

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 5th September 23rd Sunday of the Year (Year B) (*live Streamed*)	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Ann Holder (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Anne Barr (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Christine & Adrian (Spec Int)
Monday 6th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time	-	No Mass	-	-
Tuesday 7th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time (*live Streamed*)	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Roseanne Morgan (RIP)
Wednesday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Amelia Martinez (RIP)
	12:00pm	Our lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass & Blessing of Grotto	Donators of the Grotto
Thursday 9th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday 10th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Vhairi Harding (RIP)
Saturday 11th September 23rd Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Bridget Scullion (Ann)
	10:30am		<i>Confessions</i>	
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Jim & Olive Kelly (Ann)
Sunday 12th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Caroline Nwaogu (Wedding Ann)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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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Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 5th September 2021

23rd Sunday of the Year

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Reflection - Loosening the Ligaments

Because of COVID lockdowns and travel restrictions many experience a sense of isolation. Even with the benefits of modern technology and social media we can still feel cut off from those dear to us, unable to leave our homes, go to work, meet up with friends. We share something of the experience of man in this Sunday's Gospel. He cannot hear, and cannot speak properly. Living in the ancient world that must have been a profoundly isolating, frightening and frustrating experience for him.

The people ask Jesus to lay a hand on the man. There were many travelling healers at that time, so the people's request does not imply that they know who Jesus really is, only perhaps his reputation as a healer.

Jesus takes the man aside, away from the crowd, puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches his tongue with spittle. Both are deeply intimate gestures and somewhat confronting. I wonder what it must have been like to be that man. How much did he understand about what Jesus was doing? Being deaf, did he even know what the crowd had asked Jesus to do for him?

Jesus looks up to heaven, sighs and says 'Ephphatha,' – 'Be opened!' All at once the man can hear and speak clearly. The man's social isolation is ended. Now he can enter fully into relationship with other people. The man rejoices, the people rejoice and, even though Jesus asks them not to, they tell the story everywhere.

In telling this story Mark seems to suggest that without the intimate, healing touch of Jesus we remain deaf both to the voice of God and the cries of others, and unable to enter fully into relationship with either. We remain closed and crippled within ourselves, unable to hear the Word of God or pass it on to others. But once touched by the power and spirit of Jesus we are opened to the Word made flesh and God's vision for human life. Our inner ligaments, the things that once choked the Life within us, begin to be loosened and we begin to speak clearly of God's loving concern for all humanity in every word and action.

(Reflection taken and shared from Carmelites Online Website)

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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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Acclamation

Matthew 4

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

This Weeks News & Events

Covid-19 Parish Update

Please continue to sanitise your hands when you arrive for Holy Mass as well as wearing your face covering when inside the Church building (unless exempt). Out of common courtesy please leave a little distance from the person you are sitting next to. Any visitors to the Parish should give their details on arrival. The windows and doors will remain open to allow for additional ventilation.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bobbie Robertson, Ann Holder and Mary Anne Barr who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide their families.

Commissioning of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto

This Wednesday 8th September on the Nativity of Our Lady, we will officially commission our new Grotto. The Vicar General Monsignor Chambers will be visiting the Parish, where he will concelebrate Holy Mass with Fr Joshua and commission the Grotto. Mass will begin in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 12 noon. Cake and a light refreshment will be available after the Grotto commissioning. All are welcome.

Dedication of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto

With the Grotto being officially unveiled this Wednesday we are seeking the assistance of the entire Parish in helping us decide who we will dedicate the Grotto to. Suggestions so far have been to dedicate this to all those who have died in Our Parish. If you have a suggestion please speak with a Parish Council Member Paterson, Magdalena Orzegwydra, Michelle Glass (St PiC) Lisa Quinn, Dean McGuire (St J&C) Margaret Hall, Julie Sullivan or Mary Irvine (OLoL). Alternatively email mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com. The closing date for suggestions will be Sunday 26th September.

Landings Group Meetings

Landings meetings have restarted within the Parish. 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 will be held in St Peter in Chains Church Hall. This is for ALL Catholics who want a better connection to God and the Church. Phone Margaret on 01383 728844 for more information.

National Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm Today. All are welcome.

Justice & Peace Mass

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

This month's Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith, Edinburgh. Please join us if you can. May God continue to bless us with priests and religious to guide us in our faith.

Special Collection

Next Sunday is the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week. There will be a special collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund. Please support this worthy cause if you are able to.

Sunday 29th August 2021	St Peter in Chains	Ss John & Columba's	Our Lady of Lourdes
Loose Plate	£181.40	£146.50	£453.10
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