

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b> <i>5th Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Christa Anderson (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Fr Joseph Mular & Gillian Ross (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sharon Kennedy
<b>Monday 4th April</b> <i>5th Week in Season of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 5th April</b> <i>5th Week in the Season of Lent</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	Cathie Burns (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 6th April</b> <i>5th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	10:00am 10:30am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass <i>Confessions</i>	Christopher Wilson (RIP)
<b>Thursday 7th April</b> <i>5th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	Alex McAuley (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 8th April</b> <i>5th Week in the Season of Lent</i>	10:00am	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Christa Anderson (RIP)
<b>Saturday 9th April</b> <i>5th 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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)</i>	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10th April</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (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.  
**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 3rd April 2022**

### ***Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent (C)***

#### ***Reflection - Freedom and Forgiveness***

We know the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery so well that we usually miss the fact that it is not only the woman who experiences God's forgiveness through Jesus in this story.

The scribes and Pharisees, out to trap Jesus, parade a hapless woman before the crowd gathered to hear Jesus teaching. We can only imagine her embarrassment as they publicly accuse her of adultery. Noting that the law of Moses says that they should stone the woman to death, they ask what Jesus thinks.

Jesus, already seated, bends lower and writes on the ground. What he writes we do not know, but from his 'lowly' position Jesus quietly manages to turn the whole situation around.

At first he says nothing. When the scribes and Pharisees persist with their question, Jesus simply says, 'Let the one without sin be the first to throw a stone at her', and goes back to his writing.

We sense that an awkward silence followed before the once threatening scribes and Pharisees seem to just melt away. Jesus' words seem to touch them deeply and melt away both their harsh attitude towards the woman and their desire to entrap him.

Like the woman, they are not condemned by Jesus but restored to right relationship with him and the woman – they no longer want to trap Jesus or harm the woman. They quietly leave. Jesus pronounces forgiveness for the woman and tells her not to sin anymore.

The Gospels of the last two Sundays were parables about God's forgiveness and tender care in nurturing us back to life. In today's Gospel we see God's lavish forgiveness in action as Jesus deals with a concrete human situation of life-threatening judgement and condemnation.

We are called, not to be judges over others, but practitioners of God's lavish compassion and 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

ISAIAH 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

*The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 125

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. ( R )
2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ( R )
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ( R )
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ( R )

### SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

*The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.*

### ACCLAMATION

AMOS 5:14

**Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and do not sin any more.’

*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. From Monday 4th April there is no longer a requirement to wear a face covering in church, however if you wish to continue to wear one you are most welcome to do so.

### **Special Collection - This Weekend**

There will be a special collection taken for the work of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) this 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 pastoral letter from the Archbishop will also be read out.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christa Anderson RIP, who has died recently. Christa’s Funeral Mass will take place at 10am on Friday 8th April in Ss John & Columba’s. Her committal will then take place at Dunfermline Cemetery at 11:30am. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her may she rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide her family and reward her with eternal life.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cathie Burns & Christopher Wilson RIP, who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide their families and reward them with eternal life.

### **Going to Confession**

As we prepare for the joyful coming of the Lord it is important to consider receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter. Fr Joshua would like to give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend confession so there will be additional opportunities this coming week. On Tuesday 5th April confessions will be at 6:30pm in Ss John & Columba’s, Wednesday 6th at 10:30am in St Peter in Chains and Thursday 7th at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please consider attending and receiving God’s mercy and forgiveness.

### **Holy Week & Easter Triduum**

As we continue our Lenten journey with the joyful anticipation of our Lord’s resurrection, the Holy Week & Easter service times have been finalised. On Thursday 14th April Mass of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated at 7pm in Ss John & Columba’s with night prayer at 10pm. On Friday the solemn Passion of the Lord will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter in Chains at 3pm and then in Ss John & Columba’s at 5pm. On Saturday, morning prayer of the church will take place at 10am in Ss John & Columba’s with the Easter vigil celebrated in St Peter in Chains at 5pm and Our Lady of Lourdes at 8:30pm. Easter Sunday mass will be at 9:30am in Ss John & Columba’s and 11:30am in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please note there will be **NO** 5pm mass in Our Lady of Lourdes on Easter Sunday only. Please join together as one parish and attend as many services as you can, even if they may not be in the church you attend regularly. Thank you.

### **Gift Aid Envelopes**

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available from all three churches. If you are no longer a UK taxpayer please notify the office on 01383 722202. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid, speak to your local co-ordinator or phone the office on the number above.

### **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](http://bit.ly/prolifeevents)

Sunday 27th March 2022 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John &amp; Columba’s Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Loose Plate	<b>£160.75</b>	<b>£103.00</b>	<b>£400.85</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>£58.40</b>	
Standing Orders	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£415.25</b>	<b>£144.75</b>
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