

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 9th April</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	9:00am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Roy McVay (RIP)
	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
<b>Monday 10th April</b> <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i>				
<b>Tuesday 11th April</b> <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	Eddie Lamond (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 12th April</b> <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i>				
<b>Thursday 13th April</b> <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i>				
<b>Friday 14th April</b> <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i>				
<b>Saturday 15th April</b> <i>Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Kathleen Keenan (Special Intention)
<b>Sunday 16th April</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	James Duffy (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Fr Joseph Millar (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family (RIP)

**PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras**, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)  
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**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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*Parish Newsletter.*

**Sunday 9th April 2023**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Reflection**

When someone dies, one of the things we often feel is their absence. The rooms where they lived with us, the places where they sat are now empty and our hearts ache.

Its not hard for us to share Mary's sense of emptiness and bewilderment when she arrives at the tomb.

If we were to read the next few verses from John's Gospel, we would read a story of overwhelming joy as Mary Magdalen meets the risen Jesus. When Jesus speaks her name, Mary recognises him and sadness and emptiness give way to joyful reunion.

It's a story of transformation - how things can change when we meet the risen Jesus.

In a way, we are all caught in tombs which hold loved ones, our experiences of hurt and harm, our fears and anxieties, especially now.

What we seem to need above all at this time is presence. Yet, this is the time when we experience absence most of all - being apart from loved ones, family and friends.

The practice of the presence of God can help us - just frequently reminding ourselves that we always in the presence of God, that we can talk to God as one friend to another, that God is in this moment with us, that God is on our side no matter what comes our way, that God is our constant companion.

Eventually, we will begin to feel more deeply God's presence, not just beside us, but within us. Eventually, the fears and anxieties, the past hurts, and disrupted relationships begin to melt away.

Where once there was only absence, now there is calm, loving, healing Presence and we know we are not alone. Our tombs begin to empty and joy becomes possible again.

Resurrection is all about death giving way to life, the impossible becoming possible, absence becoming presence. May all your tombs be empty!!



**The Parish Clergy**

**Parish Administrator:**

Rev Fr. Joshua Kauras

**Parish Deacon (Permanent):**

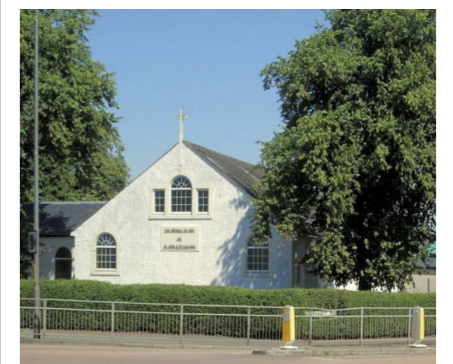
Rev. Pat Carrigan

**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**

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

## Scripture Readings & Responses (Mass of the Day)

## This Weeks News & Events

### FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 117(118)

**R.** *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’ (R)
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

### SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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### ACCLAMATION

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Sunday 26th March 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John &amp; Columba’s Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	<b>£338.52</b>	<b>£178.40</b>	<b>£385.57</b>
Second Collection	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£320.00 (Grotto)</b>	<b>£316.57 (Building Fund)</b>
Standing Orders	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£415.25</b>	<b>£144.75</b>
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

### Easter Message from Fr Joshua

Alleluia Alleluia, today our Blessed Lord has risen from the dead exactly like he promised us he would. It is hard to imagine that only two days ago we listened to scripture telling us of the unimaginable crucifixion that took place. But God had a plan, a magnificent plan, one that would see his only begotten son return to crush sin and to save us. As a result of the Lord’s resurrection death no longer prevails and eternal life is certain for all who believe in his name. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of those who have helped prepare our liturgical services. A particular mention to Deacon Pat for his pastoral support during this time as well as our alter servers, musicians, sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers and the many others who have worked tirelessly for the good of the Church. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy, holy and safe Easter. Remember, Christ the Lord is risen, allow him to shine brightly in your heart this day and always.

My prayers and blessings this day to you all,

*Fr Joshua*

### Easter Message from Deacon Pat

This is truly a remarkable day for us all, Jesus our Lord and saviour is alive!! Be happy, smile and grin from ear to ear telling everyone that will listen ‘Jesus is Lord and he had risen from the dead’. I would like to echo Fr Joshua’s thanks to all who have helped in the lead up to this easter celebration, your hard work never goes unnoticed. All that remains is for me to wish you all a Happy Easter.

With my best wishes,

*Deacon Pat*

### For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Lamond RIP, who has died recently. Eddie’s Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday 11th April in St Peter in Chains. His committal will then take place at 11:30am 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 Eddie’s family and reward him with eternal life.

### Holiday - Fr Joshua

Please note that after what has been a very busy time Fr Joshua will be taking a well deserved break from Monday 10th April until the vigil mass on Saturday 15th April. During this time if you require the urgent assistance of a priest please contact Fr Syriac at St Margaret’s on 01383 625611. For non urgent and general enquires please contact the parish office as normal.

*Dean McGuire, Parish Assistant*

### Newsletter

Please note there will be no newsletter next weekend. Mass times and intentions for the period 15th-23rd April will be displayed at the back of the churches and on our website next weekend.

### Lourdes Committee

It is with sadness I inform you that that the Lourdes committee at OLOL church are retiring. I would like to convey my sincere and heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the parish to all the members past and present who helped assist sick pilgrims to go to Lourdes for over 40 years, this truly is such a remarkable achievement. In the coming weeks I will offer mass in thanksgiving for the committee’s many years of hard work. Congratulations goes to Mary Yuil who won the Easter cake in the recent raffle, other prizes will be distributed to the winners. Finally committee members wish to thank all parishioners for the support they have given over years. *Fr Joshua.*

### Ss John & Columba’s Grotto - Weekly Update

Please see the table on the previous page which details the running total as we continue towards our target of £1,500. 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 (April) and lunch buffet (May) 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.

### Gift Aid Envelopes

A final reminder that Gift Aid Envelopes for each of the Churches are available for collection from the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aid Donor (GAD) but no longer pay tax please ring the parish office on 01383 722202 and leave your contact details. Similarly if you would like to become a GAD please contact the office with your details.