

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 19th December <i>4th Sunday in the Season of Advent</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*St 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
Monday 20th December <i>Advent Feria by date</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>	<i>CELEBRATED</i>	<i>TODAY</i>
Tuesday 21st December <i>Advent Feria by date</i> <i>(*live Streamed*)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Maureen Greene (Spec Int)
	10:30am		<i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Service of Reconciliation	
Wednesday 22nd December <i>Advent Feria by date</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Tommy Gilbride (RIP)
Thursday 23rd December <i>Advent Feria by date</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	The Sick of the Parish
Friday 24th December <i>The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	4:00pm	St John & Columba's (Children's' Sermon)	Carol Service	Annie Lynch (Spec Int)
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	
	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	People & Families of the Parish
	11:00pm 12:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Carol Service Holy Mass	People & Families of the Parish
Saturday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	9:00am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Scott & Sharon Grant (Spec Int)
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tina & Danny Gammell Family (Spec Int)
Sunday 26th December <i>Feast of the Holy Family (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed*)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's*	Holy Mass	Clare Coyle (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Martin Wallace (RIP)
	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

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

Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryiol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.

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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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The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 19th December 2021 4th Sunday in the Season of Advent (C)

Reflection - The Promise Fulfilled

The great Christmas feast is almost here. As always in Advent, what is promised in the first reading is brought to fulfilment in the Gospel reading. We began Advent with the cry, 'Come, Lord Jesus'. We will end it with the joyful shout, 'God is with us!'

Beautiful words from the Prophet Micah form the first reading today which looks forward to the birth of a leader for Israel who, as a shepherd king gathers the people and feeds them with the power of the Lord and the majesty of God. His powerful reign will bring about an era of security and he himself will be peace.

What Micah looks forward to in words becomes flesh and blood in the person of Jesus.

Luke's touching story of the meeting of the pregnant cousins, Mary and Elizabeth, is full of joy, warmth and love.

It's not hard to imagine the joyful greetings and embrace at Mary's surprise visit. Mary greets Elizabeth with the usual greeting, Shalom ('Peace!') which is exactly what she brings with her - the One Micah talks about in the first reading, the Messiah.

In his very first act of witness to the presence of the Messiah, John leaps in his mother's womb which releases within her the power of prophecy. Filled with the Holy Spirit Elizabeth proclaims Mary as blessed, wonders at why she, herself, should have been found worthy to give hospitality to the mother of the Lord, and blesses Mary's faith that the promises of the Lord would indeed find fulfilment in her.

Can we dare to imagine that we, too, carry within us the Peace of God? Can we welcome the presence of God within us and one another? Can we find the ways to nourish our awareness of that presence, let it grow stronger and deeper until our whole life is filled with God, immersed in God and overflows in every word, thought and action of ours?



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

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. (R)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’ Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

Acclamation

Luke 1

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

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

Sunday 12th December 2021 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chains</u> <u>Inverkeithing</u>	<u>Ss John & Columba’s</u> <u>Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>Dunfermline</u>
Loose Plate	£191.45	£102.00	£466.52
Building Fund		£38.50	
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 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.

Welcome

If you are a visitor to our Parish over the festive period we wish to offer you a warm welcome and thank you for joining us at this time. If you haven't been at Mass for a while please introduce yourself to our Priest Fr Joshua. We would be delighted if you joined us on a regular basis for Sunday Mass also.

Weekday Mass Time Change & Reconciliation Service

Fr Joshua would like to offer the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the season of Christmas. On Tuesday 21st December Mass in St John & Columba’s will be at 10am followed by confessions. There will be a service of reconciliation in the evening at 7pm. 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

Please see the timetable on the back page for Christmas Mass times. At the 5pm Vigil Mass in St John & Columba’s on Christmas Eve, Deacon Pat will deliver his sermon aimed at the children of the Parish, please bring them along if you are able to. A reminder there will be no 5pm Vigil Mass in St Peter in Chains on Christmas Day.

A Message from Fr Joshua

As we approach the wonderful time of Christmas I would like to offer you my prayers and best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas. This coming week we will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas (CHRIST MASS). God our loving Father through our Mother Mary gives us the best gift ever, by bringing Our Lord Jesus Christ into the world. The pandemic has proven to be a testing time for all of us, but remember the power of prayer! Reach out to your Lord and speak to him, he will listen! I wish further extend my thanks to those who keep our parish running. To Deacon Pat, the parish office staff Mary & Dean, the sacristans, readers, alter servers, musicians, singers, flower arrangers and cleaners. Our parish would simply not be the wonderful place it is today without you. With every blessing this day and always.

Fr Joshua.

A Message from Deacon Pat

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the parish a happy, holy and safe Christmas. I hope you all have a wonderful time this festive period. With my best wishes and prayers to you all.

Deacon Pat

Newsletter Next Weekend

Please be aware there will be no newsletter next Sunday (The Feast of the Holy Family) Mass times and intentions will be displayed on each of the Church noticeboards and on the Parish Facebook pages.

Restoration of Sunday Obligation

The Bishops of Scotland have decided that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation will be reinstated from Sunday 2 January 2022. Their pastoral letter can be read at bcos.org.uk

Pro Life Rosary in Advent

Parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese having been praying the Rosary online each Tuesday throughout Advent for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. The final Rosary is at 7:45pm this Tuesday (21 December) and includes a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Event on Zoom, register at bit.ly/21DecRosary All are welcome.

New Archdiocesan Canons

Congratulations to the senior priests who were promoted to Canons of the Metropolitan Chapter at the Cathedral on Tuesday: Very Rev. Jeremy Bath, Patrick Burke, Jock Dalrymple, Brian Gowans, Kenneth Owens, and James Tracey. Pictures can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/meet-the-archdioceses-new-canons/>