please join us if you can.

### **Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

The Grotto is moving at pace 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 **£2,060**. Donations can be made in the wall safe at the back of OLOL as you enter, or see Fr Joshua, Deacon Pat, Mary Irvine or Margaret Hall. Envelopes are at the back of all three Churches should you wish to use these for your donations. Many thanks for your support.

### **St Peter in Chains Key Holders**

Could all those who hold keys to either the Church or Church Hall please register with Fr Joshua the reason your still require these. If you no longer have a reason to hold keys, please hand them in to Fr Joshua as soon as possible. Many Thanks to those who have been in contact, for those who have not please do so by Sunday 20th June. Thank you.

### **St John & Columba's 200 Club**

We are looking for new members to join the 200 club which helps raise funds for the Parish. The cost of membership is £60 per year Contact Lisa Quinn (lisaquinn50@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

### **Ss John & Columba's Gardening Group**

Calling all you green fingered gardeners! Want to meet other parishioners and help keep the church grounds looking tidy ? We are looking to get a small army of volunteers together to do some weeding, planting and general tidying up. This could be once a month or so in the good weather, after the morning Mass on a Saturday