

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 15th August Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*live Streamed*)	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Josephine Duffy (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mr & Mrs Ebelechukwu (Spec Int)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 16th August 20th Week in Ordinary Time	-	No Mass	-	-
Tuesday 17th August 20th Week in Ordinary Time (*live Streamed*)	<i>6:30pm</i>	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Glen Gilmartin (Ann)
Wednesday 18th August 20th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Sally Murphy (RIP)
Thursday 19th August 20th Week in Ordinary Time	<i>6:30pm</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Gordon Allan (RIP)
Friday 20th August Memorial of St Bernard	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Joan Hannah McBride (RIP)
Saturday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X (*Live Streamed*)	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Margaret Strawn (Ann)
	<i>10:30am</i>		<i>Confessions</i>	
	<i>4:15pm</i> 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Sally Murphy (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Patrick McDonagh (Ann)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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 15th August 2021 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reflection - My Soul Glorifies the Lord

The Assumption is a great feast of hope! In the scripture and related writings for this feast, we learn that God's plan is that we, like Mary, are destined to share the same glory of heaven, through Christ's resurrection.

The second reading of today's feast says: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep... Just as all people die in Adam, so all people will be brought to life in Christ... All made possible by God's great love for us.

The Gospel is the story of the joy-filled meeting between the pregnant cousins, Mary and Elizabeth. Filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth recognises Mary as 'the mother of my Lord' and the child in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, dances for joy. Elizabeth feels honoured by this visit 'from the mother of my Lord' and proclaims Mary blessed because she believed that the promise made to her by the Lord in the Annunciation story would be fulfilled.

Mary's response to Elizabeth is an outpouring of joy and belief, shared with Elizabeth, but also with us, even in the 21st century. Mary rejoices that this 'great thing' that has happened to her, an ordinary, humble person, is a gift from God.

Responding to the reign of God's grace in her, Mary proclaims God as the Holy One embracing her part within of God's outreach to the human family. She rejoices in God's power which brings justice to the poor and mercy for the faithful.

The Carmelite martyr, Blessed Titus Brandsma (1881–1942), says that we too can be like Mary: The Lord also sends his angel to us ... we too must accept God in our hearts and carry him in our hearts, nourish him and make him grow in us so that he is born of us and lives with us as the God-with-us, Emmanuel.

May we breathe the Word of God into every moment of life

(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

Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 44

R. On your right hand stands the Queen, in garments of gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R)
2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R)

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven: all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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

This Weeks News & Events

Bishops Conference of Scotland Covid-19 Update – What it means for our Parish

On Monday 9th August the Scottish Government lifted almost every restriction that has shaped Parish life since March 2020. From Sunday 22nd August there will no longer be a requirement for parishioners to book a place at Sunday Mass, this includes the Vigil Mass. You will also be permitted to choose your own seat when you arrive at Church, there will be more seats available but please leave a little distance from the person next to you. The wearing of face coverings will continue (unless exempt) as will the regular use of hand sanitiser. The offertory procession will also return to its normal place in the liturgical service. As well as this the need to operate a one way system in the Churches will also end. So that we have a list of attendees can you please indicate to the Church Coordinators which Sunday Mass you are most likely to attend. Any visitors to the Parish will be asked to provide their details. The windows and doors will also remain open throughout Mass to maintain good ventilation. Many thanks to all our parishioners and visitors who have followed the rules that have been in place that have and will continue to keep everyone safe.

Sincere Gratitude to Our Parish Support Volunteers

On behalf of everyone in the Parish I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all our volunteers who for so many months have tirelessly assisted with taking Mass bookings, stewarded at liturgical services and stayed behind to clean the Church ready for the next Mass. Without their unwavering help we simply would not have been able to open our Churches again! In the coming weeks I will say Mass for the volunteers intentions. May the Lord Jesus bless them for their support to his Church. With my prayers and continued blessings. Fr Joshua.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection for African Missions and Holy Places next Sunday. Please contribute if you can.

Landings Group Meetings

Landings will be restarting within the Parish again with the first meeting on Wednesday 25th August from 7:30pm - 9pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This series of small group meetings is for anybody who wants to get to know a few other Catholics better after the pandemic's isolation. Together we share faith, life stories and great hospitality. This is for ALL Catholics who want a better connection to God and the Church. Phone Margaret on 01383 728844 for more information.

Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Many thanks to all parishioners from all three Churches who have so generously donated towards the Grotto appeal. To date we have received donations of over **£2,515** meaning we have met our fundraising target. We are pleased to announce a new replacement statue has been delivered to the Parish and will be in place soon. Watch this space for details of the grand unveiling!

St Mary's Cathedral Choral Album— Available Online

After the successful launch of the 'With Angels and Archangels' CD last September, this debut album of the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh is now available on iTunes, Apple Music, Amazon Music and Spotify. Search the name of the album in the respective online service or follow the link at www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk

Parish Finances

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has affected people in different ways, our Parish has seen a dramatic drop in revenue. We still have all the same outgoings as before but with less money. If you are able to return to giving your weekly collection no matter how small it would be very much appreciated. If you would like to sign up to standing order please speak to Moira McVey (St PiC), Graham O'Connor (St J&C) or Mary Irvine (OLOL). May the Lord continue to bless you in your support for our Parish.

Sunday 8st August 2021	St Peter in Chains	Ss John & Columba's	Our Lady of Lourdes
Loose Plate	£192.04	£108.00	£192.00
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
Bank Account Details	RBS A/C No: 00600297 Sort Code:833300	RBS A/C No: 00114865 Sort Code: 832339	RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort Code: 833300