

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 20th March <i>3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	8:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sharon Kennedy
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Alex McAuley (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jauier Saurez (RIP)
Monday 21st March <i>3rd Week in Season of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 22nd March <i>3rd Week in the Season of Lent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	Margaret McBride
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 23rd March <i>3rd Week in the Season of Lent</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Peter O'Hora (RIP)
Thursday 24th March <i>3rd Week in the Season of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	Alex McAuley (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of our Lord</i>	09:30am 10:00am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass	Brenda Creighton (Spec Intention)
Saturday 26th March <i>3rd Week in the Season of Lent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	09:30am 10:00am	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass & <i>Confessions</i>	Sick of the Parish
<i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Deidre Creighton (RIP)
Sunday 27th March <i>4th Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann Scott (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: maryolol@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 & Karen Parker (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 post through the door of the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes, or given to the Priest.

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The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 20th March 2022

Third Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)

Reflection - The Patient Gardener

If the Gospels of the first two Sundays of Lent (temptation and transfiguration) are a parable about Christian life (a journey out of and away from temptation and into being transfigured by God's grace), the Gospels of this Sunday and next give us the 'road map'.

How do we get from temptation to transfiguration? Only with repentance and God's forgiveness. That's the road map for our Christian journey.

Oh, how we love a good story about disaster befalling someone else! The strength of Jesus reply to those who told him about the crucified Galileans seems to indicate that they shared this news with some delight.

Jesus reply tells us not to assume that bad things happen only to bad people and not to think that disasters are some kind of punishment for sin; stop thinking about the guilt of others and put your energy into repentance – turning back towards God.

The parable of the Fig Tree which follows answers the question, 'If we do repent, what sort of reception will we get from God?' God will work with us like the gardener in the parable. He will treat us with kindness and tenderness and nurture us back to life so that we can produce good fruit.



(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

EXODUS 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R)

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

LUKE 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

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). 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.

Special Collection - This Sunday

A special collection will be taken this weekend for Papal & Episcopal Charities. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able to. Thank you.

Heartfelt Thanks to Fr Isaac & Fr Syriac

As we welcome back Fr Joshua to the parish from his holiday this week we thank God for the ministries of both Fr Isaac & Fr Syriac. As you will know Fr Joshua has been away for over 6 weeks and we have been very fortunate that all of our services have remained in place, even though this has meant that the two priests have had the pastoral care of five churches to look after. From everyone in the parish we offer them our heartfelt thanks and prayers for their spiritual love and care and hope they continue to visit us in the future.

Covid 19 Update from the Bishops of Scotland

As more restrictions are lifted in Scotland from 21st March the Bishops of Scotland have made the following update. From the date above Churches will continue utilising hand sanitiser on entry and exit. Face coverings will also remain a requirement in all churches (unless exempt). The sign of peace may be introduced by those who feel they wish to do this but please understand that not everyone will want to return to a physical gesture and that the raising of a hand or bow is still strongly suggested. Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday mass has now been reinstated.

Sunday Mass in Ss John & Columba's

Please note that Sunday Mass in Ss John & Columba's will return to its normal time of 9:30am from next Sunday 27th March.

Parish Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent we will as a parish pray the stations prior to all of the weekday masses. This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer and journey with our Blessed Lord through the stations. Please see the back page of the newsletter when these will be held. If you would like to lead the stations please speak to the sacristan in your church.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal

As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at www.sciaf.org.uk To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see www.caritas.org

Event for Married Couples

A Holy Hour for married and engaged couples takes place on Sunday 3 April at 4pm in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. [Register at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](https://www.archdiocese.org.uk/register-at-bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

Lent – Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It continues on 22 March and will feature a reflection from Deacon Tom McEvoy. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. [Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents](https://www.archdiocese.org.uk/register-at-bit.ly/prolifeevents)

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Loose Plate	£169.60	£104.50	£475.81
Building Fund		£28.50	
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