

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 12th March</b> <i>Third Sunday</i> <i>in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	*St 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)
<b>Monday 13th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 14th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> & <i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 15th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Samantha Motherwell (RIP)
<b>Thursday 16th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> & <i>Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Deceased Relatives (RIP)
<b>Friday 17th March</b> <i>Feast of St Patrick</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Margaret Savage (Ann)
<b>Saturday 18th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> & <i>Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	John & Sarah Brogan (Special Intention)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Ladi Kauras (RIP)
<b>Sunday 19th March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday</i> <i>in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Tom McGuire (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Margaret O'Brien (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 March 2023 3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)

#### Reflection - Come and Drink

Last Sunday the Gospel of the Transfiguration completed the 'little parable' which begins Lent. The Gospels of the first two Sundays describe what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a constant 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.

The Gospels of the next three Sunday make clear that the Way from temptation to transfiguration is in and through Jesus Christ who is Living Water, Light and Life for the would-be disciple. They are three great stories from John about responding in faith: • The Woman at the Well – coming to faith despite barriers, personal history, differences of religious tradition, circumstances of life. • The Man Born Blind – Faith grows amidst all sorts of trials and the doubt of others. • The Raising of Lazarus – Faith tested by the ultimate: death.

The first of the three 'great Gospels' of Lent is ours this weekend: the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

The ground-work for the Gospel is laid in the first reading from Exodus. The people are thirsty, God gives them water even though they grumble against him and 'put him to the test'.

From the story of Jesus' encounter with the woman we might gather that faith comes through personal encounter with Jesus who offers us the living water of his Spirit. Jesus offers us his spirit in spite of all kinds of barriers, our personal history or circumstances and our often stubborn reluctance. Faith is a journey – it takes time to understand what is being offered and who is offering it. Some barriers about religion or religious practice need to be transcended to enter fully into faith which does not depend on cultic rituals. Faith makes us into missionaries, evangelists, proclaimers of Good News.

Water is a powerful symbol of life. You can last many days without food, but only a few without water. In our Christian tradition water is a strong symbol of the life of God which sustains us and brings our hearts to life. That is why we use it in Baptism and to bless objects and ourselves. The living water Jesus promises is his Spirit. A spirit which heals and transforms; which revels in the experience of God's love and mercy; which cannot help but proclaim God's goodness.

Our fresh encounter with the spirit of Christ this Lent heals and transforms us, and makes us into a "living gospel for all to hear".

(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

EXODUS 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt?’ they said. ‘Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?’ Moses appealed to the Lord. ‘How am I to deal with this people?’ he said. ‘A little more and they will stone me!’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.’ This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, ‘Is the Lord with us, or not?’

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **( R )**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **( R )**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **( R )**

## SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God’s glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

## ACCLAMATION

JOHN 4:42.15

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory! Lord you really are the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never be thirsty. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

## GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?’ – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: ‘If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.’ ‘You have no bucket, sir,’ she answered ‘and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?’ Jesus replied: ‘Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.’ ‘Sir,’ said the woman ‘give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.’ ‘Go and call your husband’ said Jesus to her ‘and come back here.’ The woman answered, ‘I have no husband.’ He said to her, ‘You are right to say, “I have no husband”; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.’ ‘I see you are a prophet, sir’ said the woman. ‘Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said: ‘Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus ‘I am he.’ At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, ‘What do you want from her?’ or, ‘Why are you talking to her?’ The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. ‘Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?’ This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples asked one another, ‘Has someone been bringing him food?’ But Jesus said: ‘My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.’ Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony when she said, ‘He told me all I have ever done’, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, ‘Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.’

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

# This Weeks News & Events

## **Special collection - Next Weekend**

“Next weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world. We pray for all those involved in charities of the Church, which help those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent.” – *Archbishop Leo*

## **Ss John & Columba’s 200 Club - February Winners**

Massive congratulations to the winners of the 200 club for the month of February they are as follows: 1st prize Stella Fitzgerald, 2nd prize Mary Guild and 3rd prize Tommy Bryce. If anyone would like more information or would like to join the 200 club which raises money for the church please contact Lisa Quinn after Mass.

## **Mothers Group - Stations of the Cross**

The Mothers Group will lead the stations of the cross in Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 23rd March prior to the 7pm Mass. Please come along and join with them and the parish on this our Lenten journey with the Lord.

## **Children’s Mass - Next Weekend**

As next Sunday will be the third Sunday of the month the children of the parish will lead the readings of the liturgy. Please consider bringing along your children who so they can participate. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Lenten Reflections**

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret’s, Davidson’s Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 and 22 March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023) Catch up on previous reflections which can be found on YouTube at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://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>

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

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