

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 1st January <i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:00am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sandra & Alex (Special Int)
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Dolores McGartland (Special Int)
Monday 2nd January <i>Memorial of St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 3rd January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Ann McBride (Special Int)
Wednesday 4th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	Rosary	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Francesca Burke (Ann)
Thursday 5th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Jim Maher (RIP)
Friday 6th January <i>Weekday of Christmas Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Cannon John McCallister (RIP)
Saturday 7th January <i>Weekday in Christmas Time</i> <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Adoration, Rosary & Confession</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	David Swan (Spec Int)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Norma & Joe Lynch (Special Int)
Sunday 8th January <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	9:30am	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Joan Smart (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Long (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Letty Mitchell (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
 Parish Office & Priests Address – 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ Telephone 01383 722202
Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
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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Parish Newsletter.

Sunday 1st January 2023

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Reflection - A Prayer to Mary

Lord Jesus, we thank for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen. The first thing the angel says is: Do not be afraid!

The second is: Joy to be shared by the whole people! The third is: Today! Then the angel gives three names to indicate who Jesus is: Saviour, Christ and Lord! Saviour is the one who frees all people from all ties! The authorities in those days liked to use the title Saviour. They attributed the title of Soter to themselves. Christ means anointed or messiah. In the Old Testament this was the title given to kings and prophets. It was also the title of the future Messiah who would fulfil the promises made by God to his people. This means that newly born child, who lies in a manger, has come to fulfil the hopes of the people. Lord was the name given to God himself! Here we have the three greatest titles imaginable.

From this announcement of the birth of Jesus as Saviour, Christ and Lord, can you imagine anyone with a higher standing? And angel says to you: "Be careful! I give you this sign of recognition: you will meet a child in a manger, in the midst of poor people!" Would you believe him? God's ways are not our ways!



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

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

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 66

R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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ACCLAMATION

HEBREWS 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

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Sunday 25th December 2022 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing</u>	<u>Ss John & Columba's Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</u>
Offertory Collection	£699.60	£314.00	£773.27
Building Fund			
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
Bank Account Details	RBS A/C No: 00600297 Sort Code: 833300	RBS A/C No: 00114865 Sort Code: 832339	RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort Code: 833300

This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Your prayers are asked for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who has gone to the Lord on Saturday 31st December 2022. The Vatican has announced that the Holy Father Pope Francis will preside at the funeral which will take place in St Peters on Thursday 5th January. His Grace Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate a funeral Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh that same day beginning at 12:45pm. You are most welcome to attend. Eternal rest grant unto him O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Special Collection - This Weekend

Please note a special collection will be taken this weekend at all masses for the work of Justice and Peace. If you are able please consider contributing to this collection. Thank you.

A Message from Father Joshua

On behalf of myself, Deacon Pat and the office staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. May this coming year be filled with happiness and joy and may our Blessed Lord be with you each and everyday to guide you. I would also like to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of you who gave me gifts at Christmas time this was very touching and to which I am very grateful.

With my prayers and blessings.

Fr Joshua

Funeral Arrangements for the Late Canon McAllister

The Requiem Mass for Canon John McAllister will take place at St Margaret's Church, East Port, Dunfermline, beginning at 12 noon on Friday 6 January 2023, and thereafter to Hillend Cemetery near Inverkeithing. For those wishing to watch online the funeral will be livestreamed on the parish website <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/>

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: Tue 10 January, Sun 12 February and Sun 12 March. No registration required.

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!

Diploma in Catechetics

Register now for the Diploma in Catechetics which begins in January! It's a great way to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Testimonials, FAQs, details and registration at bit.ly/archdiploma2023 Find out more about the Diploma in Catechetics in a 30 min webinar with Sr Anna Marie at 7pm on Wednesday 4 January. Register at bit.ly/aboutdiploma

Archdiocesan Directory

The 2023 Archdiocesan Directory is now available for sale. It includes a liturgical calendar and key contacts for churches, schools, organisation and religious orders in the Archdiocese. These are priced at £3.

Female vocations

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues on the last Sunday of each month at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register or find out more, please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Valentine's Retreat 2023

This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat