

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 25th December</b> <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of Christmas</i> <i>(*live Streamed)</i>	9:00am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tom Higgins (Special Int)
<b>Monday 26th December</b> <i>Feast of St Stephen</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 27th December</b> <i>Feast of St John</i>	6:30pm	*Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy, Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>	Ann Marie & Neil (Special Int)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Wednesday 28th December</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	Rosary	Canon John McCallister (RIP)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
<b>Thursday 29th December</b> <i>Christmas Octave by Date</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	Tony Collins (RIP)
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	
<b>Friday 30th December</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary &amp; Adoration</i>	Scott & Sharon (Spec Int)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday 31st December</b> <i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	James & Elaine (Special Int)
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	
	7:00pm		Ss John & Columba's	
<b>Sunday 1st January</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i> <i>(*Live Streamed)</i>	<b>9:00am</b>	*Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sandra & Alex (Special Int)
	<b>11:00am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Dolores McGartland (Special Int)

**PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Parish Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire** (email: [mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mhtparishnewsletter@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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**Sunday 25th December 2022**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of Christmas**

**Reflection - Accepting God's Invitation**

We began Advent with the cry, 'Come, Lord Jesus'. Now we end it with the joyful shout, 'God is with us!'

Reflecting on the historical birth of Jesus, the Church proclaims the truth that God is, and has always been, with his people. And if God is with us, then God is for us. God is on our side.

God has no desire to live in houses made of wood, stone or gold. God's deepest desire is to live in human flesh. Just as God did that in the human flesh of Jesus Christ a long time ago, God continues to do so now in us.

Like Mary, we accept God's invitation, allowing Jesus to become flesh in us, too; to be seen and experienced in good thoughts, good words and good actions, in deeds of loving kindness which bring life, not death, to God's people.



**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

ISAIAH 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 97

**R.** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. ( R )
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. ( R )
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. ( R )
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. ( R )

### SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-6

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, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

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

### ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

## This Weeks News & Events

### **Liturgical Readings for Christmas Day**

Please note that the readings contained in this weeks newsletter are the readings for Christmas morning. There are different versions for the vigil services which are available in your missal. For those attending the vigil mass you may wish to read the readings on the previous page on Christmas Day itself.

### **A Message from Fr Joshua**

Today as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember that God chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to conceive and bare a son who is our saviour Emmanuel. God always had a plan, that Christ Jesus would be born so that he could die and then rise again saving us from our sins. On this day it very easy to get caught up in the commercialisation that society has created but we must always remember today is about the birth of Jesus Christ who is the most blessed, perfect and wonderful of all who is the saviour and redeemer of the world.

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to all those who have helped prepare our liturgical services. I send my heartfelt gratitude in particular to Deacon Pat for his pastoral assistance and to the parish office staff Mary, Dean and Graham for their hard work behind the scenes. To the sacristans, readers, alter servers, musicians, singers, flower arrangers, cleaners and those I may not have mentioned by name, our parish would simply not be the wonderful place it is without you.

With my prayers and blessings this day and always.

*Fr Joshua.*

### **A Message from Deacon Pat**

I would like to take this opportunity to join with Father Joshua in thanking all those who have helped prepare for our liturgical celebrations. I wish each and everyone of you a happy, holy and safe Christmas. May your day be filled with love and joy as you spend it with those dear to you.

With my best wishes and prayers to all of you.

*Deacon Pat*

### **Mass Time Changes - Next Weekend**

Please note that there will be no morning mass in Ss John and Columba's next Saturday (31st December). Instead there will be an additional vigil mass in the evening to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and to pray together as we prepare to welcome in 2023. Additionally the Sunday Mass times (1st January) will be 9am in Ss John & Columba's and 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be no 5pm mass that evening.

### **Special Collection - Next Weekend**

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

### **Holy Innocents Mass**

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents. This will take place at midday on Wednesday 28 December at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Refreshments and social afterwards. Free parking onsite. Register at [bit.ly/holyinnocents22](http://bit.ly/holyinnocents22)

### **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.

<b>Sunday 18th December 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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