

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 26th February <i>First Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Eileen Collins (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Philip Patterson (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Dellar Family (Spec Int)
Monday 27th February <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 28th February <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Ladi Kauras (RIP)
Wednesday 1st March <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Thomas Higgins (Ann)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
Thursday 2nd March <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Samantha Motherwell (RIP)
Friday 3rd March <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Duncan Fenton (Spec Int)
Saturday 4th March <i>Weekday in the 1st Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Rose McGowan (Ann)
<i>Vigil of the Second Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	John Burns (Sick)
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	
Sunday 5th March <i>Second Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Margaret Grant (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tam Higgins (Ann)

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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 Parish Newsletter.
 Sunday 26th February 2023
 1st Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)*

Reflection - Temptation to Transfiguration

Our great Lenten journey has begun. It's a journey which begins in ash and ends in water. Fire is a profound part of our experience. We know its power to destroy, blacken and reduce to ash.

We know that evil can do the same - destroy our wholeness of spirit, blacken our lives and reduce the beauty of human life to so much dust.

We begin Lent in the ash of acknowledging our own part in harbouring, creating and doing evil - those places in our hearts where the fire of anger, bitterness, selfishness or narrowness of mind and heart has left nothing but cold ash.

The ash is a reminder that our true life is not found in mortal things which eventually turn to dust, but in eternal things. We also know that out of ash new life can bud, grow strong, bloom into fullness - that's the Easter miracle.

As always, the Gospels of the first two Sundays in Lent provide a road map for our Lenten journey from temptation (this Sunday) to transfiguration (next Sunday).

We allow ourselves to be tempted out of the ash of selfishness and narrowness of heart and into a life of open-hearted goodness. We celebrate God's graciousness to us by sharing what we have with those in need whether it be food, wealth, time, love, friendship or compassion. That's what it means to 'repent and believe the Good News'.

In these days when we are so conscious of the impact of human life on God's creation, perhaps we could think about some permanent fasting from our excessive consumption of power, food and petrol in order to allow our earth to heal, to breathe and to continue to be a source of nourishment and life for the whole human family.

God of everlasting goodness, we have turned away from you and from each other, and sought our peace elsewhere. But you have not turned away from us, for you are full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy. You, God of eternal love, call us back to you, fasting, weeping, mourning; with hearts broken in sincerity that we might know true forgiveness and learn to love again. May we learn to trust your love for us, O God. Come, Holy Spirit, tempt us to goodness with God's love. Amen.

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

The Parish Clergy

Parish Administrator:

Rev Fr. Joshua Kauras

Parish Deacon (Permanent):

Rev. Pat Carrigan

Parish Office Staff:

Mary Irvine &
 Dean McGuire



St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dunfermline

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 50

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (**R**)
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (**R**)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (**R**)
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (**R**)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 4:4

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

This Weeks News & Events

Urgent Action from Parishioners

Fife Council is to vote on a motion which proposes that voting rights of Church Representatives on its Education Scrutiny Committee are removed. If this motion is carried it will pose a serious threat to the capacity of the Church to influence decisions regarding Catholic education and Catholic schools. A template letter is available at all Masses **this weekend** along with postcards to allow you to lobby your Councillor before they vote on this issue in March. Please use these to contact your local councillors and make your views known, a list of fife councillors is available at the back of the church for you to check where to send your letter and postcard. You are encouraged to take as many postcards as you require and consider giving them to people you may know who want to support this action.

Pause for Thought

At the beginning of our Lenten journey it is important to make time for the Lord. Our life's may often be busy and challenging but we should encourage ourselves to talk to God through his son Our Lord Jesus Christ. In this season of Lent why not go that bit further? Consider coming to weekday mass (there are morning and evening services to fit into our busy days) or why not come along and participate in Stations of the Cross (or even lead them!). But even more precious a gift is God's forgiveness and mercy which is undoubtedly waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are encouraged at this time to also reach out to others particularly those who may not be attending mass for a while, your positive words may just be what they need to come back to our parish again.

SCIAF'S Wee Boxes

At a time when supporting the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund is more important than ever please consider taking a wee box pack away with you. These are available at the back of all the churches. We will let you know in the coming weeks when you should return them. Many thanks in advance of your support.

Ss John & Columba's 200 Club

Big Congratulations to the winners of the 200 club for the month of January they are as follows: 1st prize Pauline Livingston, 2nd prize Eamon Fitzgerald and 3rd prize Elaine Steinbach. If you would like more information or you would like to join the 200 club which raises funds for the Church please speak with Lisa Quinn.

World Day of Prayer - Rosyth

The world day of prayer for Rosyth & Inverkeithing will take place on Friday 3rd March in the Methodist Church, Rosyth at 2pm. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer - Dunfermline

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place in Friday 3 March at 3 pm in Viewfield Baptist Church. There will also be a Children's service which will take place on Saturday 4 March in St. Leonard's Church at 2 pm followed by a craft workshop at 3pm. In order to assess how much materials will be needed it would be helpful if the names of children who will be attending could put their names on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Vocations Mass

The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to join the priesthood or religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on Monday 6 March at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

Lenten Reflections

Prepare for each Sunday in Lent with a reflection from Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The 'Listening in Lent' talk is posted each Tuesday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lent talks

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorris of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Sunday 19th February 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chains</u> <u>Inverkeithing</u>	<u>Ss John & Columba's</u> <u>Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>Dunfermline</u>
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