

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 27th March <i>4th Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann Scott (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Catherine Wilson (Ann)
Monday 28th March <i>4th Week in Season of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 29th March <i>4th Week in the Season of Lent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	No Intention Requested
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Wednesday 30th March <i>4th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Peter O'Hora (Ann)
Thursday 31st March <i>4th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	Maureen Hotton (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
Friday 1st April <i>4th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	09:30am 10:00am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Holy Mass	No Intention Requested
Saturday 2nd April <i>4th 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>	No Intention Requested
<i>Vigil of the 5th Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd April <i>5th 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	People of the Parish
	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 Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryolol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
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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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Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 27th March 2022 Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)

Reflection - The Forgiving Father

This Sunday's Gospel is a parable of lavish and unexpected forgiveness and reconciliation. It is one of three parables in which God's mercy breaks through all human and religious restrictions about how God should act toward sinners.

A wealthy father has two sons. Very cheekily, the younger son asks for his share of the estate which would come to him on his father's death. This is a young man who has places to go and things to see!

Remarkably, the father gives him half of his estate, not the one-third to which the son was entitled. No wonder the older son is put out. The younger son goes off and has a great time until the money runs out. Financially ruined he has to earn his keep feeding pigs. He decides to return home, beg forgiveness and ask to be only a servant in his father's household.

The father is anxiously waiting for the son when he returns. He runs to embrace him. The son begins his confession, but the father takes no notice. He does not chastise or lecture. He refuses to treat his son as a servant and immediately sets about restoring him to his rightful place in the household with the ring, the robe and sandals. He orders a feast to celebrate the fact that his son is alive and has returned. No wonder the older son is angry and resentful. But the father sets about reassuring him that his place in the household and in the father's affection is secure and urging him to be reconciled with his brother. We are left wondering about what eventually happened.

The Gospel offers not just the hope of God's forgiveness but the certainty of it. The message today is: Rejoice in God's abiding mercy!

(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

JOSHUA 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

LUKE 15:18

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’ Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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). 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 **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 - Note of Thanks

Many thanks to all that contributed to the special collection held last weekend for the Papal & Episcopal Charities. Each church total can be found in the table below.

Special Collection - Next Week

There will be a special collection taken for the work of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) next weekend. SCIAF supports many of the worlds poorest countries as well as supporting those in Ukraine during this terrible time of war. If you are able please consider contributing to this collection. A letter from his Grace Archbishop Cushley will also be read out next weekend.

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.

Going to Confession

Please take the time in Lent to go to Confession to help you prepare for Easter. Our confession times are printed on the back page of the newsletter. The Archdiocese has put together a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven’t been for a while, which addresses common fears and misconceptions about the beautiful sacrament of penance. Watch it on YouTube: bit.ly/archconfessionvideo

Event for Married Couples - Today

A Holy Hour for married and engaged couples takes place today (Sunday 3 April) at 4pm in the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Register at bit.ly/ArchEventbrite

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

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 29 March and will feature a reflection from Fr Michael John Galbraith of St James’ Parish in St Andrews. Pray with clergy and parishioners for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Mass for Vocations

Pray that more young people respond to God’s call to the priesthood and religious life at the monthly Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations. It takes place on Tuesday 5 April at 6:30pm in SS John Cantius and Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. If you are able please consider attending.

Sunday 20th March 2022 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John & Columba’s Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Loose Plate	£142.60	£97.50	£492.32
Special Collection	£156.42	£92.50	£269.36
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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