

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 2nd July <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)
Monday 3rd July <i>Feast of St Thomas</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 4th July <i>Weekday in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	10:00am	Ss John & Columba's	Funeral Mass	Anthony Spencer (RIP)
	6:30pm		<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Jason Hetherington (Ann)
Wednesday 5th July <i>Weekday in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Mary Morgan (Spec Int)
Thursday 6th July <i>Weekday in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	John Forte (Ann)
Friday 7th July <i>Weekday in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Dineen Family (Spec Int)
Saturday 8th July <i>Weekday in the 13th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Gerard Shearer (RIP)
<i>Vigil of the 14th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (RIP)
Sunday 9th July <i>14th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	June Leong (Spec Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Canning (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Michael Tierney (Ann)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

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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, please print the name of person in block capitals for ease of eligibility.

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Reflection - True Discipleship

Today's Gospel is the final in this section of Matthew's Gospel about the spread of the Kingdom and the role of the disciples.

Matthew often uses events as a beginning point for Jesus' sermons. The section we have been listening to began with the call of Matthew and was followed by the instructions given to the disciples before setting out on mission. We heard part of that last Sunday.

So far in this sermon we have heard Jesus teach that the truly virtuous are those who exercise mercy; disciples are to proclaim the Kingdom of God with works of compassion and mercy; they are not to let fear compromise the message, but are to trust always in God.

Today's Gospel passage highlights both the cost and rewards of true discipleship. The disciples' relationship with Jesus must be the centre of their lives and the context for all other relationships.

Hospitality and welcome are concrete expressions of discipleship because the disciple is one who witnesses to the compassion and mercy of God with open hearts and concrete good actions.

Even though the first paragraph of today's Gospel sounds like an exclusive choice must be made between Jesus and family, the idea behind the text is more that: in our relationship with Jesus, all other relationships fall into their proper context.

Without being in right relationship with Jesus we can't learn how to be in right relationship with others. It is our relationship with Jesus which brings depth and richness to all our other relationships. So, for example, our family relationships become more than just fulfilling a social custom. They become true relationships filled with love, mercy, forgiveness and respect.

The Pharisees and Scribes seldom made good disciples because they thought that religion was about doing religious things. They went to the synagogue, kept the Law, fasted, and so on, but their hearts were never changed by their religious observance. They were self-righteous, despised the poor and the 'sinners', and acted without justice or mercy.

The truth about our conversion to Jesus (our becoming Jesus) is not so much seen in easily identifiable 'religious' things but in concrete good actions and right relationships.

Our religious observance is meant to support and nourish our relationship with Jesus. It is not a substitute for it. That relationship has the power to change and transform us so that we can bear witness to Christ through lives of mercy, compassion, justice and integrity.

(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

2 KINGS 4:8-11,14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 88

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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ACCLAMATION

ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 25th June 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u><i>St Peter in Chains</i></u> <u><i>Inverkeithing</i></u>	<u><i>Ss John & Columba's</i></u> <u><i>Rosyth</i></u>	<u><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></u> <u><i>Dunfermline</i></u>
Offertory Collection	£209.20	£168.00	£442.27
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This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janina Genowefa Jawniak RIP, who has died recently. Janina's Funeral Mass will take place at 10:30am on Tuesday 11th July in Our Lady of Lourdes, her committal will then take place at 11:30am at Dunfermline Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace and rise in glory, Amen. May God continue to console and guide Janina's family and reward her with eternal life.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

There will be a special collection next weekend at all masses for St Peter's Pence which supports the Holy Father's charitable initiatives for the universal church. Please contribute if you are able to. Thank you.

Bishop's Conference of Scotland Update

At its meeting held in June the Bishop's of Scotland have requested that parishes now return to liturgical practices that were in place prior to the covid pandemic. With a greater number having already returned to attending mass in person measures such as mass streaming is also requested to cease in parishes. With this in the mind, the parish will cease to stream mass from Ss John & Columba's with the last streamed mass taking place on Sunday 9th July. Thank you to all have supported with streaming services and watched services thus far.

Housebound Sacraments

Parishioners who are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion are asked to arrange this directly with Fr Joshua through the parish office. This is to allow for the Priest or Communion Minister to attend to the person. For the Sacrament of the Sick please also contact Fr Joshua for this to be arranged.

Mass of Thanksgiving & Grotto Dedication

We are pleased to announce that His Grace Archbishop Cushley will attend the parish on Saturday 30th September to celebrate a mass of thanksgiving for all who have supported with the creation of the grotto at Ss John & Columba's. After mass the Archbishop will bless and formally dedicate the grotto. Following this we will then have a parish fun day in the grounds of the church where we will have raffle, tombola, home baking as well as various other stalls. There will be tea/coffee and sandwiches available as well as a celebratory cake. More details to follow so watch this space!

Parish Sponsored Walk - Next Saturday

Next 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 should be completed this weekend so we know the numbers to expect. Sponsor forms are now available at the back of all churches please consider taking a copy away and asking friends/family to sponsor our event. Thankyou.

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.

Festival Mass

Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023. This will take place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. All are welcome.

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>