

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 14th May <i>6th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	*St 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	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Monday 15th May <i>Weekday in the 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 16th May <i>Weekday in the 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Funeral Mass	Tommy Clarke (RIP)
	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Private Intention
Wednesday 17th May <i>Weekday in the 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Gavin Hill (RIP)
Thursday 18th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> *Holy Day of Obligation*	10:00am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Patricia Connelly (RIP)
Friday 19th May <i>Weekday in the 6th Week of Eastertide</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Christopher Wilson (RIP)
Saturday 20th May <i>Weekday in the 6th Week of Eastertide</i> <i>Vigil Mass for the 7th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Bartholomew Uchegbu (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Richard Mainit Capuyan (Thanksgiving)
Sunday 21st May <i>7th Sunday in Eastertide (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Alex Gallagher (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Betty & May (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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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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 Most Holy Trinity.
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 Sunday 14th May 2023
 6th Sunday in Eastertide (A)*

Reflection - Promise of the Spirit, Bond of Love

As we approach the coming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Gospel today focuses on the Holy Spirit.

Jesus returns to the Father in the Ascension, but remains with his disciples through the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This Holy Spirit keeps us in a communion of love with Jesus, with the Father and with one another.

The commandments of Jesus are always about love - love of God and love of neighbour. Those who live by these commandments of Jesus abide with him, others and the Father in love.

Along with the call to love comes a gift to help us, to accompany us on our journey, lending knowledge, courage and a deep experience of God's life and love.

Jesus is the reign of God in person. He is both the image of God and the model of the redeemed human being that each of us is called to be.

The Gospel makes a number of important points: the basis of our relationship with Jesus is love; Jesus' return to the Father does not leave us orphans because his spirit, the Spirit of truth, the Advocate, will be with us always; Jesus will, one day, return.

The whole Gospel reading today is like a love poem. God's love for us, shown clearly in the life of Jesus, draws us into love with him and one another and allows us to share God's life both now and for ever.

May the new life we celebrate over the next fifty days bring us the creativity of Spirit we need to be the living heart of God in our world today.

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

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Scripture Readings & Responses

This Weeks News & Events

FIRST READING

ACTS 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 65(66)

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R)

SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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ACCLAMATION

JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 7th May 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chains</u> <u>Inverkeithing</u>	<u>Ss John & Columba's</u> <u>Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>Dunfermline</u>
Offertory Collection	£198.55	£130.50	£482.65
Special Collection		£96.60 (Grotto)	£13.81 (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

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tommy Clarke RIP, who has died recently. Tommy's Funeral Mass will take place at 10am on Tuesday 16th May in St Peter in Chains. His committal will then take place at 11:15am at Hillend 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 Tommy's family and reward him with eternal life.

Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

This coming Thursday (18th May) is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated 10:00am in Ss John & Columba's and 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please make every effort to attend one of these masses.

Children's Mass

Please note that the monthly children's mass will take place next Sunday, the children from the parish will read our scripture readings and participate in the mass. Please bring them along so they can participate.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

World Communications Day is on Sunday 21 May. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications next weekend. We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.

Parish Coffee Morning

Next Saturday (20th May) we will hold a 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 you 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.

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Food, drink, stories and songs for anyone of any faith background or none who misses chances to "connect" in real life and who is drawn to the Catholic parish of the Most Holy Trinity. This will take place in the wee room at the back of Our Lady of Lourdes church, Wednesdays 17th and 24th May from 7.30 – 9pm. Preceded by Adoration 7. - 7.15pm and tea/coffee 7.15 – 7.30pm for all who wish. For more information contact Margaret on - 01383 728844 or email calamhairi@gmail.com

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 £1002.10**. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far. Please continue to support if you are able.

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. 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 would like an informal chat to find out more, or to visit the Atrium in St John's, call Ann on 07986 824314.

Charity Half Marathon Fundraising

Mr Mulholland from St. Columba's RC HS is running the Edinburgh Half Marathon on Sunday 28th May to raise money supporting young people in our community who cannot afford extracurricular activities (such as the Prom or school trips) due to childhood poverty. If you can support him please use the sponsor sheet at the back of the church or go to his Just Giving Page by clicking on this QR Code also located at the back of the church. Thank you.