

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 4th September</b> <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>  <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP) Julie Sullivan (Spec Int)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
<b>Monday 5th September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 6th September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Tom Logue (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 7th September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
<b>Thursday 8th September</b> <i>Feast of The Nativity of Our Lady</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	Mary Russell (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 9th September</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	Irena Smith (RIP)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday 10th September</b> <i>Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	4:15pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	Sick of the Parish
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday 11th September</b> <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>  <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Caroline Nwaogu (Ann)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

**Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras**, (email: [admin@catholicswife.com](mailto:admin@catholicswife.com))  
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**Parish Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire** (email: [mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mhtparishnewsletter@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 4th September 2022**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

### Reflection - Real Reality

There is very little that is real in so-called 'reality TV'. We know that, in fact, situations and circumstances are highly contrived and rather artificial. People are deliberately set up to fail, tensions are fuelled and contestants often exploited emotionally and physically.

Today's Gospel contains a rather heavy dose of real reality about what is required in order to be a disciple of Jesus.

The words of Jesus have to be read against the background of the Kingdom life God is inviting us into and the central message of Jesus that we need to place God in the centre of our hearts.

The language about hating family members and even our own lives comes from a Semitic idiom which expresses preference. If you prefer one person or thing over another you are said to 'love' the first and 'hate' the second. The Gospel is not calling us to hate either our relatives or ourselves.

When we let the presence of God flood our hearts and minds all other aspects of our lives, including our relationships, find their proper place. Relationships become more genuine and less exploitive; possessions have less hold over us and we begin to share them more generously, our need for power and status fades.

To do this, however, is no easy thing. It requires many daily decisions, choosing to see with God's eyes, to feel with God's heart and to act according to God's vision for human life: to choose love over hate, generosity over hoarding, to let go of power and status and be of real service to our sisters and brothers. That is what 'carrying the cross' is all about.

Jesus warns that this is a difficult and demanding way, and that a disciple needs to be clear-eyed and ready to take up the task.

(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

**WISDOM 9:13-18**

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 89**

**R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. ( R )
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. ( R )
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. ( R )
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. ( R )

### SECOND READING

**PHILEMON 9-10,12-17**

his is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

### ACCLAMATION

**JOHN 15:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

**LUKE 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

## This Weeks News & Events

### **Kiltegan Father Mission Appeal Visit - This Weekend**

At all Masses this weekend we welcome Fr Kyran a priest from the Kiltegan Fathers, part of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society Scotland who will concelebrate Holy Mass with Fr Joshua. Fr Kyran will speak about the work of the Kiltegan Fathers and a special collection will be taken at the end of Mass to help with their work. Please contribute to this collection if you are able to. Thank you.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Auril Rimdlisbacher-Girling RIP, who has died recently. Auril's Funeral service will take place at 11:30am on Friday 9th September at Dunfermline Cemetery. 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 Auril's family and reward her with eternal life.

### **Deacon Pat Retreat**

Deacon Pat will be on his Clergy Retreat from 12th to 19th September at Pluscarden Abbey. During this time please contact Fr Joshua with any matters you require assistance with. Please keep Deacon Pat in your prayers that God in his infinite wisdom and mercy continues to bless him always in his ministry and that he returns to us spiritually refreshed.

### **Change to Weekday Mass - Ss John & Columba's**

Please note there will be no morning mass in Ss John & Columba's next Saturday Morning (10th September) Fr Joshua and a group from the parish will be on their day trip to Nunraw Abbey. All going well Holy Mass will be live streamed from the Abbey that day. The time will be posted on our Facebook page. Please keep all who are going in your prayers.

### **Parish Day Trip to Nunraw Abbey - Next Saturday**

For all those who are attending our parish day trip to Nunraw Abbey next Saturday (10th September) please take away an information sheet that has been printed for you. This will have key contact information within and details on how the day will go. Many Thanks

### **Vocations Awareness Week**

Please note that from next Sunday vocations awareness week begins. This is a week dedicated not only to those who currently serve God's holy church but for those who are discerning this ministry. We ask your prayers particularly through this week for all priests, deacons and religious and in a special way for Fr Joshua and Deacon Pat for their guidance in our parish. If you feel you may be being called to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or religious life please speak with Fr Joshua or Deacon Pat who will be more than happy to discuss this further.

### **Ss John & Columba's 200 Club - July & August Winners**

The draw has taken place for the winners of the 200 club and are as follows. July - 1st prize Mary Swan, 2nd prize Sarah Auld and 3rd prize Clair Lucas. For August the winners were 1st prize Chris Bennett, 2nd prize John Auld and 3rd prize Lisa Quinn. Congratulations to all our winners. If you are interested in joining the 200 club please see Lisa Quinn. New members always welcome.

### **Ss John & Columba's & Our Lady of Lourdes SSVP Appeal**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in both Ss John & Columba's and Our Lady of Lourdes are appealing to your generosity. We know that times are hard for everyone, but if you can contribute to our request for non perishable foodstuff as well as toiletry items or baby food/nappies, we'd be extremely grateful. Any donations can be left at the back of the church or given to an SSVP member. Just one item will make a difference. Thank you.

<b>Sunday 28th August 2022</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chains</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>Ss John &amp; Columba's</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
Loose Plate	<b>£261.50</b>	<b>£179.50</b>	<b>£430.87</b>
Building Fund		<b>£52.00</b>	
Standing Orders	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£415.25</b>	<b>£144.75</b>
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