

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 20th February <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	8:30am	*St 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
Monday 21st February <i>7th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 22nd February <i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Confessions</i>	No Intention Requested
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 23rd February <i>Memorial of St Polycarp</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Patrick McHale (Ann)
Thursday 24th February <i>7th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Alex McAley (RIP)
Friday 25th February <i>7th Week in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
Saturday 26th February <i>7th Week in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
	10:30am		<i>Confessions</i>	
<i>Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th February <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	8:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Alex McAley (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
Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryiol@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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**Sunday 20th February 2022
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Reflection - Generous Relationships

Last Sunday we began to read Luke's Sermon on the Plain. Luke has used Matthew's Sermon on the Mount but changed and shortened it significantly. Today and next Sunday we will read the rest of the Sermon.

This week, Jesus' radical teaching focusses on lavish generosity in human relationships. The opening words, 'Love your enemies,' set the tone of the rest of the text.

Again, at first glance the words of Jesus seem absurd and almost impossible to follow. Should we really offer the other cheek to someone who strikes us? Are we really meant to give the rest of our clothes to someone who steals our coat? Are we really meant not to fight to get our property back from the one who steals from us? Is this what Jesus really is asking us to do?

The point of this kind of prophetic speech by Jesus is to stimulate his audience (and us) to reflect on the whole pattern of behaviour in human relationships. Jesus is not really suggesting rules to be followed literally in certain circumstances. Rather, we are being invited to reflect on how we can respond to unreasonable demands and personal injuries with nothing but generosity and abandoning all claims to retribution and restitution.

What Jesus is suggesting are responses to insults and injuries which break cycles of violent retaliation and provide pathways to peace and reconciliation. By doing this, Jesus says, we can allow the utter generosity of God to shine through us. Doing good only to those who do good to us is not enough to convey the generosity and welcome of God. Only acting with overwhelming generosity and compassion allows the mercy, generosity and compassion with which God meets each of us to be clearly seen in concrete actions.

The Golden Rule: Treat others as you would like them to treat you.

When we act according to the generosity, mercy and compassion of God, refraining from judgement and condemnation and granting pardon, we meet God's overwhelming abundance of generosity to ourselves.

(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

1 SAMUEL 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 102

R. *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

ACTS 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

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. Holy water stoups have returned to the Churches, the sign of peace during mass remains a gesture only such as a bow or hand gesture.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alex McAuley RIP, who has died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide his family and reward him with eternal life. The details for Alex's funeral will be released as soon as they are known.

Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday

The mass times for the parish for Ash Wednesday (2nd March) are as follows. The vigil mass will be at 7pm in Ss John & Columba's and will be live streamed. Mass of the day will be at 10am in St Peter in Chains and 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are able to please join us for one of these services.

How to Contact Fr Isaac & Fr Syriac

A reminder that if you need to speak to Fr Isaac or Fr Syriac (even in an emergency) please call St Margaret's Presbytery on 01383 625611 where one of the Priests will be happy to assist.

No Newsletter Next Weekend

Please note there will be no newsletter next weekend only and will resume for the First Sunday in Lent.

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.

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 - Dunfermline

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.

World Day of Prayer - Rosyth & Inverkeithing

This years service will take place on Friday 4th March in North Queensferry Parish Church at 2pm. All are welcome.

Sunday 13th February 2022 <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	£193.00	£100.50	£395.43
Building Fund		£38.00	
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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