

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 13th February <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 14th February <i>Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 15th February <i>6th Week in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Confessions</i>	Peter Leybourn
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16th February <i>6th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
Thursday 17th February <i>6th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Gillian Ross (RIP)
Friday 18th February <i>6th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
Saturday 19th February <i>6th Week in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i> <i>Vigil of the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
	10:30am		<i>Confessions</i>	
	4:15pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	Sick of the Parish
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	
Sunday 20th February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	*8:30am*	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	John Tully
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

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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**Sunday 13th February 2022
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Reflection - Blessings & Woes

Over the next three Sundays we will listen to almost the whole of Luke's Sermon on the Plain. Luke has used Matthew's Sermon on the Mount but changed and shortened it significantly. It is important to realise that both Sermons are more than only the Beatitudes which begin them.

In Luke, Jesus' words are addressed to the disciples, not to the gathered crowd, so we might think of the sermon as a teaching about discipleship.

The whole of the Sermon is quite confronting and challenging, especially those verses which form today's Gospel reading. The Sermon begins with four blessings and four woes.

At first glance it is very odd to call people who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated blessed, fortunate or happy. But we have to hear the words of Jesus in the context of the religious teaching and general thinking which belonged to his time. Then, it was generally thought that those who suffered these things were experiencing the effects of either their own personal sinfulness or that of an ancestor. Similarly, those with wealth, plenty of food and high status were considered blessed and rewarded by God.

In the beatitudes Jesus reverses this way of thinking and effectively says that the opposite is true: God is, in fact, on the side of the poor and suffering. They experience suffering through no fault of their own (e.g., sin), it is simply the situation in which they find themselves. As the woes ('Alas for you...') make clear, the rich have a great deal to lose. The poor and suffering are fortunate in Jesus' view because they have a need which the overflowing generosity of God can fill. They are in situations which attract God's impulse to save. The Kingdom of God is already among them.

All things being equal, being wealthy, well-fed, happy and enjoying a good reputation are perfectly desirable. But in Jesus' view all things are not equal. Often the poor are poor precisely because the rich are rich. The powerless suffer at the hands of those who have power and influence. 'The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer' is a saying that endures even to this day.

Throughout his Gospel, Luke has Jesus insist repeatedly on the need for his followers to embrace poverty and to be under no illusions about the danger of wealth. Those who remain possessed by their possessions and the privileges they bring are unable to receive the gift of salvation, but even they can join the blessed through their care of the poor.

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.org)

The Parish Clergy

Parish Administrator:

Fr. Joshua Kauras

Parish Deacon

(Permanent):

Rev. Pat Carrigan

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 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 1

R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **(R)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind: for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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

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Sunday 6th February 2022 <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	£126.06	£69.00	£448.98
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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). There is no longer a requirement to give personal details to attend any of the Masses in the Parish or Archdiocese. Please **do not** attend Holy Mass if you do have symptoms of Covid-19 and follow public health advice. If you think you may have been a close contact to someone when attending any of the Churches please contact the Parish Priest and let them know.

Welcome to Fr Isaac & Fr Syriac

Fr Joshua is now on holiday until 22nd March. Fr Isaac & Fr Syriac (from St Margaret's Dunfermline) will look after the Parish whilst Fr Joshua is away. We welcome both Priests and thank them looking after our spiritual needs for the next few weeks. Please introduce yourself and keep them in your prayers as they look after 5 churches for the next few weeks. If you need to speak with them (even in an emergency) call 01383 625611.

Weekend Mass Time Change - Ss John & Columba's

A reminder that the Sunday morning mass in Ss John & Columba's will move to 8:30am from next Sunday until the 20th March whilst Fr Joshua is on holiday.

Mass Intentions

If you have a mass intention whilst Fr Joshua is away please complete a mass intention envelope as normal and hand this to Fr Isaac or Fr Syriac who will do their best to assist. Envelopes can still be put through the door of the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Holy Water Stoups & Sign of Peace

The Archdiocese has decided that the holy water stoups may now return to churches to allow the congregation to bless themselves when entering and leaving. This is a welcome decision, by blessing ourselves this reminds us of our baptism and the joy of being welcomed into God's Holy Church. At this time the sign of peace shall remain a gesture by a bow or raising of the hand.

St John & Columba's 200 Club Winners - Dec & Jan

The winners for December were Pat Castle (1st prize), Pauline Living (2nd prize) and Stella Fitzpatrick (3rd prize). In January the winners were Jim Meade (1st prize), Mary Guild (2nd prize) and Elaine Steinback (3rd prize). Congratulations to all the winners. If you would like to join the 200 club please speak with Lisa Quinn. All money raised is reinvested back into the parish.

Reinstatement of Sunday Obligation

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland have advised that the requirement to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will be reinstated from Sunday 6th March which is the first Sunday of Lent. You may also wish to let family and friends know of this change.

A Date for the Diary - Deanery Synodal Meeting

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality, a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. This is a time for everyone to be involved and work together for the greater good of God's Holy Church. There will be a preparatory holy hour on Tuesday 1st March in St Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline at 7pm. The Synodal meeting itself will take place on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in St Margaret's. Find out more about the Synod process in our Archdiocese online by visiting bit.ly/ArchYouTube

World Day of Prayer

This year's service will take place on Friday 4th March at 2 pm in St Leonard's Church, 2 Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline and will be followed by refreshments. The Children's service will take place on Saturday 5th March in St. Leonard's. It will begin with a craft workshop at 2 pm followed by a service at 3 pm. If any school children would like to help or do a reading please contact Barbara Leppard on b.leppard@btinternet.com. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.

Called and Gifted Workshop

You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you at the Called and Gifted Workshop. It takes place from 8:30am-5:30pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit bit.ly/calledgifted