

| DATE  | TIME                           | CHURCH                | LITURGICAL ACT                   | INTENTION                      |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 19th September</b><br>25th Sunday of the Year<br>(Year B)<br>(*live Streamed*)      | <b>9:30am</b>                  | *St John & Columba's* | Holy Mass                        | Susan Stevenson (RIP)          |
|   | <b>11:30am</b>                 | Our Lady of Lourdes   | Holy Mass                        | Liam Kelly (Ann)               |
|   | <b>5:00pm</b>                  | Our Lady of Lourdes   | Holy Mass                        | Mary Anne Barr (RIP)           |
| <b>Monday 20th September</b><br>Memorial of St Andrew<br>Kim Tae-Gon & Paul<br>Chong Ha-Sang  | -                              | <b>No Mass</b>        | -                                | -                              |
| <b>Tuesday 21st September</b><br>Feast of St Matthew<br>(*live Streamed*)                     | <i>6:30pm</i>                  | *Ss John & Columba's* | <i>Confessions</i>               | Bobbie Robertson (RIP)         |
|   | <b>7:00pm</b>                  |                       | Holy Mass                        |                                |
| <b>Wednesday 22nd September</b><br>25th Week in Ordinary<br>Time                              | <b>10:00am</b>                 | St Peter in Chains    | Holy Mass                        | Bobbie Robertson (RIP)         |
| <b>Thursday 23rd September</b><br>Memorial of St Pius of<br>Pietrelcina                       | <i>6:30pm</i>                  | Our Lady of Lourdes   | <i>Confessions</i>               | James Johnston (Ann)           |
|   | <b>7:00pm</b>                  |                       | Holy Mass                        |                                |
| <b>Friday 24th September</b><br>25th Week in Ordinary<br>Time                                 | <b>10:00am</b>                 | St Peter in Chains    | Holy Mass                        | Roberta Robertson (RIP)        |
| <b>Saturday 25th September</b><br>25th Week in Ordinary<br>Time<br>(*Live Streamed*)          | <b>11:00am</b>                 | *Ss John & Columba's* | First Holy<br>Communion Mass     | Sister Margaret Young<br>(RIP) |
|   | <i>4:15pm</i><br><b>5:00pm</b> | St Peter in Chains    | <i>Confessions</i><br>Vigil Mass | People of the Parish           |
| <b>Sunday 26th September</b><br>26th Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time (Year B)<br>(*Live Streamed*) | <b>9:30am</b>                  | *Ss John & Columba's* | Holy Mass                        | Christine Minwgan              |
|   | <b>11:30am</b>                 | Our Lady of Lourdes   | Holy Mass                        | Bridie Burns (Spec Int)        |
|   | <b>5:00pm</b>                  | Our Lady of Lourdes   | Holy Mass                        | People of the Parish           |

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine** (email: maryol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.  
**Parish Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire** (email: mhparishnewsletter@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 19th September 2021 25th Sunday of the Year (B)

### Reflection - *Becoming a Child*

Today's readings continue last Sunday's themes of Jesus as the 'suffering servant' and the nature of authentic discipleship.

On the road through Galilee Jesus continues to instruct the disciples that he will suffer and die and rise again, but the disciples seem very slow to understand and are too afraid to ask him about it. Perhaps it is an awful truth they just don't want to face. Maybe they want Jesus to be a 'warrior-king', a liberator who would restore Israel to greatness and crush the Romans. Perhaps they have begun to think of themselves as princes and rulers in this new Israel.

Among themselves the disciples are not discussing the important things Jesus has told them about who he is and his destiny, but fighting about which of them was the greatest - who will be first in line to receive honour, power and glory in the kingdom of Jesus.

Using a little child as an example Jesus tells the disciples that real leadership is about service and giving without expecting anything in return.

It's hard for us to grasp the power of what Jesus says and does here. In his time, unlike now, children had no social status or value at all. Until adulthood they were nobodies. To welcome a child would have required a person to put aside all their ideas of self-importance and adult status in order 'to simply meet the child as an equal, as "child" to child.' This is what Jesus is telling the disciples to do. Even more astonishing, Jesus goes on to identify both himself and God with the little child!

This is a direct challenge to the disciples' understanding of Jesus' messiahship and to their notions about God. 'Is God to be thought of as a kind of extra terrestrial ruler to whom nothing but fear and service is due? Or is the God revealed by Jesus a God whose primary gesture toward human beings is that of One who serves, One who comes among us in the guise of a child?' Jesus' unusual gesture of hugging a child in public expresses powerfully the preciousness of each and every human person in the sight of God, no matter how small, insignificant or young. We, too, are hugged by God in this moment.

Seeking glory is not the calling of the true disciple. Doing things in order to gain rewards is not the calling of the true disciple. Putting aside discrimination, status and power to proclaim God's love, compassion, care, justice and forgiveness is.

Every Christian is called to this ministry of servant-leadership that is, to be leaders in the doing of service.

(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

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. ‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. ( R )
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. ( R )
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. ( R )

### Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

### Acclamation

John 8

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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

| Sunday 12th September 2021 | St Peter in Chains                       | Ss John & Columba’s                       | Our Lady of Lourdes                       |
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| Loose Plate                | <b>£176.00</b>                           | <b>£153.28</b>                            | <b>£469.97</b>                            |
| Standing Orders            | <b>£220.00</b>                           | <b>£415.25</b>                            | <b>£144.75</b>                            |
| Bank Account Details       | RBS A/C No: 00600297<br>Sort Code:833300 | RBS A/C No: 00114865<br>Sort Code: 832339 | RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort<br>Code: 833300 |

## This Weeks News & Events

### 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.

### A Message of Appreciation and Thanks

I would like to thank all parishioners who gave cards and gifts as well as sending prayers and good wishes for my recent Birthday. They were very much appreciated. May God continue to bless you all with his love and mercy. Fr Joshua.

### 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 the donors and will keep you in his prayers.

### Mass Time Change– Saturday 25th September

Please note that Mass in St John & St Columba’s will move to 11am on Saturday 25th September. This is to allow the first Holy Communion to take place.

### First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children from St John’s Primary School who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25th September in St John & Columba’s at 11am Mass.

Congratulations to the children from St Margaret’s Primary School who have made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th September in Our lady of Lourdes. May they continue to be blessed and guided by our Lord Jesus in their faithful journey with him.

### Sacramental Preparation

Those parents who wish to put forward their child for Sacramental Preparation must attend at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Aberdour Road at 10.30am and register their child with the Parish tutors on Sunday 26th September. Children should also come to meet with the tutors. This is to allow the Parish to purchase the necessary resources prior to the course starting. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Pat (details on the back page).

### 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.

### Archdiocesan Clergy Changes

Fr George Suszko has been called away by his superiors to work in the USA. He will leave the diocese around 15 October 2021. Fr James Cadman, from the Philippines, is appointed administrator to Hawick-Jedburgh-Kelso, effective 15 October; Fr Michael Adebajo is returning home at the request of his bishop to take up a new office in his home diocese; Fr Peter Owolabi, also from Nigeria, will replace Fr Michael as administrator in Blackburn & Stoneyburn, effective 28 September. We thank these men for answering God’s call to serve in our Archdiocese.

### Safeguarding Webinar

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document In Gods Image v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu). In God’s Image V2 can be found at [www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding](http://www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding)

### Praying for Life

you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact [edinburgh40days@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgh40days@gmail.com) or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Edinburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Edinburgh)