

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 28th November <i>1st Sunday in the Season of Advent</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Diane Jackson (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Francescantonia Giudice (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tam Higgins (RIP)
Monday 29th November <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 30th November <i>Solemnity of St Andrew</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's*	Confessions	Catherine Gracie (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 1st December <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Tam Higgins (RIP)
Thursday 2nd December <i>1st Week of Advent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Confessions	Deceased Members of the Hepburn Family
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 3rd December <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Quinn & Duffy Families
Saturday 4th December <i>1st Week of Advent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	James Close (Ann)
	10:30am		Confessions	
<i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Confessions Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th December <i>2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Kitty Lloyd (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Nan Reid (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Torres Family (Spec Int)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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Parish Safeguarding Officers - Patricia Watt (PiC); Lisa Quinn (J&C); Jane Imrie & Margaret Hall (OLoL)

Marriages & Baptisms

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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Sunday 28th November 2021 1st Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)

Reflection - Stay Awake! Your liberation is near

The great Advent journey begins. The Advent readings are a rich tapestry of images centered on the truth that God has come among us. We do not pretend that we are waiting for Jesus to be born in a stable. That happened once, a long time ago, and it will not happen again. We remember that birth as we remember our own birthdays.

The God who came among us is still among us. Advent's invitation is to become aware of the all pervading presence of the risen Jesus as Emmanuel – God among us.

In the first reading this Sunday Jeremiah looks forward to the coming of one who will save God's people, one who acts with honesty and integrity. In the second reading St Paul encourages the people of Thessalonica in their following of Christ. He prays that their love will grow and that their hearts will be 'confirmed in holiness'. The early Christians believed that Jesus would return very soon as the Lord of Glory.

As time passed, they had to re-think this belief and work out how to live in the meantime, the time in between the first and final comings of Christ. That's our challenge, too.

Today's Gospel from St Luke warns Christians not to be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but to be ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man when he comes. Remaining constant in love and attentive to our calling we become the living presence of Jesus until he comes again.

The Season of Advent

The word "advent" means appearing, arrival, to come. Advent is the Church's time of preparation for celebrating God's gift of his Son. Our liturgy will gather the great Advent themes of hope, expectation and preparation. During Advent we recall Christ's coming at Bethlehem and we look forward to his second coming at the end of time. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

The predominant colour during Advent is purple. Unlike Lent, Advent is not a penitential season. The purple colour represents hope, expectation and healing. It is one of the royal colours. We are preparing to welcome the King, the "sun of justice" who "will shine out with healing in its rays". (Mal 4:2 NRSV, 3:20 Jerusalem)

The custom of the Advent Wreath began in Germany in the 16th century. It symbolises the many years that the people of Israel waited in darkness for the coming of the expected Saviour. The light of the wreath grows steadily during our Advent prayer.

Advent has two parts. The first two Sundays focus on preparing for Jesus' return at the end of time. The second two Sundays focus on preparing to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth.

The Gospels of the Sundays in Advent have four great movements: 1. Stay Awake! 2. Prepare! 3. Rejoice! and 4. Receive!

Advent is a journey from **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!** to **Emmanuel. God-is-with-us!**

(Reflection taken and shared with permission 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24

R. *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R)
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. (R)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and law. The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R)

Second Reading

Thessalonians 3:12-4.2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

Psalm 84

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help . Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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

Sunday 21st November 2021 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u><i>St Peter in Chains</i></u> <u><i>Inverkeithing</i></u>	<u><i>Ss John & Columba’s</i></u> <u><i>Rosyth</i></u>	<u><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></u> <u><i>Dunfermline</i></u>
Loose Plate	£146.90	Unavailable	£433.31
Building Fund		Unavailable	
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

This Weeks News & Events

Covid-19 Parish Update

With an increase in Covid cases 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. Please **do not** attend Holy Mass if you do have symptoms of Covid-19 and follow public health advice.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Duncan who has died recently. Eileen’s remains will be received into St Peter in Chains on Tuesday 7th December at 4:30pm. Her Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00am the following day and committal will then be at Hillend cemetery at 11:15am. 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.

Liturgical Year Change

This weekend is the 1st Sunday in Advent and sees us move into liturgical year C with weekdays moving to year two. Please feel free to adjust your missals accordingly.

Christmas Mass Times

As we begin our journey into Advent and make our way towards the joyful birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mass times for Christmas have been finalised for the Parish. Friday 24th December the Vigil Mass of Christmas will begin in St John & St Columba’s at 5pm (4:30pm Carol Service), St Peter in Chains at 7pm and Our Lady of Lourdes at Midnight. Mass on Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) will be at 9am in St John & Columba’s and Our Lady of Lourdes at 11am. There will be no 5pm Mass in St Peter in Chains. Mass on Sunday 26th December will be at the normal time in St John & Columba’s and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Last Weekends Collection - Our Lady of Lourdes

The loose plate collection total was £366.56. The special collection amounted to £388.51. Many thanks for your continued support to our Parish.

Mass Intentions

When completing a mass intention envelope please clearly print the name of the person(s) you are requesting the mass to be said for. In the last couple of weeks there has been a few requests where it has been extremely hard to make out the name. This ensures that the newsletter has the name printed correctly and it also assists Fr Joshua when he is announcing it at Mass. Thank you.

New Scottish Catholic Magazine

A new glossy magazine called the Scottish Catholic has been produced fortnightly. It is filled with some really interesting stories. This might be good for those who are sick in the Parish or live alone. The magazine is £2 per copy. Whilst we have been given some free copies in the last couple of weeks to help with the launch, the company cannot sustain this for long. If you would like a copy every two weeks please email mhtnewsletter@gmail.com alternatively add your name to the sheet at the back of the Church this weekend so we can get these ordered.

SSVP Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Appeal

On World Day of the Poor the SSVP of Our Lady of Lourdes formally launch their annual appeal for non perishable food, toiletries and sweets. If you are able to help those in need please leave donations in the basket in the Church porch. It would be greatly appreciated if you could mark on the donation the age, and if its for a boy or girl. If it is for an adult then please mark if its for a male or female. Members of the SSVP will be at the back of the Church after Mass if you have any questions. Your generosity at this time is very much appreciated.

Nativity Blessing/Carol Service

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at the Nativity Blessing & Carol Service, which takes place in St Andrew Square, Edinburgh **Today** (Sunday 28th November) at 3pm. All welcome to attend.

Pro Life Rosary in Advent

Join Fr Kevin Douglas this Tuesday, 30 November, 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Event on Zoom, register here: <https://bit.ly/30NovRosary>. This will be a weekly event on a Tuesday until the 21st December. Fr Bobby Taylor is leading next week. His Grace the Archbishop will conclude the last session. All are welcome.