

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 16th July <i>15th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Pringle (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	David Burtenshaw (Special Int)
Monday 17th July <i>Weekday in the 15th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 18th July <i>Weekday in the 15th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Michael Gaffney (Ann)
Wednesday 19th July <i>Weekday in the 15th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Edna Vaughan (RIP)
Thursday 20th July <i>Weekday in the 15th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Betty & May (RIP)
Friday 21st July <i>Weekday in the 15th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Maria Watson (RIP)
Saturday 22nd July <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Ian Grand (Ann)
	<i>Vigil of the 16th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass
Sunday 23rd July <i>16th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Edward McBride (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Samantha Motherwell (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sheila Keam (RIP)

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
Parish Assistant – 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, please print the name of person in block capitals for ease of eligibility.

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Reflection - Becoming Rich Soil

The section of St Matthew's Gospel from which we are now reading concerns the Kingdom of God. Jesus uses this expression frequently in his teaching. The Kingdom is not heaven, it is the life and heart of God. We live in the Kingdom when we live according to the mind and heart of God.

The Kingdom, or reign of God, breaks into human reality when human beings live, breathe and act out of the life of God; when the heart of God becomes ours; when we allow God to speak and act in and through us.

This section about the Kingdom of God is the centrepiece of St Matthew's Gospel. Matthew uses seven parables and explanations to unfold Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom.

Last week's Gospel offered reassurance to those overburdened by religious law and often unable to fulfil it that they were not forsaken by God. Jesus says he is the one who will reveal what God is really like through gentleness and humility and by providing rest (not more burdens) for their souls.

This week we begin the series of parables about the Kingdom with the parable of the Sower. The Sower sows, the seed falls, sometimes the sower's work succeeds, sometimes it does not. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. Not everyone receives the message or responds well to the invitation.

The parable teaches us that God will try anything to get a harvest. The sign of success is the fruit-bearing of the recipients. That's when God's word sown in our hearts becomes our word, too.

Those who do respond to the invitation to life in the Kingdom yield the harvest of goodness and Godliness.

(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

ISAIAH 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 64

R. *Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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ACCLAMATION

SAMUEL 3:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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This Weeks News & Events

Special Collection - Thankyou

Thank you to those who contributed to the special collection for St Peter's Pence last weekend. The money collected will go towards the Holy Father's charitable initiatives for the universal church. Totals for each church can be found in the table below.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto

We plan to run a bus to Carfin Grotto for the national pilgrimage on Sunday 3rd September with Mass beginning at 3pm. The cost of a seat on the bus is £10 per person with pickup/drop of stops being outside the three churches. If you are interested in attending on the bus please add this to the list at the back of the church by Sunday 6 August. Money will be collected from next week. Please note on the above date there will be no 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Next Sunday

Please note that as requested by the Holy Father, next Sunday will be the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We thank all those in the parish who are grandparents or fulfil the role of a grandparent that the Lord will bless them for the important role they play in their family life.

Demolition of the Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes

Please note that demolition work was delayed and will begin on the hall at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday 19th July. To allow for this work to be undertaken safely a number of safety measures will be put in place which will include safety fencing. Parishioners are requested to remain clear of the site until work has been fully completed. With this in mind parking in the church grounds will be restricted during this time. If you are required to park on the public road please remember to do so safely with consideration for other road users and local residents. Thank you.

Parish Training Courses

The Archdiocese will shortly commence the roll out of various training courses such as manual handling, working at height as well as general health & safety training. We are also looking at arranging first aid courses as well as fire awareness training. Our Parish Assistant Dean will be in touch with those who will require some level of training to arrange this in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Ss John & Columba's Grotto - Weekly Update

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£2121.80**. As you can see work on the grotto commenced but has been briefly paused, work will commence again very soon. Once completed the final items such as benches as well as plants etc will be added. His Grace the Archbishop plans to be with us on Saturday 30th September to open and dedicate the grotto. Thank you to everyone for all their support thus far if you are able to, please continue to financially 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>

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Offertory Collection	£297.10	£180.50	£402.08
Second Collection	£169.86	£187.00	£256.16
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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