

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 7th May <i>5th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	*St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Margaret Glancey (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Anne Cotter (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jacqueline Webb (Special Intention)
Monday 8th May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 2nd May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Vincent Lloyd (Ann)
Wednesday 9th May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Thursday 10th May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Allan Moore (Ann)
Friday 11th May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (RIP)
Saturday 12th May <i>Weekday in the 5th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
	<i>Vigil Mass for the 6th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>
Sunday 13th May <i>6th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Vaclav Inda (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Marilyn Maz (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Betty & May (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: maryolol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
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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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 Parish Newsletter.*

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Reflection - Jesus, the way, Truth and Life

In the opening words of the Gospel Jesus calls the disciples to trust him and to trust God. He does so in the context of announcing his departure to them. Understandably, the disciples are afraid and uncertain which the questions of Thomas and Philip show.

Jesus calls them to trust him as the way to the God, the living truth about the God and the very life of God.

In a sense, Jesus is our map, our road and the destination of our journey. But arriving at the destination is not something which only happens in heaven. We are meant to start arriving now through the gift of the Spirit.

It is the spirit of Jesus who holds us in communion with God, who reveals to us the truth about God and who is the very life of God within each of us. Jesus is the reign of God in person and that is what we are called to be, too.

We want to live true to the vocation God has given us, aware of the Spirit which has been placed into our hearts, allowing that Spirit to change us into true believers so that the face of God might be seen within our own.

*I am the Way
 the Truth
 and the Life*
 John 14:6

(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

ACTS 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 32(33)

R. *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R)

SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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ACCLAMATION

JOHN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going,' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tommy Clarke and Agnes Cooper who have died recently. May the Lord take Tommy and Agnes to his enteral kingdom where they may rest in peace and rise in glory. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Special Collection - Thank you

The totals for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund collection taken last weekend can be found in the table below. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

There will be a special collection next Sunday which is World Communications Day. This collection will be taken to help the work of the apostolate of communications. Please contribute if you are able. 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 which are now available the ticket price 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. All of the funds raised will go towards the grotto at Ss John & Columba's. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the coffee morning please add your name to the list at the back of the churches. To give us an idea of the amount of baking we can expect please add your name to the list detailing what you are baking. We are also looking for raffle prizes, these can be left in the box at the back of Ss John & Columba's. Alternatively you can email mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com to volunteer or state which items you will be baking. Thank you.

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**. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

CGS has started in St John's Church with a small group of children. The sessions take place in an Atrium, where the environment is set for the children to encounter Jesus in their own space and time. Presentations given to the children encourage them to think about what happens at Mass, and introduces Jesus as a real person who lived on earth. Time is spent thinking about the Kingdom of God, through listening to Jesus' words from Scripture. There is work available for the children to help them absorb what they've just heard. We would like to offer this experience to more children from the whole parish but we need your help to do this. We are seeking adults who are willing to undertake a week's formation as a Catechist (with others from the Archdiocese) from 3-8 July 2023, with a view to being involved in the Atrium after the school summer holidays. The Atrium sessions would be once a week and last between 1-2 hours. This wouldn't be during Mass time - it's a separate occasion. If you'd like an informal chat to find out more, or to visit the Atrium in St John's, call Ann on 07986 824314.

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

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023

St Margaret's Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to this an Ecumenical service will take place at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret.

Sunday 30th April 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	St Peter in Chains Inverkeithing	Ss John & Columba's Rosyth	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline
Offertory Collection	£227.50	£122.90	£437.67
Special Collection	£181.73	£189.00	£285.91
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