

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 5th March <i>Second Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	*St 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)
Monday 6th March <i>Weekday in the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 7th March <i>Weekday in the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Michael McHale (Special Int)
Wednesday 8th March <i>Weekday in the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Patrick McHale (Ann)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
Thursday 9th March <i>Weekday in the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Richard Capuyan (Special Intention)
Friday 10th March <i>Weekday in the 2nd Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	John McManus (Ann)
Saturday 11th March <i>Feast of St John Ogilvie</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Jean Devaney (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Jean Devaney (RIP)
Sunday 12th March <i>Third Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Ladi Kauras (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Chioma & Emeka (Special Intention)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Margaret O'Brien (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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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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Sunday 5th March 2023
2nd Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)

Reflection - Transfiguration

This Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration completes the 'little parable' formed by the Gospels of the first two Sundays of Lent.

These Gospels tell us what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a journey from temptation and doubt to transfiguration and faith. A journey away from allowing ourselves to be tempted to evil, and towards allowing ourselves to be tempted to good by the action of God's Holy Spirit within us.

As the 'Chosen One' Jesus will let God's glory be fully seen in the resurrection. On the one hand, this Gospel looks forward to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. On the other, it invites us to reflect on our journey from temptation to transfiguration.

The journey Jesus undertakes does not end in death, but in life. Through prayer we remain in contact with the heart of God which allows God's love to transform and transfigure us and to 'burst forth' in goodness. That's how we allow the glory of God to be seen in us and through us.

Transfiguration means to be shot-through with the presence of God. Being transfigured is about allowing the presence of God to completely transform us; it's a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness.

Our life as Christians is about being transfigured by the Spirit of God so that God is seen in, and experienced through, us.

It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be tempted by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. It takes great faith to trust in God's word to us. But if we do, the living word of the Chosen One forms in us the heart 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

GENESIS 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 32(33)

R. *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (**R**)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (**R**)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (**R**)

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 17:5

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him' Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

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Sunday 26th 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>
Offertory Collection	£176.80	£143.50	£363.86
Building Fund		£59.00	
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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This Weeks News & Events

Notice from Fr Joshua

I would sincerely like to thank the many parishioners who since my arrival have on a daily basis helped my carry out my priestly mission of preaching the Gospel and celebrating Holy Mass, as well as visiting the sick and generally getting around even taking me to get my grocery shopping. Without your unwavering help and commitment I would have found this very challenging. To you all you have my heartfelt gratitude. I wish to also offer my thanks to all the parishioners who have offered prayers and given me cards on the passing of my mother Laudi Kauras, this has been of great comfort to me. To each and everyone of you mentioned you are assured of my prayers and blessings always.
Fr Joshua Kauras, Parish Administrator

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 the back of all the churches 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.

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.

Feast of St John Ogilvie

The feast of St John Ogilvie, Jesuit priest and martyr of the Scottish Reformation, is celebrated on Friday 10 March. The Jesuits at Sacred Heart Church in Edinburgh (Lauriston Street) celebrate Mass at 7:00pm with Fr Jamie McMorris as guest preacher and music from Edinburgh University Chamber Choir. Reception after Mass.

Palm Sunday With the Archbishop

Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk please use the following link bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

Lenten Reflections

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 15, 22 March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023 Catch up on YouTube at: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Mass with Relics of Padre Pio

Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They will be in the Archdiocese on Friday 24 March at 7:00pm at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

Journeying with New Scots

An ecumenical gathering of churches to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. St Mark's Parish Church in Raploch, Stirling, Saturday, 25 March 10:00am – 3:30pm. All welcome. Registration and details of this event can be found at <https://journeyingwithnewscots.eventbrite.co.uk>

Archdiocesan Lenten Retreat

A retreat titled Encountering Jesus will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, a Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland and it will help you draw closer to Jesus in Lent. Fri 24 Mar 7:30pm - 8:30pm; Sat 25 Mar 10:00am - 3:00pm; Sun 26 Mar 9:30am - 11:00am. No registration required.

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