

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 12th September 24th Sunday of the Year (Year B) (*live Streamed*)	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	James Meade (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Caroline Nwaogu (Wedding Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Catherine Steven (RIP)
Monday 13th September Memorial of St John Chrysostom	-	No Mass	-	-
Tuesday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*live Streamed*)	<i>6:30pm</i>	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
Wednesday 15th September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Gina Allan (RIP)
Thursday 16th September Feast of St Ninian	<i>6:30pm</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Cathie Falconer (Sick)
Friday 17th September 24th Week in Ordinary Time	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Mary Davies (Ann)
	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Funeral Mass	Mary Anne Barr (RIP)
	11:00am	St John & Columba's	Funeral Mass	Susan Stevenson (RIP)
Saturday 18th September 24th Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Ann Holder (Ann)
	<i>10:00am</i>		<i>Confessions</i>	
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes (Private Service)	First Holy Communion Mass	Holy Communion Communicants
	<i>4:15pm</i> 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th September 25th 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	Liam Kelly (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Anne Barr (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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 12th September 2021

24th Sunday of the Year

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Reflection - Who am I?

All of us, at least to some extent, shape our identity and measure ourselves in response to the comments and ideas of others. From an early age we are taught how to speak, dress and act in order to be 'acceptable' to others. Usually this is a good thing, but sometimes it can go horribly wrong.

Celebrities, sports stars and young people can become so vulnerable to the expectations and reactions of the public, media and social media trolls that they end up with little identity of their own, or they develop a very distorted idea of their identity. Unfortunately, both these experiences have significant negative impacts on a person's mental wellbeing.

This Sunday's Gospel teaches us how to find our true identity.

Both the 'people' and Peter have ideas about who Jesus is. For the people he is John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets returned from the dead. For Peter, Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. But what happens next reveals that Peter and Jesus have very different ideas about who this Messiah is.

Though Peter understands correctly that Jesus is the Messiah, he misunderstands the kind of Messiah that Jesus is. Perhaps he wanted a Messiah who was a great warrior-king, powerful and glorious. He can't imagine that his Messiah would meet the kind of end that Jesus talks about.

Jesus calls Peter, 'Satan'. If Peter is to learn the true identity of Jesus and come to think with God's heart, he must 'get behind' (follow) Jesus.

Such followers are called to renounce their false identity (often defined by what we have, what we work at, our delusions) and to find their true identity as God's beloved son or daughter through a life poured out in loving service of others (taking up his/her cross).

In the Gospel, Jesus, the true Messiah, appears not as a glorious God-King but as the Suffering Servant of God about whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. The way of discipleship is not about self-glory but about true service, and about discovering our true identity as God's beloved sons and daughters.

As disciples of Jesus we try to live our lives as a real service to our brothers and sisters in the world. But it's not possible to do that until and unless we realise our true identity and call as God's own people.

Then we become a source of love, mercy, hope, compassion, justice, truth, concern and Christian action as servants of God and each other. That is DOING the Gospel.

(Reflection taken and shared from Carmelites website Ocarm.org)

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 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 114

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living .

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord, my God, deliver me! (R)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R)

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

John 14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the Truth and the life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

Covid-19 Parish Update

Please continue so 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.

This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers Mary Anne Barr and Susan Stevenson who will make their final journey home to the Lord on Friday 17th September. Mary Anne's Funeral Mass will be held in Our lady of Lourdes at 10am and Susan's Funeral Mass will be held at 11am in St John & Columba's. Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Birthday Celebrations

Please join me in extending your thoughts and best wishes to Fr Joshua our Parish Administrator who celebrates his Birthday on Wednesday 15th September. May God bless him on this special day and continue to guide him as a servant of his Holy Church.

A Message of Thanks from Fr Kevin Dow

As you will be aware when Fr Kevin left the Parish to take up a post within the Military we held a collection. As a result of your generosity a wonderful painting of St Bridget's Kirk was purchased and the amazing amount of £1027.02 was also transferred to him. Fr Kevin is absolutely delighted with his gifts and sends his sincere thanks. He will also celebrate Holy Mass in thanksgiving for donors and will keep you in his prayers.

Commissioning of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto

Many thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate the official unveiling of the Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes. Particular thanks goes to Monsignor Alan Chambers VG, Fr Joshua, Fr Syriac, Fr Binu and Fr Nicholas for their attendance. A special mention goes to Deacon Pat and our Parish Secretary Mary for their hard work in procuring the statue of Our Lady and pulling everything together. To all who donated without your contributions the Grotto would not have been possible. Please remember the Grotto is open to everyone, so if you can, please make an effort to pop by regularly! Photos of the day are on the Parish Facebook.

Mass Time Change

Please note that Holy Mass in St Peter in Chains on Friday 17th and St John & St Columba's on Saturday 18th September will begin at 9:30am. This is due to other pastoral commitments that Fr Joshua has this week.

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children from St Margaret's Primary School who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th September in Our lady of Lourdes Church. Unfortunately at this time the service can only be attended by the children's family and friends as well as invited attendees.

Landings Group Meetings

Landings meetings are for anybody who feels "on the outside" of parish life - and those who want to offer welcome. Through sharing faith life stories and great hospitality, we tune in again to God and each other, perhaps after some time "away." Anyone can come and try a meeting at St. Peter in Chains hall, 7.30pm prompt this Wednesday 15th September. A warm welcome awaits. Phone Margaret on 01383 728844 for more info.

Our Lady of Lourdes Music Group

Calling all you wonderful singers of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the music group who sing at the 11:30am Mass are looking for musicians and singers to join them. If praising God through song is something you particularly enjoy, please speak with Julie Sullivan (over where the music group sit) at the end of Mass for more information.

Vocations Awareness Week

Today is the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week. In a special way please continue to pray for all those who are answering God's call to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate or Religious Life. If you believe God is calling you to serve in his Holy Church please speak with Fr Joshua or Deacon Pat who will be happy to help you.

Special Collection for the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund– This will no longer take place this weekend.

Sunday 29th August 2021	St Peter in Chains	Ss John & Columba's	Our Lady of Lourdes
Loose Plate	£130.62	£460.26	£397.81
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