

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 26th March</b> <i>Fifth Sunday</i> <i>in the Season of Lent (A)</i>	9:30am	*St 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
<b>Monday 27th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th Week</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	William Payne (Spec Int)
<b>Wednesday 29th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th 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 30th March</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Pat Ward (RIP)
<b>Friday 31st March</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th Week</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Eddie Lamond (RIP)
<b>Saturday 1st April</b> <i>Weekday in the 5th Week</i> <i>of Lent</i>  <i>Vigil of Palm Sunday of the</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Burke (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Anne Gallagher (RIP)
<b>Sunday 2nd April</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Jack Davies (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Gillian Ross (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Brigid McKenna (Ann)

#### 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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

## Parish Newsletter.

### Sunday 26th March 2023 5th Sunday in the Season of Lent (A)

#### Reflection - Let Him go Free

The final of the three Great Gospels of Lent is ours today - a Gospel story of life and freedom. Like the gospels of the last two Sundays, the dramatic story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead is a story of love, faith and belief.

There are three different groups of believers in the story: those who believe that Jesus could have prevented Lazarus' death (Jesus is already known to be a healer); those who came to believe in him because they see Lazarus rise, and those, like Martha, who believe in Jesus even though Lazarus died.

In this Gospel Jesus proclaims himself 'the resurrection and the life'. We see him deeply moved by the death of his friend. We find him in earnest prayer with God. We see him full of strength as he commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb.

One thing that is rarely commented on about this story is the image of love that pervades it. Jesus has treated the Samaritan woman with dignity, respect, gentleness and love, and reached out in love to heal the blind man without being asked. In this story his love for Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and the grief he feels because of that love, are very clearly seen.

For me, it brings together once again the connection between faith and love. If John intended this story to reassure his community (those who have faith in Jesus) then he makes clear that they are also loved by Jesus, and suggests in a certain manner Jesus, too, weeps when harm (illness and death) come to his friends (believers). The ultimate reassurance is that this loving, faith-filled relationship we have with Jesus not only sustains us in life but also sees us through the dark moments of suffering and death – ultimately to life beyond the restrictions (binding cloths) we find in this world. Finally, we will be free.

For me, the most powerful words in the Gospel are: Unbind him, let him go free.

Freedom is one of the deepest aspirations of the human heart. We long to be free – from illness, worry, fear, (especially at the moment) the expectations of others, guilt, our faults and so on. The ultimate freedom is freedom from eternal death.

We know we can be physically alive and spiritually dead through envy, greed, fear, hatred. We know we can bring death to others through lies, gossip, meanness, cruelty, withholding forgiveness and so on.

By living the life of Christ we bring life, love and freedom to ourselves and each other.

(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

EZEKIEL 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 129(130)

**R.** *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (**R**)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (**R**)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (**R**)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (**R**)

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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

### ACCLAMATION

JOHN 11:25.26

**Praise to you O Christ King of eternal glory. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

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## This Weeks News & Events

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth 'Betty' Flynn RIP, who has died recently. Betty's Funeral Service will take place at 10:45am on Monday 3rd April in Ss John & Columba's. Her committal will then take place at 11:30am 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 Betty's family and reward her with eternal life.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick 'Pat' Ward RIP, who has died recently. Pat's Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00am on Wednesday 5th April in Our Lady of Lourdes. His committal will then take place at 11:30am at Dunfermline 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 Pat's family and reward him with eternal life.

### **Reconciliation Service**

As we get closer to Holy Week and the joyful celebration of the Lords resurrection Fr Joshua would like to offer an the chance to attend the sacrament of reconciliation, please do not worry if you have not been for a long time Fr Joshua will keep you right. The dates and times are as follows: Wednesday 29th March at 9:30am in St Peter in Chains, Thursday 31st at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes and Tuesday 4th April at 6:30pm in Ss John & Columba's. Please come along if you are able to.

### **Extraordinary Ministry - St Peter in Chains**

Please note from this weekend Eucharistic Ministers will return to assisting Fr Joshua during the distribution of Holy Communion at mass in St Peter in Chains. This practice has already returned to Ss John & Columba's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

### **Holy Week & Easter Triduum Information**

As we continue our Lenten journey with the joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection this Eastertide, the service times will be as follows. Thursday 6th April Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7pm in Ss John & Columba's with night prayer at 10pm. On Good Friday the solemn Passion of the Lord will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes and also St Peter in Chains at 3pm and then in Ss John & Columba's at 5pm. The Easter vigil celebrated in St Peter in Chains at 5pm and Our Lady of Lourdes at 8:00pm. Easter Sunday mass will be at 9:00am in Ss John & Columba's and 11:00am in Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be no 5pm mass that day. Please join together as one parish and attend as many services as you can, even if they may not be in the church you attend regularly, this is about the liturgical importance of the service and not it's location. Thank you.

### **Ss John & Columba's Grotto - Special Collection**

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. Thank you.

### **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 this Sunday in OLOL church.

<b>Sunday 19th 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>£251.83</b>	<b>£117.00</b>	<b>£442.75</b>
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