

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 30th April <i>4th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Neil Ward (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Pat Ward (RIP)
Monday 1st May <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Eastertide</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 2nd May <i>Memorial of St Athanasius</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Helen McAllister (RIP)
Wednesday 3rd May <i>Feast of St Philip & St James</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Sandie Moffat (Ann)
Thursday 4th May <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Eastertide</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Christopher Cooper (Sick)
Friday 5th May <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Stanley Jackson (Sick)
Saturday 6th May <i>Weekday in the 4th Week of Eastertide</i> <i>Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Stanley Webb (Sick)
	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
Sunday 7th May <i>5th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Nicola Murray (Ann)
	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Margaret Glancey (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann Cotter (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jacqueline Webb (Spec Int)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
 Parish Office & Priests Address – 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ Telephone 01383 722202
Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryolol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
Parish Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator – Dean McGuire (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) Submissions by 12 noon on a Friday.
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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Reflection - Jesus, Shepherd and Gate

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because no matter what reading cycle we are in, the Gospel always focusses on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

This year, the Gospel reading talks about Jesus as the ‘gate of the sheepfold’, that is, Jesus is the one through whom we truly enter into the fold of God. The reading implies that those who get into the sheepfold some other way bring only disaster and destruction. Those who enter the fold through Christ, the Good Shepherd, will be safe, will be led to good pasture and have life in all its fullness.

Jesus acts towards us like a good shepherd: feeding, nurturing, defending and even laying down his life for us. Our Good Shepherd is deeply concerned about us, the flock and there is a deep sense of warmth and intimacy in the realisation that Jesus knows each one of us by name. Like a good shepherd Jesus is the source of life, nourishment, and safety for the sheep.

Any reflection about Jesus as the Good Shepherd also serves as a reminder that shepherding each other in Jesus’ name is part of the vocation of every disciple. We are very used to thinking about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, but we also need to think about being/ becoming good shepherds to each other.

One of the very encouraging things about the pandemic was the number of people who became good shepherds to others, providing safety and security to vulnerable people, supporting health workers, providing meals and companionship. Yes, there were the ‘thieves and brigands’ too who preyed on others by hiking prices, selling goods which were never delivered and various other online scams.

But, like Jesus, we are called to bring life in all its fullness to one another.

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

ACTS 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’ Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

1 PETER 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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ACCLAMATION

JOHN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 10:1-10

Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’ Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

This Weeks News & Events

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today Sunday 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 even the 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 - This Weekend

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

Parish Coffee Morning

On Saturday 20th May we will hold a parish coffee morning in St Peter in Chains hall from 10:30am till 12.30pm. The morning mass will take place in St Peter in Chains beforehand. 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 19th from 6-7pm at Ss John & Columba’s Church 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 £905.50**. The special collection will continue each week, please continue to contribute if you are able. Watch this space as we announce the date of both our parish coffee morning (info above and lunch buffet (TBC) to assist the fundraising efforts. Envelopes are available in both St Peter in Chains and Our Lady of Lourdes for those who wish to donate. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far.

Prepare for Pentecost

Join this six-week online talk series to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. This begins on Tuesday 2 May at 7:30pm (1 hour). Register at bit.ly/prepareforpentecost

Songs of Heavenly Visions – the Music of St Hildegard of Bingen

Rebecca Tavener introduces the life and music of St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) with concert performance by Scottish Early Music group Canty. Free admission (donations welcome). Thursday 4 May at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.

Celebrate Marriage

On Wednesday 31 May at 7.15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome to come on the night and celebrate the gift of marriage. After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Coffee Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated and send them to Fr Jeremy Milne, vemarriage@staned.org.uk or call 0131 334 1693.

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Offertory Collection	£255.07	£137.00	£512.67
Second Collection	£220.00	£98.00 (Grotto)	£19.00 (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
Bank Account Details	RBS A/C No: 00600297 Sort Code: 833300	RBS A/C No: 00114865 Sort Code: 832339	RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort Code: 833300