

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 12th February</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Eric & Theresa Allcock (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Anna & Jim Hain (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann-Marie Hepburn (Special Intention)
<b>Monday 13th February</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 14th February</b> <i>Feast of St Cyril &amp; St Methodius</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 15th February</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Alex McAuley (Ann)
<b>Thursday 16th February</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Claire Key (RIP)
<b>Friday 17th February</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Michael Ward (Ann)
<b>Saturday 18th February</b> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Adoration, Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Gabriel Fazi (RIP)
	<i>Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>
5:00pm			Holy Mass	Norma Lynch (RIP)
<b>Sunday 19th February</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Jean Devaney (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Michael Cook (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

#### 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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity. Parish Newsletter.

## Sunday 12th February 2023 Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

### Reflection - Excessive Generosity

In the Jewish tradition, guidance about how to be at rights with God and neighbour is found in the Torah, the teaching contained in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament).

It is especially important for St Matthew, writing his Gospel for Jewish believers, to show that Jesus is not opposed to Jewish teachings and traditions. He has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to complete or fulfil them.

But for Jesus it is not enough to follow these teachings only in external actions. The path that Jesus is calling his disciples to is a path of thorough-going transformation from within.

The short version of this Sunday's Gospel begins with, 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.' Those listening to Jesus would have been deeply shocked by these words. The scribes and Pharisees were considered the righteous ones – those who stood most chance of getting into heaven. They were expert practitioners of the Law. But Jesus is calling his disciples to a more abundant righteousness. He takes traditional interpretations of biblical teachings and corrects and extends them in a more generous interpretation.

A number of examples in today's Gospel reading serve to make the point. As always, Jesus' words go to the heart and from there address issue. For example: it is not enough to be able to say, 'I have kept the commandment not to kill'. What about the anger in your heart that gives rise to a whole raft of insults, bitterness and injury against another person? Virtue and righteousness are about being in right relationship with God and others. It is not about looking good on the outside, fulfilling the 'letter of the Law', but about being good on the inside; having the right attitude of heart so as to be in right relationship with God and neighbour. Such an attitude of heart will manifest itself in generous life-giving actions that make the world safe for others.

True Christian virtue always goes beyond merely what is required and always mirrors the excessive generosity of God.

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.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

ECCLESIASTICUS 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118

**R.** *They are happy who follow God's law!*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **( R )**
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **( R )**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law. **( R )**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **( R )**

### SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

### ACCLAMATION

SAMUAL 3:9 JOHN 6:68

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

## This Weeks News & Events

### **This Weekend's Readings**

Please note that at the Sunday morning masses the children of the parish will lead our service which will include the readings which will be more aimed towards them. Please take your newsletter home where you can consider reading the normal lectionary readings and reflecting on them privately.

### **Children's Mass**

Please note that the children's masses in the parish will be on the third Sunday of every month. You are encouraged to bring the children along to the 9:30am or 11:30am Mass where the children can actively participate. Thank you.

### **Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm this evening (Sunday 12 February) 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. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March. There is no registration is required please just come along.

### **Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday**

The Vigil Mass will be at 7pm in Ss John & Columba's. Mass of the day will be at 10am in St Peter in Chains and 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are able to please join us for one of these services as we prepare as a parish for our Lenten journey.' You are also requested to bring along your palm branch from last year if you are able to. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Thank you.

### **World Day of Prayer**

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.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes 200 Club**

Our Lady of Lourdes 200 Club. Subscriptions are now due. To keep the club viable we need new members. If you would like to join please speak to Mary Irvine or Margaret Collins or complete the form in the porch. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for subs. Membership costs £1 per month.

### **Synod Update**

The Continental Assembly for the Synod Scottish Delegation concludes today (Sunday 12 February) in Prague. Find out more about the Scottish input at this event at [www.archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news-events)

### **Ecumenical Remembering Service**

A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on Sunday 19 February, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

### **Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine**

Archbishop Cushley will join Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Catholic Ukrainian Eparchy in the UK, along with other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on Friday, 24 February, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join Christians in praying for peace.

### **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](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)

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