

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 27th November</b> <i>1st Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Diane Jackson (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Martin Wallace (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Michael Ward (Ann)
<b>Monday 28th November</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 29th November</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Katrina McDonough (RIP)
	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Susan Blakey (Sick)
<b>Wednesday 30th November</b> <i>Solemnity of St Andrew</i>	10:00am	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Ian Lappin (RIP)
<b>Thursday 1st December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Francescantonia Guidice (Ann)
<b>Friday 2nd December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	9:45am	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Helen Logue (RIP)
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis Xavier</i>  <i>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Jim and Joe McKenna (Ann)
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Christopher & Kieron Wilson (Ann)
<b>Sunday 4th December</b> <i>2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	James Close (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Moira Jane Anthony (Ann)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Alex McAuley & Susan Wilson (RIP)

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Parish Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire** (email: mhparishnewsletter@gmail.com) Submissions by 12 noon on a Friday.  
**Parish Safeguarding Officers - Vacant (PiC);** Lisa Quinn & Karen Parker (J&C); Vacant (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. 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. The Catholic Chaplain to the Victoria Hospital is Fr Gowans (Tel: 01592 592111) and for Queen Margaret Hospital Fr Syriac (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 27th November 2022**

**1st Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)**

### Reflection - Stay Awake!

The great Advent journey begins. The Advent readings are a rich tapestry of images centered on the truth that God has come among us. We do not pretend that we are waiting for Jesus to be born in a stable. That happened once, a long time ago, and it will not happen again. We remember that birth as we remember our own birthdays.

The God who came among us is still among us. Advent's invitation is to become aware of the all pervading presence of the risen Jesus as Emmanuel – God among us.

In the first reading this Sunday Isaiah captures the sense of God's presence among his people through the images of the high mountain and the Temple – the dwelling place of God among his people. The people's response in the reading is to be drawn into God's presence 'that he may teach us his ways' and 'we may walk in his paths', and be utterly transformed into a new way of living (making swords into ploughshares, etc). In the second reading St Paul reminds the Romans that they are already living in 'the time'. They should 'wake up now' and 'live decently as people do in the daytime'.

The early Christians believed that Jesus would return very soon as the Lord of Glory. As time passed, they had to re-think this belief and work out how to live in the meantime, the time in between the first and final comings of Christ. That's our challenge, too.

This week's Gospel calls us to "Stay awake", to be vigilant and attentive to the signs of the times so that we do not miss the moment when God breaks into human history once again. The God who came among us is still among us. In Advent we train our eyes to see the reign of God more clearly so that we may be totally caught up in God's action in the world as we wait for the final manifestation of God's glory.

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarum.org)

#### The Season of Advent

The word "advent" means appearing, arrival, to come. Advent is the Church's time of preparation for celebrating God's gift of his Son. Our liturgy will gather the great Advent themes of hope, expectation and preparation. During Advent we recall Christ's coming at Bethlehem and we look forward to his second coming at the end of time. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

The predominant colour during Advent is purple. Unlike Lent, Advent is not a penitential season. The purple colour represents hope, expectation and healing. It is one of the royal colours. We are preparing to welcome the King, the "sun of justice" who "will shine out with healing in its rays". (Mal 4:2 NRSV, 3:20 Jerusalem)

The custom of the Advent Wreath began in Germany in the 16th century. It symbolises the many years that the people of Israel waited in darkness for the coming of the expected Saviour. The light of the wreath grows steadily during our Advent prayer.

Advent has two parts. The first two Sundays focus on preparing for Jesus' return at the end of time. The second two Sundays focus on preparing to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth.

The Gospels of the Sundays in Advent have four great movements: 1. Stay Awake! 2. Prepare! 3. Rejoice! and 4. Receive!

Advent is a journey from **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!** to **Emmanuel. God-is-with-us!**

## 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 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 121

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. ( R )
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. ( R )
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' ( R )
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. ( R )

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### ACCLAMATION

PSALM 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

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<b>Sunday 20th November 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>
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## This Weeks News & Events

### **For Your Prayers**

Your continued prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Katrina McDonough, John 'Ian' Lappin and Helen Logue who have all died recently. Their funeral mass times and locations can be found on the back page. 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 all of the families at this time and reward Katrina, Ian and Helen with eternal life.

### **Special Collection - Thankyou**

A second collection was taken at all masses last weekend for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. The totals for each church can be found at the bottom of the previous page. Thank you for your support in assisting Catholic Schools across Scotland.

### **Your Prayers**

Your prayers are asked for Margaret Anne Stewart who is sick at this time. May our Blessed Lord continue to guide, comfort, strengthen and be with her always. Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for her.

### **Entering Advent**

Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled 'Entering Advent with Isaiah' with Fr Jamie McMorrin, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place on Zoom, on Monday (28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm. Register now at [bit.ly/enteradvent](http://bit.ly/enteradvent)

### **Remembering the Dead During the Month of November**

As we continue through the month of November we remember the dead of our parish who have gone to the Lord. Sheets are available for you to write the names of those who are nearest and dearest to you, please place forms in the box in front of the altar. Mass will then be said for the repose of their souls. Candles are still available to purchase at the back of the church priced at £2, these can then be lit in front of the altar. May all who have died rest in peace. Amen.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal**

For this years Christmas appeal if you are able, please consider donating food and gifts items. Any gifts require to be wrapped and labelled with the sex and age, there is a particular big need for teenage gifts. The final collection day will be Sunday 18th December. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and may god bless you all in anticipation of your donations.

### **Cathedral Bookshop - Now Open!**

A Catholic bookshop has now opened in St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. St Pauls Bookshop will have a wide range of Christian literature as well as gift items. Find your perfect stocking filler there! Opening hours will be 10:00am to 5:30pm, including weekends (closed Mondays).

### **St Andrew's Day - Mass in St Mary's Cathedral**

Celebrate the feast day of our National Patron at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. There is adoration on Tuesday 29th November from 7pm which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 8pm. Then on Wednesday 30th November, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at 12:45pm.

### **Light from Light: Choral Music for Advent by Candlelight**

This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. They will sing at the following churches: St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk on Wednesday 7 December; St Patrick's in Kilsyth on Saturday 10 December; St Margaret's in Dunfermline on Friday 16 December. All concerts start at 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at [bit.ly/3T7wRRY](http://bit.ly/3T7wRRY)

### **Diploma in Catechetics**

Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics course from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an online session each Thursday with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023 and costs £200 (concessions available). The link for Registration and further info is at [bit.ly/archdiploma2023](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions? Email [sranna.marie@stanned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@stanned.org.uk)

### **St Columba's High School - Burns' Ceilidh**

St Columba's High School would like to invite families and friends of the school community to a Burns' Ceilidh on Friday 20th January from 7pm - 10pm in the school assembly hall. Tickets cost £5 (under 12s go free). Tickets are available by visiting the school office or calling 01383 602405. We look forward to seeing you there!