

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 11th December <i>3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*St 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 Mairead McKenzie Family (RIP)
Monday 12th December <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 13th December <i>Memorial of St Lucy</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Confession Service</i>	
	7:00pm		Candlelit Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
Wednesday 14th December <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confession Service</i>	Claire Key (RIP)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
Thursday 15th December <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Confession Service</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Mark McAuley (Sick)
Friday 16th December <i>Weekday in Advent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Ann Begg (Sick)
Saturday 17th December <i>Advent FERIA by Date</i> <i>Vigil of the 4th Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Parishioners Intention
	4:15pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Margaret McGinley (RIP)
Sunday 18th December <i>4th Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Anna Jack (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Thomas Higgins (Spec Int)
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	John Yuill (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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3rd Sunday in the Season of Advent (A)

Reflection - Are you the One?

This Sunday marks the turning point in the Advent Season. Traditionally called Gaudete Sunday it is a day of rejoicing that the Saviour is near. The focus shifts from the final coming of Christ at the end of time to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem. The note of joy is symbolised by the inclusion of the colour rose among the purple of the Season.

The joyful first reading from the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God is on his way to save his people. This coming brings healing and rejoicing and an end to sorrow and lament.

Using images of farmers and prophets, the letter of St James urges patience in our waiting for God. A kind of patient certainty is the attitude of the disciple.

Perhaps it is actually us who are slow in responding to God; slow in letting the message of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit transform our lives so that we too might have power to bring healing and joy

In the Gospel Jesus fulfils the prophecy of the first reading about the Messiah. John the Baptist asks, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?"

The words of Jesus clarify his identity and that of John the Baptist. Jesus comes, not as the kind of warrior-messiah, slaughtering and slashing, but as 'the kindness of God', tending the sheep, healing and liberating the needy - the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor.

But is Jesus the 'one' for us, or are we really waiting for someone or something else to save us?

Our Christmas can't simply be about Jesus' birth a long time ago, celebrating an historical anniversary. It has to be more than that - the celebration of a fresh discovery of an ever-deepening presence of Christ in each of us.

Rejoice! God is not only 'on his way', he is already here!

(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 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145

R. Come, Lord, and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

SECOND READING

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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ACCLAMATION

LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

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Sunday 4th December 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>
Offertory Collection	£232.90	£108.50	TBC
Building Fund		£52.00	
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This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jennifer 'Jenny' Sullivan RIP, who has died recently. A service will take place at Dunfermline Crematorium on Tuesday 20th December at 10am. Jenny's Funeral Mass will then take place in Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:30am. 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 Jenny's family and reward her with eternal life.

Advent Reconciliation Services

There will be an opportunity to attend a service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's forgiveness before the start of the Christmas season. This will take place on Tuesday 13th December in Ss John & Columba's from 6:30-7:00pm, Wednesday 14th December in St Peter in Chains from 9:30-10:00am and Thursday 15th December from 6:30-7:00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please use this chance to receive God's mercy and forgiveness prior to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Times

As we continue our journey into Advent making our way towards the joyful birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mass times for Christmas have been finalised. On Saturday 24th December the Vigil Mass of Christmas will begin at 5pm in St Peter in Chains, Ss John & Columba's at 7pm (6:15pm Carol Service) and Our Lady of Lourdes at 10pm (Carol Service 9:15pm). Mass on Christmas Day will begin at 9am in St John & Columba's and Our Lady of Lourdes at 11am. There will be no 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes on Christmas Day.

Ladies Group

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

Edinburgh-Lourdes Hospitalite- Christmas Carol Service.

A Christmas Carol service will take place on today (11th 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 next 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 this event next Friday (16th 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

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following dates: Sun 18 Dec, Tue 10 Jan, Sun 12 Feb, Sun 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Advent Reflections

Reflect on the meaning of Advent with two special online talks from Canon Hugh White of Bathgate available to watch now on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel at bit.ly/reconnectingtogod and bit.ly/respondingtogod