

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
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)
Monday 24th July <i>Weekday in the 16th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 25th July <i>Weekday in the 16th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	William Miller (Ann)
Wednesday 26th July <i>Feast of St James</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Roger Pasquin (RIP)
Thursday 27th July <i>Memorial of St Joachim & St Anne</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday 28th July <i>Weekday in the 16th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Philomena McCallion (RIP)
Saturday 29th July <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Private Intention
	<i>Vigil of the 17th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass
Sunday 30th July <i>17th 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 Bevan (Ann)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	George Day (Ann)

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 - The Patient Gardner

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.

Jesus frequently uses parables in his teaching - stories drawn from real life, designed to get his listeners to think, ask questions and make decisions.

Today's parable is a story about wheat and darnel growing together in a field. Apparently darnel, a weed, looks so similar to wheat that it is almost impossible to tell the two apart until the ears appear at harvest time. Only then can you really tell the difference between the two plants. Before that, there may be some signs to do with the direction in which the spikelets grow. Perhaps that is what the servants see and report it to the owner.

They ask if the owner wants them to remove the darnel. The owner says to leave both plants to grow together until harvest when the difference in the plants will be obvious. That will be the time to do the weeding.

So, what does it all mean?

No doubt, there were people in Matthew's community who thought that the Reign of God would come swiftly and with vehemence and immediately crush what was contrary to it. Others had grown anxious about the fact that the coming of the Kingdom seemed much delayed and wanted to get on with the job of weeding out the 'evil ones' according to their own judgement.

The parable, however, urges patience and to leave final judgement to God. What appears to be darnel may yet turn out to be wheat. Only time will tell.

The parable is also a reflection on the mixture of good and evil in the world. But it calls us to reflect, too, on the mix of good and evil we find in our own hearts. What will we turn out to be? The parable also raises the question: can darnel turn into wheat given God's patience and mercy?

(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

WISDOM 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 85

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (**R**)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (**R**)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (**R**)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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ACCLAMATION

EPHESIANS 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten they eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.” He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’ In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

This Weeks News & Events

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Today

Please note that as requested by the Holy Father, today is celebrated as the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. “We thank grandparents and the elderly who have encouraged us in the Christian faith, offered prayers for our wellbeing and have been a source of wisdom and support.” – *Archbishop Leo Cushley.*

Congratulations

The parish sends our warmest congratulations to Matthew & Natalie Irvine who were married in Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday 22nd July. May our Lord bless you with many happy years of marriage and guide you in every aspect of your lives, Amen.

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.

Sponsored Walk Fundraising - Thank you

As you will be aware a group from the parish took park in a sponsored walk from Ss John & Columba’s over the Forth Road Bridge and back to raise funds for the grotto at Rosyth. A great day was had by all and I’m sure this will be something we will do again in the future. The fantastic amount of £715 was raised which is now added to the total below. My sincere thanks to all who came along on the day, who assisted with preparations or who sponsored the event. *Dean McGuire, Parish Assistant.*

Ss John & Columba’s Grotto - Weekly Update

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£2836.80**. 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome - September 2024

I am pleased to share the exciting news as the Parish of the Most Holy Trinity we are going to have our first parish pilgrimage abroad to Rome. The trip is in the planning stages with the intended travel dates in September of next year for five days from Monday to Friday. Travelling will be from Glasgow to Rome (with Jet2 Holidays) hotel accommodation and coach transfer and all other costs (excluding meals and spending money) we expect cost to be around £600 per person. Information packs on the trip as well as a registration of interest from will be available soon.

Festival Mass

The new Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, will be the main celebrant at the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh. His Grace Archbishop Cushley will concelebrate and preach the homily. All are welcome.

Archdiocesan Events for 2023/24

A poster with the most up to date planned events for the Archdiocese is now available at the back of all the churches. All events will be updated on our website for reference in the future. You are most welcome to as many of the events as you wish.

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Offertory Collection	£235.64	£132.50	£444.47
Second Collection		£64.42 (Grotto)	TBC (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