

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 5th December <i>2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*St 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)
Monday 6th December <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 7th December <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's*	Confessions	Isabel Doig (Ann)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	<u>Funeral Mass</u>	Eileen Duncan (RIP)
Thursday 9th December <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Confessions	Charles Kelly (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 10th December <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Pat Lamond (RIP)
Saturday 11th December <i>2nd Week of Advent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Jean Stupart (RIP)
	10:30am		Confessions	
<i>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Confessions Vigil Mass	John Muldeon (RIP)
Sunday 12th December <i>3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Kieran O'Neill (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Philip Patterson (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Rita Bradley (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Sunday 5th December 2021 2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)

Reflection - Prepare a Way for the Lord

The sense of preparing is very strong in our readings this weekend. The Gospel highlights the role of John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way for Jesus. It was John's ministry of preaching and baptism which laid the foundation for Jesus' ministry. The idea of repentance has less to do with feeling sorry for individual sins and more to do with turning around and facing in a new direction. John's call to the people was to turn away from the old way of life and to turn towards God.

The first reading from the prophet Baruch is a call to do the same. It talks about taking off the dress of sorrow and distress and putting on the beauty and glory of God. It's a call for the people to become God's people. God will lower the mountains and smooth the way so that God's people can walk in safety, guided by God's light and escorted by mercy and integrity.

In the Gospel, Luke refers to a similar text found in the writings of the prophet Isaiah. Making straight paths for the Lord can be understood as the radical change of behaviour away from sin and towards God.

The loving action of God gently fills in the valleys and lowers the mountains and straightens and smooths the roads so that we can be fully open to the living and transforming presence of Jesus so that 'all mankind shall see the salvation of God' in and through us. Our Advent readings help us realise God's profound love for us and his presence within us through the Holy Spirit. Knowing that God will always treat us with love and tender care helps us to turn again towards him and to trust in the depth of his mercy.

Our Advent journey is showing us how to prepare our hearts for a fresh discovery of God's presence in our lives; how to recognise the hidden presence of Jesus among and around us; how to turn around and face towards God with faith, hope and love; and how to be the living presence of Jesus in our moment of history.

(Reflection taken and shared with permission from Carmelites website Oearm.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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

R. *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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Acclamation

Psalm 84

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God . Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

Sunday 27th November 2021 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> <i>Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Dunfermline</i>
Loose Plate	£215.85	£115.50	£322.45
Building Fund		£33.00	
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). 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. 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.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) white flower collection. Ann Neil who represents the parish will speak at the end of Mass.

Pastoral Letter - Restoration of Sunday Obligation

The Bishops of Scotland have decided that the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays will be reinstated from Sunday 2nd January 2022. Their pastoral letter can be found online at bcos.org.uk. Some copies are available at the back of all three Churches for you to take away with you.

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) and St Peter in Chains at 7pm. Mass on Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) will be at midnight in Our Lady of Lourdes, 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.

Parish Assistance

We are looking to get a small team of volunteers who would be able to assist in getting Fr Joshua to Mass in St Peter in Chains and St John & Columba's. If you can assist either on a one off or weekly basis then please email mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com or pass your details to Fr Joshua.

SSVP St John & Columba's Christmas Appeal

Due to safety and practicality reasons we will not be distributing food hampers this year. Instead we intend to buy food vouchers to distribute to those in need. If you are able to donate SSVP members will be happy to accept cash donations. Donations can also be sent by bank transfer. Bank - Virgin Money, Account Name - SSVP AE02042, Sort Code - 82-67-25 and Account Number - 80453899. Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

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.

Christmas Music Concert

On Friday 10th December local community choir the NOTEables will hold a Christmas concert in St Margaret's RC Church, Dunfermline at 7:30pm. The group sing a variety of music from pop to choral and everything in between! One of our very own parishioners even sings in the group. If you would like to attend please email patarmstrong40@yahoo.com. This is a ticket only evening so please arrange tickets (which are £5) with Pat as soon as possible.

Pro Life Rosary in Advent

Join Fr Bobby Taylor this Tuesday, 7 December, 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Event on Zoom, register here: <https://bit.ly/7DecRosary>. This will be a weekly event on a Tuesday until the 21st December. His Grace the Archbishop will conclude the last session. All are welcome.