

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 19th March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	*St 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
<b>Monday 20th March</b> <i>Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 21st March</b> <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Ermelinda McLees (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 22nd March</b> <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	David Reith (RIP)
<b>Thursday 23rd March</b> <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	John Markie (Ann)
<b>Friday 24th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Lent</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Eddie Lamond (RIP)
<b>Saturday 25th March</b> <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord</i>  <i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Anne McGowan (Special Intention)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Christopher Wilson (Ann)
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> <i>Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Joyce Girdwood (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Samantha Motherwell (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish

**PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Parish Safeguarding Officers -** Michael McCourt (PiC); Lisa Quinn & Karen Parker (J&C); Andrew Millar & Christopher Nwachukwu (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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**4th Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)**

**Reflection - Journey Into the Light**

In this Sunday's Gospel we accompany the man who was born blind on his journey into the light. The first thing we read in the full version of this Gospel is that Jesus announces that the man is sinless – he has been born blind so that God's glory can be seen at work in him. Then Jesus gives the blind man sight. Notice that the man didn't ask to be healed – this is Jesus' initiative, taking the first step and reaching out in love. That's how Jesus approaches us, too.

When the man returns home there is no rejoicing or welcome from his neighbours and friends. Instead, he is greeted with many questions and much suspicion. They seem blind to what has happened to the man. These same neighbours and friends march the man off to the religious authorities to see what they make of the situation. But they, too, greet the man with many questions and great suspicion and finally drive him away. They, too, are blind to the work of God both in the man and in Jesus who cured him.

Jesus seeks the man out and asks if he believes. The man asks in whom he should believe. Jesus answers, 'in me'. The man, who now sees clearly who Jesus is, believes and worships.

The man's whole world has been totally transformed from total darkness into light through the loving action of Jesus. Bit by bit throughout the reading the man has gradually come to realise who Jesus is. At first Jesus is simply 'a man', then 'a prophet', then 'Son of Man' and finally, 'Lord'.

We, too, can be blind to the many ways God is present in our lives and in those around us. It can take some time on our journey of faith to realise just who Jesus is and to allow our lives to be filled with Light.

The candles we use in our churches remind us of the vitality and life of Christ which has been entrusted to us. With our minds lit and our hearts warmed by the Spirit of Christ we, too, develop true insight and as God's heart begins to beat within our own, we become light and warmth for each other.

May the light of Christ burn strongly within us!

(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

1 SAMUEL 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22(23)

**R.** *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (**R**)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (**R**)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (**R**)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (**R**)

## SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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## GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

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

# This Weeks News & Events

## **Special Collection - This Weekend**

This 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. Please pick up a copy of the letter from Bishop Brian McGee explaining how your donations help SCIAF support those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Children's Mass**

Today at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses the children of the parish will lead the readings of the liturgy. Readings contained on the previous page are the readings of the day. Please consider as always taking the newsletter home with you and reflecting on them there.

## **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Reith RIP, who has died recently. David's funeral service will take place at Hillend Cemetery on Wednesday 22nd March at 1:30pm. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen. May God continue to console and guide David's family and reward him with eternal life.

## **Ss John & Columba's Grotto**

You will remember a number of weeks ago we announced that a grotto would be erected in the grounds of Ss John & Columba's Church. We are pleased to announce that finally after a brief delay in its arrival the statue has now arrived in the parish. We are extremely grateful to the Ss John & Columba's 200 club for there generosity in paying for the statue. However we are now looking to fundraise as much money as possible to create a space (opposite the entrance to the church) that will be a place of sanctuary and prayer that all may come to. What is even more comforting is that Our Blessed Lord is just behind us in the tabernacle in the church. To raise funds from next weekend and in Ss John & Columba's we will pause the building fund collection and use this collection for the church grotto. There will be envelopes at the back of St Peter in Chains and Our Lady of Lourdes for parishioners to donate to the fundraising efforts should they wish. Envelopes in these churches should be placed in the collection baskets. We appeal to all parishioners and encourage you to be as generous as you can, no matter how big or small you can give each and every donation is greatly appreciated. A weekly update will be provided in the newsletter also. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Committee**

The committee in Our Lady of Lourdes are sending pilgrims to Lourdes as part of the Archdiocesan pilgrimage in July of this year. We are fundraising and there will be a collection after Mass on 26th March in OLOL church. An Easter cake baked by a parishioner and other prizes will be raffled on Easter Sunday. Tickets will be on sale from today. Money raised from Sunday Coffees each week will also go to the fund. Raffle prizes gratefully received which can be left at the back of the church. Thank you to for your loyalty to Lourdes enabling the work that we do.

## **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. A template letter and postcards are still available at the back of all three churches to allow you to lobby your Councillor before they vote on this issue in March.

## **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 will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 22nd March. Register at [bit.ly/lenttalks2023](http://bit.ly/lenttalks2023)

<b>Sunday 12th March 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><i>St Peter in Chains</i></b> <b><i>Inverkeithing</i></b>	<b><i>Ss John &amp; Columba's</i></b> <b><i>Rosyth</i></b>	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b> <b><i>Dunfermline</i></b>
Offertory Collection	<b>£190.20</b>	<b>£141.50</b>	<b>£366.85 (last week £497.82)</b>
Building Fund		<b>£47.50</b>	
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