

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 4th December</b> <i>2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St 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	Christopher & Kieron Wilson (Ann)
<b>Monday 5th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Kitty Lloyd (Ann)
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b> <i>Memorial of St Ambrose</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	John & Harriet Wallace (Ann)
<b>Thursday 8th December</b> <i>Solemnity of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Helen McLaney (Ann)
<b>Friday 9th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	James Burke (Ann)
<b>Saturday 10th December</b> <i>Weekday in Advent</i>  <i>Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Deceased of the Shearer & Dynes Families (RIP)
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Deceased of the MacNeil & Maclean Families (RIP)
<b>Sunday 11th December</b> <i>3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Ian Lappin (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Goodchild Family (RIP)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased of the Mairead Family (RIP)

#### PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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**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 4th December 2022**

**2nd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)**

### Reflection - Prepare the Way of the Lord

The magnificent first reading from the prophet Isaiah this weekend looks forward to the appearance of one 'on whom the spirit of the Lord rests – a spirit of wisdom and insight, counsel and power and knowledge of the fear of the Lord'.

He gives judgement in favour of the poor. His judgement is not influenced by appearances or hearsay. He judges with integrity. His word strikes the ruthless and his sentences bring death to wickedness. In his day extraordinary things happen: 'the wolf lies with the lamb...' All creation is at peace. Even natural enemies (symbolised by the animals) live together in peace. No hurt or harm is done because the whole country 'is filled with the knowledge of the Lord'.

John the Baptist sits at the centre of this week's Gospel and next week's. He is the 'one who cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight'.

John was preparing the people for the coming of Jesus. Moved by his preaching many sought baptism in the river Jordan. This ancient water-rite symbolised dying to the old way of life and rising to a new way of life. That's what repentance is about: turning away from sin and turning towards God. It is about true conversion of heart. It's about making straight the pathways of our hearts. The fruit of our repentance and true conversion shows itself in good works.

Our preparation for the coming 'day of the Lord' is a continual cycle of dying and rising; of turning away from sin and towards God; of remaking our minds and hearts after the mind and heart of Christ. The good works we do give Christ presence, form and shape in the concrete reality of human life. So, Christian life is a constant act of preparation through repentance and good works.

Christmas is not just about the birth of Jesus long ago. It's also about giving birth to him in our lives every day.

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71

**R. In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. ( R )
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. ( R )
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. ( R )
4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. ( R )

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

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

### ACCLAMATION

LUKE 3:4-6

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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

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## This Weeks News & Events

### **Ladies Group**

The ladies group are having a pre Christmas coffee get together 10.30am 19th December Our Lady of Lourdes all are welcome to come together and have a catch up before the business of the festive season. All welcome.

### **Message of Thanks**

A huge thankyou to Fr Joshua and all our Parishioners from Ss John & Columba's Church for singing Happy Birthday to me on my 80th, you all sang with plenty gusto!! It was a wonderful surprise and great blessing to start off a wonderful day spent with my family. May the good Lord give you all an abundance of his many blessings.

*Helen O'Neill*

### **Edinburgh-Lourdes Hospitalite- Christmas Carol Service.**

A Christmas Carol service will take place on Sunday 11 December at 3 pm in St Peter in Chains' Hall. Tea, coffee, and mince pies along with a festive catch up awaits you. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

We're still working at building our atrium for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the very young children in our Parish. This involves preparing the environment where the children can listen to the voice of God. Thank you for the practical help and support already given for the Atrium. We're still seeking our parishioners' help and would be very grateful if anyone can donate the following items: Small wooden bookshelves around 1m high, 2 metal/brass candlesticks (roughly about 5cm high) small clear glass jugs, tiny funnels (like you used to get with a steam iron!), 4 x small tables (similar in size to the top of a nest of tables) 3 x plain coloured rugs roughly 1.5 m long, house plant with large leaves (for plant care- watering and wiping the leaves.) If you have any of the above items and would be able to donate them, we'd be very grateful. Please contact Ann Neil on 07986 824314. Many thanks.

### **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. St Margaret's in Dunfermline will host on Friday 16 December with the concert starting 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)

### **Advent Rosary for Life**

Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This includes a reflection from a priest of the Archdiocese each week. Each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents) (Zoom event).

### **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!

<b>Sunday 27th November 2022</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><i>St Peter in Chains</i></b> <b><i>Inverkeithing</i></b>	<b><i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i></b> <b><i>Rosyth</i></b>	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b> <b><i>Dunfermline</i></b>
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