

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 23rd April <i>3rd Sunday in Eastertide</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Susan Stewart (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Kenneth Rogers (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Pat Ward (RIP)
Monday 24th April <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	12:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Service	John Mooney (RIP)
Tuesday 25th April <i>Feast of St Mark</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Marianne Stewart (Sick)
Wednesday 26th April <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Agnes McKenna (RIP)
	11:00am	Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Service	Susan Stewart (RIP)
Thursday 27th April <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	George Cockburn (Ann)
Friday 28th April <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Nicola Murray (Ann)
Saturday 29th April <i>Weekday in the 3rd Week of Eastertide</i> <i>Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday in Eastertide</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Marie Styan (Sick)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Joe McLean (RIP)
Sunday 30th April <i>4th Sunday in Eastertide</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Neil Ward (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Pat Ward (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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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Reflection - Two Stories of Transformation

Luke's wonderful story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus is another story of transformation through personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

It is a heart-warming story and we can easily identify with the two disciples feeling crushed by the weight of their shattered dreams. They don't believe the story of the women that Jesus is alive.

They don't recognise the stranger when he walks beside them. Perhaps that's because they are so involved in their own hurt and disappointment, and doesn't that sometimes happen to us, too?

What does Jesus do? First, he invites them to share with him their story, he lets them talk it out. Then he draws them into the bigger story of his life, death and resurrection by unfolding the scriptures for them. In other words, he gives them a sense of perspective. He puts their story in touch with the bigger story of God's purpose.

Their hope is being rebuilt and their hearts are beginning 'to burn' as Jesus talks. They are beginning to 'catch fire' again. When they arrive at Emmaus, Jesus makes as if to go on, but the disciples beg him to stay.

At table Jesus takes the bread, says the traditional Jewish blessing (like Grace Before Meals) and breaks the loaf and the eyes of these faithful, yet blind, disciples are opened to recognise him.

The disciples can scarcely contain themselves and set out immediately to return to Jerusalem, eager to share their story. To travel at night in the ancient world was to risk robbery and death, but, they just can't wait.

From being two sad, depressed, down-hearted, grieving men the disciples have been transformed into impatient, enthusiastic heralds of good news through their encounter with Jesus.

It is the same Jesus whom we encounter in our hearts and in the Eucharist.

Maybe we could spend a little time sharing with Jesus our story and listening more deeply to his.

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

The Parish Clergy

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Rev Fr. Joshua Kauras

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Rev. Pat Carrigan

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Mary Irvine &
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St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Dunfermline

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 15(16)

R. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R)
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION

LUKE 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Mooney RIP, who has died recently. John's Funeral Service will take place at 12:30pm on Monday 24th April in Ss John & Columba's. His committal will then take place at 1:30pm at Douglas Bank Cemetery. 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 John's family and reward him with eternal life.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Stewart RIP, who has died recently. Susan's Funeral Service will take place at 11:00am on Wednesday 26th April in Ss John & Columba's. Her committal will then take place at 11:45am at Douglas Bank Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace. Amen, May God continue to console and guide Susan's family and reward her with eternal life.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Cunningham RIP, who has died recently. Margaret's Funeral Service will take place at 2:45pm on Friday 28th April at Dunfermline Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace. Amen, May God continue to console and guide Margaret's family and reward her with eternal life.

Easter Collection Totals

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collections over the easter weekend. The totals were as follows: St Peter in Chains £376.10, Ss John & Columba's £358.50 (Grotto £380.50) and Our Lady of Lourdes £858.72.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday (30 April) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). If you feel called to the priesthood, religious life, or permanent diaconate have a chat with Fr Joshua, Deacon Pat or our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 religiousvocations@staned.org.uk. A special collection detailed below will assist with this work.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

Please note that there will be a special collection next weekend for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund in all three churches. The Grotto/building fund will return the following week. Please support the special collection if you are able to. Thank you.

Bingo & Stovies Night Fundraiser

On Friday 28th April in St Peter in Chains Hall there will be a fundraiser bingo evening raising funds for St Peter in Chains Church. As well as this there will be a hearty plate of stovies for everyone! Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets £5 available in all three churches.

Parish Coffee Morning

On Saturday 13th May we will hold a parish coffee morning in St Peter in Chains hall from 10:30am. The morning mass will take place in the church that day. Tickets are £5 (available soon) which will include tea/coffee and sweet treats/cake. We are looking for people blessed by the Lord with baking skills to donate any cakes/sweet treats. These can be dropped off on the evening of the 12th from 6-7pm or brought along on the day. All of the funds raised will go towards the grotto at Ss John & Columba's.

Ss John & Columba's Grotto - Weekly Update

Please see the table which details the weekly total as we continue towards our target of **£1500**. **The grand total so far is £807.50**. The special collection will continue each week, please continue to contribute if you are able.

Sunday 16th April 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John & Columba's Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	£245.90	£171.00	£392.95
Second Collection		£107.00 (Grotto)	£21.50 (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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