

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 18th September <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Irena Smith (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
Monday 19th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 20th September <i>Memorial of St Andrew</i> <i>Kim Tae-Gon & Paul</i> <i>Chong Ha-Sang</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Patrick Healy (RIP)
Wednesday 21st September <i>Feast of St Matthew</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
Thursday 22nd September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
Friday 23rd September <i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
Saturday 24th September <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i>	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Wedding Mass	Imade Bazuaye & Ehironamen Ekeoba
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Deceased Keane Family Members (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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 - Investing in the Future

When bad things happen to us we are apt to spend a great deal of time being angry at what has taken place – especially if we feel that what has happened is unjust, unfair or unreasonable.

Today's Gospel episode is often called the 'Parable of the Unjust Steward'. But perhaps he is the one who is being treated unjustly. After all, the Master hears a rumour that the steward has been 'wasteful with his property'. Without conducting an investigation to find out if the rumour is true, the Master decides to dismiss the steward.

The steward spends only a little time trying to decide what he will do once he loses his job. Knowing he is too weak to dig and too ashamed to beg, he sets about altering the contracts of sale for his masters' debtors.

Is the steward stealing from the Master? No. In the ancient world such stewards were not directly paid by the master. Their 'wage' came from the commissions they added to bills of sale. So the steward is giving up his commission for the sake of his long-term future; to build goodwill among the debtors that they might return the favour in the steward's coming hour of need.

For astutely investing in his future the steward is praised by the Master. Jesus uses this allusion to advise the disciples that they, too, should invest in their future through the sharing of all that they have.

The term mammon refers not only to money, but to all that a person has. The disciples, says Jesus, should be prepared to give away all that they have to the poor so that when the kingdom comes, in which the poor have the privileged places, the disciples will be welcomed into the 'tents of eternity'.

The final sayings of this Gospel presuppose that Christian life is a stewardship in which the wealth that one handles is wealth God wishes the whole world to share, not one's personal possession. Disciples must choose wisely and act decisively. When it comes to wealth, they must choose between the interests of God and their own self-interest.

If disciples do not share possessions, they will not be entrusted with the true riches of the kingdom. If they do share possessions, which are on loan from God, they will be given the treasure of heaven as their own. The disciples must give exclusive loyalty to God or succumb to the enslavement of mammon.

(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

AMOS 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 112

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R)

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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ACCLAMATION

ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.” Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

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

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This Weeks News & Events

Parish Trip to Nunraw Abbey

Many thanks to all those who attended our parish day trip to Nunraw Abbey, our first trip out of the parish since the start of the covid pandemic. The weather was wonderful and after celebrating Holy Mass and Divine Mercy we were treated to a talk on the life and work of those life at the abbey. A fantastic day was had by all and I am very grateful to all those who attended and helped me with the preparations with gratitude and thanks to Fr Joshua and Fr Isaac for travelling with us and celebrating the Holy Mass. Please check our Facebook page for photos from the day.

Dean McGuire, Parish Assistant.

Parish Events Group

To build on the success of our last trip to Nunraw Abbey and after discussions with Fr Joshua a parish events group is to be created for the parish. To be clear this group will not be responsible for every event in the parish, people are still actively encouraged to arrange these themselves. Members of the group will however be able to support and promote these events in all of our churches. Additionally the group will work to split events up throughout the year and arrange events when there is space permitting. I am grateful to those who have agreed to help with this already. We are looking for two parishioners to join the group from Our Lady of Lourdes to assist in promoting the work of the group. If you are interested in volunteering please email mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com.

Dean McGuire, Parish Assistant.

Weekday Mass Change

Please note that the mass in Ss John & Columba’s on Saturday 24th September will be cancelled due to the wedding in Our Lady of Lourdes that day.

Wedding Celebration

We ask for your prayers for Imade Bazuaye and Ehironamen Ekeoba who will be married in Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 24th September. May the Lord continue to guide the couple as they prepare to be brought together as man and wife.

Fr Isaac Farewell Masses - Next Weekend

Please note that Fr Isaac will concelebrate Holy Mass next weekend with Fr Joshua. Fr Isaac will be saying farewell to us all as he prepares to leave Dunfermline to move to his new Parish. May the Lord continue to bless and guide Fr Isaac in his priestly ministry.

SVDP Bingo Tea

The SVDP will be holding a bingo tea on 24th October at 1.30pm in the hall at St Peter in Chains. All proceeds will be used by SVDP OLOL for the good of our local community, in these tough days and in the months to come. Tickets will be on sale shortly. We will be grateful for any raffle prizes anyone can donate please hand these to a member of the society. This is a hard time for everyone and the Conference is extremely grateful for all the help we continue to receive from you all.

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.

Day for Readers: The Word Made Flesh: Full of Grace and Truth

Do you read the Word of God at Mass? A Day for Readers takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 11am – 3pm on Saturday 8 October. Registration from 10:30am. It is also for anyone who wants to come and reflect on the Gospel of St John. Fr Andrew Garden of St David’s in Dalkeith will be the main speaker and there will be practical sessions. The day concludes with Mass at 2:15pm. A light lunch and refreshments will be available. Register at bit.ly/readersevent

Sunday 11th September 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	£200.16	TBC	£347.15
Building Fund	£220.00	TBC	£144.75
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