

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 11th September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Charles Moran (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Caroline Nwaogu (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
Monday 12th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 13th September <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
Wednesday 14th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Christa Anderson (RIP)
Thursday 15th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	12:00pm	Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
Friday 16th September <i>Feast of St Ninian</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	Joyce Brookmyre (RIP)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
Saturday 17th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	Mary Davies (Ann)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	
Sunday 18th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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	Irena Smith (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryol@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.

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Reflection - Loss, Recovery & Celebration

The three parables which form the Gospel this week share a common pattern: loss, finding, celebration.

Jesus tells these parables in the context of a shared meal with the ‘tax collectors and sinners’. The scribes and Pharisees complain about Jesus welcoming sinners and eating with them. Jesus tells these parables to explain his actions and to invite the scribes and Pharisees into a new understanding of God’s love and mercy.

The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost sons share a common theme: that the mercy of God breaks through all human and religious restrictions about how God should act toward sinners.

They are stories of lavish and undeserved love and mercy. What shepherd in his right mind will abandon ninety-nine healthy sheep to go after a lost one? What woman will spend all day turning the house upside down to find a coin of little value? What father will joyfully welcome home a wasteful and disrespectful son? What brother will do the same? Scribes, Pharisees and we ourselves may not, but God will.

The Gospel offers not just the hope of God’s mercy and forgiveness but the certainty of it.

These three parables are also an invitation to the scribes and Pharisees, and to us, to join in Jesus’ mission of mercy; to behave as God behaves towards our brothers and sisters – with mercy and forgiveness – and welcoming all to the Great Feast.

(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 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: “I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.”’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 50

R. *I will leave this place and go to my father.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R)

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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ACCLAMATION

EPHESIANS 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-32

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: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. ‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’ He also said, ‘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

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This Weeks News & Events

Kiltegan Father Mission Appeal - Thankyou

On behalf of Fr Kyran we thank all who contributed to the special collection last weekend. The money raised will greatly assist the Kiltegan Fathers with there mission work. The totals can be found in the table below.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II RIP, who has died. 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 Majesty's family and reward her with eternal life.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leo Sheehan RIP, who has died recently. Leo’s Funeral Mass will take place at 12pm on Thursday 15th September in Ss John & Columba’s. His committal will then take place at 1:30pm at Dunfermline Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide Leo’s family and reward him with eternal life.

Deacon Pat Retreat

Deacon Pat will be on his Clergy Retreat this week coming 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.

Local Clergy Changes

Please be aware that at the request of His Grace the Archbishop Fr Isaac Oshoma currently assistant priest at St Margaret’s Dunfermline will take up the a new post in Our Lady Immaculate & St Margaret’s, Duns where he will be the parish’s administrator. We pray for Fr Isaac as he moves to his new parish and also for Fr Syriac who will continue to lead the faithful of the parish of St Margaret's. We thank Fr Isaac for looking after our parish when Fr Joshua was on holiday. A mass of thanksgiving will be arranged in the parish for him in the coming weeks.

Vocations Awareness Week

Today marks the beginning of vocations awareness week. This is a week dedicated not only to those who currently serve God’s holy church but for those who me discerning this ministry. We ask your prayers particularly through this week for all priests, deacons and religious and in a special away for Fr Joshua and Deacon Pat for their guidance in our parish. If you are 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 & 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.

Mothers Prayers

Mothers Prayers will take place in OLOL Church on Tuesday 13th September at 12.30pm and thereafter fortnightly. Come and meet mothers, grandmothers and godmothers in a friendly group praying for our children and children around the world

Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette are on tour and come to Carfin Grotto from 24 September to 1 October. The Archdiocesan Day is being held there on Thursday 29 September and it includes a Mass for schools at 1pm, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley, a torchlight procession at 8pm, and Mass at 9pm. All welcome.

Sunday 28th August 2022 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> <i>Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John & Columba’s</i> <i>Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Dunfermline</i>
Loose Plate	£176.20	£124.00	£369.78
Filtegan Fathers Collection	TBC	£353.00	TBC
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