

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 3rd October 27th Sunday of the Year (Year B) (*live Streamed*)	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Piotr Dziuba (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Bobbie Robertson (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Alex & Cathie McCauley (Special Int)
Monday 4th October Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	-	No Mass	-	-
Tuesday 5th October 27th Week in Ordinary Time (*live Streamed*)	<i>6:30pm</i>	*Ss John & Columba's*	<i>Confessions</i>	Margaret Glancy (Ann)
	7.00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 6th October 27th Week in Ordinary Time	09:30am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Lynda Lynskey (RIP)
	11:00am	St John & Columba's	Funeral Mass	John Cousins (RIP)
Thursday 7th October Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	<i>6:30pm</i>	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confessions</i>	Bobby Robertson (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 8th October 27th Week in Ordinary Time	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Brigid Hardie (RIP)
Saturday 9th October 27th Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Craig Cunningham (Ann)
	<i>10:30am</i>		<i>Confessions</i>	
	<i>4:15pm</i> 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass	Rose Ann Morgan (RIP)
Sunday 10th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Mike Holand (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jimmy, Betty, Ben & Claire Ritchie (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	The Sick of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)

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Pastoral Assistant - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)

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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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Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 3rd October 2021

27th Sunday of the Year

(B)

Reflection - Gracious and Generous Love

No doubt, many will find this Sunday's Gospel difficult reading.

One of the great themes of Mark's Gospel is that, in Jesus, all things are being restored to God's original purpose. That gives us a bit of context for the words of Jesus.

Among Jewish scholars and rabbis of Jesus' time there was often fierce debate about the grounds for divorce permitted by Jewish Law (Deuteronomy 24:1). As the Gospel recalls, a man could draw up a 'writ of dismissal', give it to his wife and they would be considered divorced. At least one line of thought allowed the husband to do this for almost any reason whatever. In a way, the writ was meant as a kind of protection for the woman lest she be accused of infidelity.

When the Pharisees approach Jesus, they already seem to be aware of his teaching about divorce and may be trying to trap him into saying something against Moses and the Law. Something they could use against him.

Jesus, however, talks not about the Law, but about God's original intention for marriage using quotes from the Book of Genesis.

The words of Jesus make clear that marriage is part of God's design for human beings. The rich imagery of the husband being so drawn to his wife that he leaves home and family and the two become 'one body' implies great love, warmth, intimacy and companionship. When God draws human beings together like this, man must not divide them.

Later, the disciples question Jesus about his teaching. It is important to understand that Jesus' reply is about a situation in which one party in the marriage divorces the other in order to marry someone else. It is not talking about a person fleeing an abusive relationship or one which has failed for some other reason. So, it is important not to take these words of Jesus and use them as a judgement on those who have divorced, or who have remarried some time later.

It is also worth remembering that the Church itself has a process to assist people whose marriages fail, often enabling them to marry again.

The reply that Jesus gives recognises husband and wife as equal partners in marriage. No longer, according to Jesus, is it permissible for a husband to divorce his wife 'because he finds something displeasing about her' (Deut 24:1) and neither can the wife.

Jesus does the same thing in the following story about the little children. When people (probably their mothers) bring the little children to Jesus for a blessing, he disciples, acting as minders, shoo them away. Once again, the disciples have got things wrong, and Jesus rebukes them. They seem to have forgotten already Jesus' teaching in last week's Gospel about welcoming the little child.

Jesus astounds the disciples by insisting that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who welcome it like little children, who open-heartedly embrace the Kingdom as sheer gift from a gracious God. The Kingdom cannot be earned, or bought, or bargained for. It is ours for the taking. All we need is the conversion of heart to believe in a God who is so good and so gracious as to give us the Kingdom freely and without measure.

In both parts of the Gospel today, Jesus teaches that married women children and are not to be treated as possessions or objects, but with dignity and respect. As well as recalling God's initial intention for marriage, Jesus also recalls God's initial intention about the treatment of other people including those thought to be of lesser or no account.

The disciples need to learn that only those who receive the kingdom of God with the openness and receptivity of a child will be able to enter into the mystery of God's gracious and generous love.

(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

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

John 17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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 however parishioners are not required to give their personal details to attend any of the Masses in the Parish. The windows and doors will remain open to allow for additional ventilation.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Cousins who has died recently. John's Funeral Mass will be in St John & Columba's on Wednesday 6th October at 11:00am. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide his family at this time.

Weekday Mass Time Change

Please note that Holy Mass in St Peter in Chains on Wednesday 6th October will begin at 9:30am. This is due to other pastoral commitments that Fr Joshua has.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hall

Effective immediately and until further notice the hall at Our Lady of Lourdes will remain closed. This is to allow a structural review to take place. Parishioners and any hall users are asked not to enter the hall at any time until the review has taken place. All key holders are kindly asked to return their keys as soon as possible to the Parish Office. Please remember that if you have a meeting or event, we have another hall at St Peter in Chains available. Please contact Kathleen Paterson who will be able to help.

Archdiocesan Clergy Changes

After some time spent at home for family reasons, Fr Patrick Harrigan recently asked to be incarnated into the Diocese of Hallam which has been accepted. We thank Fr Patrick for answering God's call to serve in our Archdiocese and ask God to remain with him in his ministry of serving his Holy Church.

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 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Edinburgh

Dying Well event

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office hosts an online event titled 'Dying Well: How quality palliative care is the alternative to assisted suicide'. The speaker is Dr Gillian Wright a medical ethicist and palliative care doctor. It takes place at 7:45pm, on Tuesday 5 October. Register now at bit.ly/DyingWellEvent

White Mass

A White Mass for doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers in Scotland in gratitude for their service throughout the Covid pandemic takes place at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 17 October. All welcome.

Safeguarding Newsletter

The latest edition of the Safeguarding Matters newsletter from the Bishop's Conference of Scotland is available at www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding

SCIAF COP26 Guide

SCIAF has produced a summary guide for COP26, the UN Climate change conference, which takes place in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. Find it at bit.ly/COP26Guide

Sunday 26th September 2021	St Peter in Chains	Ss John & Columba's	Our Lady of Lourdes
Loose Plate	£162.14	£106.50	£457.18
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