

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 31st October</b> 31st 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	Rita Bradley (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	The Sick of the Parish
<b>Monday 1st November</b> Solemnity of All Saints <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	10:00am	St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Kathleen Dewar (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 2nd November</b> Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (*live Streamed*)	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Parish
	12:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Parish
	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's*	Confessions	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Mary Cosgrove (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 3rd November</b> 31st Week in Ordinary Time	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Deceased Benefactors of the Archdiocese (RIP)
<b>Thursday 4th November</b> Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Confessions	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Piotr Dziuba (RIP)
<b>Friday 5th November</b> 31st Week in Ordinary Time	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Piotr Dziuba (RIP)
<b>Saturday 6th November</b> 31st Week in Ordinary Time (*Live Streamed*)	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
	10:30am		Confessions	
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Confessions Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 7th November</b> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) (*Live Streamed*)	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Jean Coyle (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Cockburn (Ann)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Neil Sinclair (Ann)

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Parish Assistant & 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 31st October 2021 31st Sunday of the Year (B)

### Reflection - The Great Commandment

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and the Gospel today are linked by the words of the Shema – the creed which observant Jews pray every morning and evening. These words come from the Book of Deuteronomy: Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. The title, Shema, comes from the Hebrew word for ‘listen’, the very first word of the prayer.

In a way, Shema is a call to conversion: to listen deeply with the heart and to respond to God’s grace and mercy with love, faithfulness and obedience.

When a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?”, Jesus replies by quoting the Shema and then adds a quotation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18), “You must love your neighbour as yourself”. According to Jesus, there is no commandment greater than these.

The scribe is impressed by Jesus’ reply. His words to Jesus show he has grasped what Jesus means. In repeating what Jesus has just said in his own words, the scribe also adds, “this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice”. Now it is Jesus who is impressed with the scribe’s depth of understanding: that love is the very heart of obedience to God and more important even than ritual worship. The scribe’s correct understanding of the Old Testament Law means he is very close to the Kingdom of God.

It also means that true faith, as Jesus teaches it, is about being in loving relationship with God and other human beings. Religious rituals are meant to be ways of reflecting on, savouring, remembering, celebrating and expressing that love. Sometimes they just end up as ‘empty’ rituals, when love has been replaced by fear, when we are trying to bargain with God, or when we are just ‘going through the motions’. The Kingdom of God is not some far off place, but the moments when God’s life breaks into the human story. Those moments bring love, wisdom, grace, compassion, generosity, forgiveness and peace. Those practiced in the things of God recognise God’s presence most of all in loving relationships. If our rituals grow out of and express our sincere love for God and neighbour then they have value. We are always at risk of putting ritual above the practise of love, of thinking that we are at rights with God just by attending a liturgy, by ‘paying God off’, in a sense.

The words of Jesus remind us of the importance of the other part of our religious lives – the liturgy of everyday life in which we make present and visible the love, mercy and compassion of God.

(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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me, He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

### Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

### Acclamation

John 6

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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

Sunday 24th October 2021 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i>	<i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Loose Plate	<b>£446.67</b>	<b>£70.50</b>	<b>£408.61</b>
<b>Special Collection Missio Scotland</b>	<b>£200.10</b>	<b>£157.10</b>	<b>£424.76</b>
Standing Orders	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£415.25</b>	<b>£144.75</b>
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

## 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 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.

### **Special Collection Update**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the special collection for Missio Scotland last weekend. The collection total is on the opposite page. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### **Pastoral Letter from His Grace Archbishop Cushley**

There is a pastoral letter from His Grace the Archbishop which will be handed out at all Masses this weekend. Please take this home with you and have a read.

### **Solemnity of All Saints— Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times**

Please be reminded tomorrow (Monday 1st November) is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass will be said at 10am in St John & Columba's and will be live streamed. Mass in the evening will be at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are able, please make every effort to attend one of these Masses.

### **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

To commemorate those that have gone before us to the Lord Fr Joshua will say Holy Mass in all three Churches of the Parish on Tuesday 2nd November. Mass will be at 10am in St Peter in Chains, 12 noon in Our Lady of Lourdes and 7pm in St John & Columba's. Please join us if you can.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Margaret Bradley who has died recently. Rita's remains will be received into Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday 9th November at 4:30pm. Her Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00am the following day and committal will then be at Dunfermline Crematorium at 11:30am. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide her family.

### **Remembering the Dead During the Month of November**

As is tradition, during the month of November we remember the dead of our Parish along with family and friends who have gone to the Lord. From this weekend there will be a sheet available for you to write the names of those who are nearest and dearest to you, please place completed forms in the box in front of the altar. These will then be entered into the book of remembrance. Please consider a Mass intention for their souls by using one of the envelopes available which can also be placed in the basket. Candles are also available to purchase which will be lit in front of the altar for the month. You will have the opportunity to write the name(s) on the candle also. We request where possible 1 candle per family. May all who have died rest in peace. Amen.

### **In Remembrance Of**

It is with great sadness the family announce the passing of the late Catherine Etheridge on Saturday 23rd October. As a parishioner of St Peter in Chains for many years Catherine was an active member of the Church, assisting with flower arrangements and the cleaning as well as being a member of the ladies group. In 2009 she moved to Coventry to be closer to her family. Those of the Parish will remember her fondly. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **St John & Columba's 200 Club— October Winners**

The winners for the 200 club for the month of October are 1st prize Lisa Quinn, 2nd prize Pat Armstrong and 3rd prize Dorothy Brogan. Congratulations to this months winners.

### **Annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass**

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Mass to mark the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Archdiocese. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 20 November.

### **Vocations Mass**

The Archdiocesan monthly Mass for Vocations takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 8 November at St Albert's Chaplaincy in George Square, Edinburgh. All are welcome to attend.