

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 8th January</b> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:30am	*St 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	Ann Marie Hepburn (Special Intention)
<b>Monday 9th January</b> <i>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 10 January</b> <i>Weekday In Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Bob Harding (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 11th January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	Rosary	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Karen McKay (RIP)
<b>Thursday 12th January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Helen McLaughlin (Ann)
<b>Friday 13th January</b> <i>Feast of St Kentigern</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary &amp; Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
<b>Saturday 14th January</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Adoration, Rosary &amp; Confession</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Jenny Sullivan (RIP)
	<i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of the year (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>
5:00pm			Holy Mass	Alison Miller (RIP)
<b>Sunday 15th January</b> <i>2nd Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sr Anna Marie McGuan (Special Intention)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jenny Sullivan (Birthday RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

#### 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: maryolol@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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

## Parish Newsletter.

**Sunday 8th January 2023**

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### Reflection - The Act of Adoration

The act of adoration is as old as humankind itself, because since the beginning, the relationship with the divinity has been accompanied by this demand of love, of humility, of self-offering. Before the greatness of God, we, little people, feel and discover that we are nothing, a speck of dust, a drop from a bucket. In the Old Testament, the act of adoration appears as an act of deep love towards the Lord, an act that demands the involvement of the whole person: the mind, the will to choose, love full of desire and a body that bows and prostrates itself even to the ground. It is said in several places that the act of adoration is accompanied by a prostration with the face touching the ground; the face of man, his gaze, his breath returns to the dust whence he has his origin and there he recognizes himself as creature of God, as a breath of God's nostrils. "Come in, let us bow, prostrate ourselves, and kneel in front of Yahweh our maker" (Ps 94: 6): this is the invitation of Scripture to us every day, showing us the way to walk so that we may again and again come to the truth and so live fully.

The New Testament goes even deeper in its spiritual reflection on this fact and seems to want to accompany us on a pedagogical journey of conversion and of maturity in our interior life. In the Gospels we see the disciples, men and women, adoring the Lord Jesus after his resurrection (Mt 28: 9; Lk 24: 52), because they recognize him as God. Jesus' words in his dialogue with the Samaritan woman give us a deep insight into the truth of this act, which, after all, involves the whole of life and is an attitude of the heart: adoration is for God the Father and does not happen here or there but in Spirit and in truth, that is, in the Spirit and the Son, Jesus. We must not deceive ourselves; it is not by moving from one place to another, nor by seeking this or that spiritual person that we can adore our God. The movement, the journey is an interior one and takes place in our deepest being and is a complete surrender of ourselves, our life, our whole being, to the wings of the Holy Spirit and into the arms of Jesus, wide open on the cross and ever ready to attract all things to himself. St. Peter says clearly: "Simply reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts" (1 Pt 3: 15). The act of bowing to the ground, of prostrating ourselves before the Lord comes from the heart. If we let ourselves be touched and reach into our hearts, if we allow the Lord to enter our hearts, that sacred space, then He will change us completely, transform the whole of our person and make of us new men and women

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

## 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 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71

**R.** *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

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.
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.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.
4. 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.

### SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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### ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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

## This Weeks News & Events

### **Special Collection - Thank you**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the special collection last weekend for the work of Justice and Peace. Details for each Church can be found in the table below.

### **Newsletter Publication**

Please note there will be no newsletter published next weekend. Mass times and intentions for the week beginning the 16th January will be available to view as you enter each of the Churches. The next newsletter publication will be for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### **A Message from the Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul Society**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas appeal. Food and gifts were donated with amazing such generosity to ensure people receiving them felt loved. A big thank you to the pupils teachers and parents of both St Margaret's Primary School and St Columba's High School their donations where very much appreciated.

### **Livestreaming of Holy Mass**

Due to a problem with the internet service that comes from the presbytery at Rosyth we will temporarily be unable to livestream Holy Mass. We are working as hard as we can to find a solution and will hope to limit to only a couple of weeks till we get another plan in please. Apologies for the inconvenience.

### **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](http://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](http://bit.ly/aboutdiploma)

### **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 please email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/valentineretreat)

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Offertory Collection	<b>£260.24</b>	<b>£158.00</b>	<b>£399.80</b>
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