

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 25th June</b> <i>12th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Grace Tilsner & Akin Motayo (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Florence Rankin (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Patrick McKenna (Ann)
<b>Monday 26th June</b> <i>Weekday in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b> <i>Weekday in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Peter O'Hora (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 28th June</b> <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Patricia McAllister (RIP)
<b>Thursday 29th June</b> <i>Solemnity of St Peter &amp; St Paul</i> <b>*Holy Day of Obligation*</b>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Dunkan (Special Intention)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Liz Ward (Special Intention)
<b>Friday 30th June</b> <i>Weekday in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	10:00am	<b>Ss John &amp; Columba's</b>	Holy Mass	St John's Primary School Leavers
<b>Saturday 1st July</b> <i>Weekday in the 12th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Kathleen Keenan (Special Intention)
<i>Vigil of the 13th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Margaret Gilchrist (RIP)
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b> <i>13th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ian Rodger (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Andrew Stanton (RIP)

**PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire** (email: [mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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, please print the name of person in block capitals for ease of eligibility.

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

**Sunday 25th June 2023**

**12th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)**

## Reflection - Be the Living Gospel

The second part of Jesus' instruction to the disciples as they set out for their mission is the text of the Gospel today.

The opening sentence sets the tone for the disciples' mission: Do not be afraid - a phrase which is repeated twice more in this Gospel passage.

The first reading from the Old Testament book of the prophet Jeremiah reflects Jeremiah's experience of rejection - no one wants to hear the message God has called him to give. In fact, they want to kill him. Jeremiah sounds desperate and afraid. But then the reading turns into a prayer of confidence and trust in God's companionship and spiritual protection - God and Jeremiah will win out.

Preaching in the name of God is a risky and frightening business, as Jesus knows. So he urges the disciples not to be afraid of small beginnings, of those who can kill only the body, or that God would abandon them. He reminds them that God is always mindful of them and accompanies them on their mission. He urges them to be brave and bold in proclaiming the truth about God and in confessing their belief in Jesus before others.

Matthew's audience, like Jesus, Jeremiah and the disciples, knew all about persecution and rejection. Their question is also ours: if we allow fear to silence us how will the Good News of Jesus Christ ever be heard in the world? If we don't speak, who will? If we don't act, who will? It is not really a matter of talking at people and quoting at length from the Bible. As St Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words'.

## 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

### FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “‘Terror from every side!’ Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 68

**R. In your great love, answer me, O Lord.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother’s sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. ( R )
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. ( R )
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. ( R )

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

### ACCLAMATION

JOHN 1:14.12

**Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. ‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. ‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

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

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<b>Sunday 18th June 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chains</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>Ss John &amp; Columba’s</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
Offertory Collection	<b>£243.12</b>	<b>£192.00</b>	<b>£445.87</b>
Second Collection		<b>£88.50 (Grotto)</b>	<b>£20.50 (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

## This Weeks News & Events

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony ‘Lee’ Spencer RIP, who has died recently. Lee’s Funeral Mass will take place at 10am on Tuesday 4th July in Ss John & Columba’s. His committal will be a private event for family only. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. May God continue to console and guide Lee’s family and reward him with eternal life.

### **Special Collection - This Weekend**

There will be a special collection at all masses this weekend for the Apostolate for Life. Please contribute if you are able to. Thank you.

### **Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul**

Please note that this coming Thursday 29th June is the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul and is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation, we are required by the church to attend mass on this day. Mass will be celebrated in the parish at 10am in St Peter in Chains and a 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please make every effort to attend at least one of these masses. Thank you.

### **Weekday Mass Schedule Change**

Please note that mass on Friday 30th June will take place in Ss John & Columba’s this mass will be celebrated with the Children from St John’s Primary who will be leaving the school to head to Secondary School. Please keep the children in your prayers, may the Lord bless them in this important stage of their education.

### **Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound**

We would like to congratulate those recently commissioned by Father Joshua to carry out the special ministry of Extraordinary Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. As we now have a higher number of ministers who can visit the sick and housebound please add the name of anyone who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the list at the back of the church. All necessary safeguarding checks will be completed prior to housebound visits.

### **Coffee Catch Up**

A Coffee morning catch up is planned for Tuesday 27th June 10am in the room at the back of Our Lady of Lourdes church. Please come along enjoy a chat and a cuppa. All are welcome.

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

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£2035.00**. As you will see the erection of the grotto is well underway and work will continue until its completion. We expect to spend around £5,000 to complete the grotto (the statue costing £2,500 was kindly paid for by the 200 club, with building materials for the grotto costed at around £1,500). Due to the money we have all helped raise and to protect the grotto we intend to install CCTV to cover the grotto and the wider church grounds, we cannot take the chance that any of the items are stolen or vandalised. To enhance the look of the grotto we will also buy pots/plants. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far if you are able to, please continue to support this worthwhile cause through the second collection or our fundraising events.

### **Parish Sponsored Walk**

As we continue to raise funds for the grotto we have arranged another event to support this. On Saturday 8th July we will take part in a sponsored walk from Ss John & Columba’s church walking over the Forth Road Bridge and back. We will set off on the walk after 10:30am mass and there will be a comfort break at the south side of the bridge (there are toilets). On arrival back at the church there will be water and squash available as well as a sweet treat. All are welcome to attend including the children of the parish. Registration of interest as well as sponsor forms are now available at the back of all churches of our churches please consider taking a copy away and asking friends/family to sponsor our event. Thankyou.

### **Archdiocesan Job Vacancy**

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Director of Property (full-time). For full job details and how to apply visit [bit.ly/propertydirector2023](http://bit.ly/propertydirector2023). Closing date for applications is this coming Thursday 29 June with interviews scheduled for Thursday 6 July.

### **Study Theology in Edinburgh**

The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary’s University in Scotland and begins in September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>