

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 12th December</b> <i>3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent</i>  <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*St 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)
<b>Monday 13th December</b> <i>2nd Week of Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 14th December</b> <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>  <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Susan Neilson (RIP)
	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's*	Confessions	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 15th December</b> <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Eileen Duncan (RIP)
<b>Thursday 16th December</b> <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Annie Lynch (Spec Int)
	10:30am		Confessions	
	<b>7:00pm</b>		<b>Reconciliation Service</b>	
<b>Friday 17th December</b> <i>3rd Week of Advent</i>	10:00am <b>10:30am</b>	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <b>Reconciliation Service</b>	Helen O'Neil (Spec Int)
<b>Saturday 18th December</b> <i>3rd Week of Advent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Ellen Watson (RIP)
	10:30am		Confessions	
<i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Confessions Vigil Mass	Linda Mclees (Spec Int)
<b>Sunday 19th December</b> <i>4th Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)</i>  <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Andrew Scott (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Kathleen Keenan (Spec Int)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

**Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras**, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)  
 Parish Office & Priests Address – 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ Telephone 01383 722202  
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**Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine** (email: maryol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.  
**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)

#### 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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

## Parish Newsletter.

**Sunday 12th December 2021**

**3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)**

### Reflection - What must we do?

We continue to focus on John the Baptist in the Gospel today. Last week we heard about John's ministry of preaching repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of sins. The idea of repentance is about turning around and facing in a new direction. John's call to the people was to turn away from the old ways of life and to turn towards God.

The Gospel opens with the people, the tax collectors and some soldiers, having heard the call to change their lives, all asking John, 'What must we do?'

These three groups would normally be very suspicious of each other. The Roman soldiers, occupying the country, the locals who collected tax on behalf of the Romans, and the crowd, often the victim of both. Yet somehow John's preaching has brought them all together in a community of sorts.

Notice how practical John's advice is. And, at the same time, it is a call to live by the values of compassion (to the crowd), justice (to the tax collectors), and the promotion of peace (to the soldiers).

Values and behaviours opposite to these hinder relationship with God, dehumanise others and ruin life in community.

What results from conversion is a new way of life. In the Gospel, John spells out what that new way of life might look like for these groups of people.

John's teaching and advice build a sense of expectancy among the crowd. "Is this the One?" they ask themselves.

It would have been easy for John to get carried away with his popularity, but he proves to be a true servant of the Word (like the prophets) and directs the peoples' attention away from himself and towards the One who is to come.

Feelings of expectation and rejoicing dominate the prayers and readings of this part of Advent as we grow closer to celebrating the Christmas feast. Our celebration of the historical birth of Jesus is the lens through which we again contemplate the enduring presence of Jesus in our lives. Accompanied by the beautiful thoughts of the first reading we can be confident in God's love, which (as the reading says) renews us.

How do we respond to this new awareness of God's abiding love? We ask the same question as the people asked John, "What must I do?" Our response to that question leads to a reformation of our attitudes and behaviour towards others. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit and with fire is to be baptised 'from within', to have hearts and minds remade in the image and likeness of Christ.

Learning the way of Christ is how we become the wheat in the Kingdom of God, not the chaff in the fire.

(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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

**R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ( R )
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. ( R )
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds; make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ( R )

### Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

### Acclamation

Luke 4

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He sent me to bring good news to the poor . Alleluia!**

### Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’ A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

<b>Sunday 4th December 2021</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chains</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>Ss John &amp; Columba's</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
Loose Plate	<b>£198.60</b>	<b>£105.00</b>	<b>£449.96</b>
Building Fund		<b>£71.12</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**

With an increase in Covid cases 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). 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 Susan Neilson who has died recently. Susan's remains will be received into Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday 13th December at 4pm. Her Funeral Mass will take place at 10am the following day and committal will then be at Dunfermline Cemetery at 11am. 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 - This Weekend**

There will be a special collection this 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.

### **Christmas Reconciliation Services**

Fr Joshua would like to offer the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the season of Christmas. On Thursday 16th December Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes will be at 10am followed by confessions. There will be a service of reconciliation in the evening at 7pm. On Friday 17th December there will be a reconciliation service in St Peter in Chains after Mass. The following week on Tuesday 21st December in St John & Columba's Mass will be at 10am followed by confessions. There will be a service of reconciliation at 7pm that evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive God's mercy and forgiveness prior to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

As continue our journey into Advent making 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 (11pm Carol Service), 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](mailto: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.

### **Pro Life Rosary in Advent**

Join parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese each Tuesday throughout Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. It continues at 7:45pm this Tuesday (14 December) and includes a reflection from Fr Martin Eckersley of St Francis Xavier in Falkirk. Event on Zoom, register at [bit.ly/14DecRosary](https://bit.ly/14DecRosary) His Grace the Archbishop will conclude the last session. All are welcome.