

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 24th July <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Fr Dermott Donnelly (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Caroline Nwaogu (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Denis Sullivan (RIP)
Monday 25th July <i>Feast of St James</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 26th July <i>Memorial of St Joachim & St Anne</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Lisa & Peter Quinn (Spec Int)
Wednesday 27th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Anne Spicer (Spec Int) Bill Kidd (RIP)
Thursday 28th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Emily McDonagh (Ann)
Friday 29th July <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Lisa & Peter Quinn (Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 30th July <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Ernest De Souza (RIP)
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Norma & Joe Lynch (Spec Int)
Sunday 31st July <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Ernest De Souza (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Bevan (Ann)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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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Reflection - The Hospitality of God

Many people struggle with a name for God. For some, 'Father' is fine. For others, the image of God as Father evokes traumatic memories of their childhood experience of pain, suffering, neglect and even abuse.

Alternatively, some prefer terms like, 'Creator', 'Redeemer', and 'Sanctifier'. But these terms describe functions, not persons, and they seem to lack the warmth and intimacy that we intuitively feel marks our relationship with God.

In today's Gospel, one of the disciples, having seen Jesus at prayer, asks him to teach them. The prayer that Jesus teaches them is probably very close what he, himself, prayed.

The prayer has none of the formality of those used in Temple and Synagogue worship. Instead, it begins with a more informal, warm and intimate addressing of God as 'Abba' - not as formal as 'Father' and not as childish as 'Daddy', but somewhere in between.

However we choose to name God, the term we use needs to have the same sense as 'Abba' had for Jesus. The disciples also live in the same warm and intimate relationship which God and Jesus share. And it is out of this relationship as members of God's household that Jesus teaches them to pray.

The focus of the prayer is initially on God alone ('may your name be held holy'), then moves to what the world needs ('your kingdom come'), then to what the disciples need (sustenance, forgiveness and rescue from trial, persecution and temptation).

A community which prays this prayer recognises its privileged closeness to God. But it also recognises that the hospitality of God calls the whole human race into this same closeness experienced as the coming of the Kingdom.

The shamelessly persistent knocking on a friend's door is an encouragement not to be afraid to continually ask God for what we need to live as members of the kingdom. God will not fail to share God's life and love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

If human beings, as flawed as we are, know how to give good things to our children, then how much more will the loving and gracious God give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who ask? The Holy Spirit who is the bond of love between God, Jesus and us - the Holy Spirit who helps us sense and experience that we are deeply enfolded in God's love, care and concern.

(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

GENESIS 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 137

R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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ACCLAMATION

JOHN 1:12.14

Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.' So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

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This Weeks News & Events

Statement from Monsignor Allan Chambers VG - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall

My dear friends during the course of the past week at the request of the Trustees of the Archdiocese two of us namely Mr Alastair Lamond and myself Monsignor Allan Chambers Vicar General, visited the Parish Hall to assess its condition for safe use by the parish. As you are no doubt aware your hall which has given many years of proud service to the parish is now of great age and in very poor condition. Estimates to repair it and allow it to conform to current Health and Safety Legislation which we are duty bound to observe are frankly financially prohibitive.

Sadly our recommendation to the Trustees is to demolish the hall. There is also the probability of Asbestos which must be treated carefully. We shared this sad news with Fr Joshua and Deacon Pat at the conclusion of our meeting. We were very happy to note the major improvements to the Church windows, the beautiful Lourdes Shrine and the general good repair of the Church.

I know that for some of you while not unexpected news it will nevertheless be news you did not want to hear. I repeat this is only regarding your hall and NOT your parish church which is as indicated earlier in sound condition.

Thank you for supporting Father Joshua and Deacon Pat who form a very impressive team.

I thank you for your understanding of this difficult situation.

Monsignor Allan Chambers, Vicar General, Trustee, Archdiocese of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh.

World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly - This Weekend

Today is World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. All of our Masses this weekend will be dedicated to them to show gratitude for their gifts and contribution to parish and family life. We are very grateful to all grandparents, the elderly and their families who have joined us for these special Masses. We ask our blessed Lord to guide and support them in all that they do.

Our lady of Lourdes SSVDP - Senior Citizen Summer Event

Senior Citizens are invited to afternoon tea at the Glen Pavilion at 2—4pm on 10th August. An opportunity to meet up with fellow parishioners or get to know some of those you may not yet know. All are welcome. For further information please see Margaret Wallace at OLoL.

Fundraising for the Parish

Many of you will know our know our Parish Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator Dean McGuire who works away in the background in the Parish. Dean will be taking part in not one but **TWO** of Scotland's Kiltwalks. On the 11th August he will walk 11 miles taking part in the 'big stroll' in Dundee before madly embarking on the 'mighty stride' which is 24 miles in Edinburgh's Kiltwalk on the 18th September. Sponsor forms will be available at the back of all the churches from next weekend should you wish to donate. All money raised will be given to the parish to assist in it's running. Thank you.

Pro Life Events

The Scottish Parliament is considering a law to criminalise public prayer with up to 2 years in prison. It is vital that Catholics and all concerned for freedom of speech & assembly speak out strongly. The Archdiocese is holding a briefing session on Tuesday 2nd August on Zoom at 7:45pm. Please use the following link for access.

<https://bit.ly/freetoprayeraugust>

Festival Mass

His Grace Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate the Festival Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at midday on Sunday 21st August, followed by a reception in Coffee Saints café. All are welcome.

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Loose Plate	£224.95	£152.00	£453.21
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