

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 20th August</b> <i>19th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Peter & Loretta Leybourn (Special Intention)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Fr Anthony Prabu (For His Mission)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann Marie Hepburn (Special Intention)
<b>Monday 21st August</b> <i>Memorial of St Pius X</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 22nd August</b> <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy &amp; Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Patrick McDonagh (Ann)
<b>Wednesday 23rd August</b> <i>Weekday in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (RIP)
<b>Thursday 24th August</b> <i>Feast of St Bartholomew</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
<b>Friday 25th August</b> <i>Weekday in the 20th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (RIP)
<b>Saturday 26th August</b> <i>Weekday in the 21st Week of the Year</i>  <i>Vigil of the 21st Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary &amp; Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Helen Logue (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Roger Pasquin (RIP)
<b>Sunday 27th August</b> <i>21st 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	Betty & May (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	David Burtenshaw (Special Intention)

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine** (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.  
**Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire** (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be recieved 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 as well as 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 a 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.

**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, put 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 20th August 2023**

**20th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)**

## Reflection - A Kingdom for All

Today's Gospel marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. He sees himself as sent 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. That is, to those who were deemed sinners because they could not keep the Law of Moses, and were considered beyond the care and concern of God by religious authorities.

The story centres around a confrontation between Jesus and a pagan (Canaanite) woman.

Firstly, Jesus ignores her altogether. Then, because the woman is making such a racket, the disciples ask him to give her what she wants. Jesus refuses. The woman approaches him directly and asks for help. He refuses again, quoting an ancient popular racial slur against the Canaanites. His words are harsh and demeaning, but the woman persists, defeating Jesus with her quick thinking and twisting his own imagery in her favour. He recognizes her faith and grants her wish.

St Matthew uses this story about Jesus and the woman to answer the question about who belongs in the Kingdom of God – who are the insiders and who are the outsiders?

In terms of the story, not only Israelites, but all who come with faith, are part of the Kingdom. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah makes the same point: God's house is a house for all the peoples.

Matthew's early Christian community is struggling with accepting some non-Jews wanting to join them. Just as Jesus (the ultimate insider) moves past his own prejudices, so the members of the Kingdom and the Church must move past theirs' so that God's house of prayer will be a place of justice and integrity for all the peoples; a house from which God's salvation and healing flows.

(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 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 66

**R.** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. ( R )
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. ( R )
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. ( R )

### SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 10:27

*Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

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<b>Sunday 13th August 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u><i>St Peter in Chains</i></u> <u><i>Inverkeithing</i></u>	<u><i>Ss John &amp; Columba’s</i></u> <u><i>Rosyth</i></u>	<u><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></u> <u><i>Dunfermline</i></u>
Offertory Collection	<b>£251.60</b>	<b>£129.00</b>	<b>£565.32</b>
Second Collection		<b>£110.00 (Grotto)</b>	<b>£19.90 (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

### Sunday Readings

Please note that the children’s versions of this weekends readings will be used at the 0930 and 1130 mass. For those attending these services the readings opposite are from the missal. Please take your newsletter home and read and reflect on them there.

### Special Collection - Today

There will be a special collection at all masses today for the African Missions & Holy Places. If possible please consider contributing to this collection if your are able to. Thank you.

### Visitation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will visit the parish next weekend (26/27 August) for a mission appeal. At mass they will speak about the work that they do and there will be a special collection. Please consider contributing if you are able.

### Fr Joshua’s Fairwell Party

Parishioners wishing to attend Father's leaving party on Friday 22 September should enter their name on the sheet at the back of the church. Please write your name clearly in block capitals in the space provided. One name only to one box. The draw for tickets will take place on the first weekend in September at each church in the parish after Mass. If your name is drawn please feel free to bring a sharing dish to the party to enhance the buffet and remember its BYOB. Good luck everyone!

### National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto - 3 September

For those attending the £10 per seat cost should be given to Kathleen Paterson (St PiC), Lisa Quinn (SS J&C) or Margaret Hall (OLOL) today or at the very latest next weekend. Please note on the 3 September there will be no 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes. All those attending should take the letter with there name on from the back of the church they attend. Many thanks to all those who are coming along to Carfin to pray for peace in Ukraine.

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

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£3128.72**. 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.

### Fundraising Event for Down Syndrome Scotland

Andrew Chapman is an altar server at Our Lady of Lourdes and is a young man with Down Syndrome. His mum Eileen is taking part in Scotland’s Big Zipline on 10th of September 2023 to raise money for Down Syndrome Scotland. This is the only charity in Scotland dedicated solely to supporting people with Down Syndrome and their families and careers. Eileen will be elevated 100ft up in the air and then released to travel 1000ft across the Clyde on an a Zipline. If you would like to sponsor her please visit her JustGiving pag at [justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2](http://justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2) to make a donation. Thank you.

### Altar Servers Day

A day of faith, fun, and friendship for altar servers takes place at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 16 September at 10:30am to 3:00pm. Please speak to Father Joshua for more information.

### Season of Creation

Friday 1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It launches the Season of Creation which concludes on 4 Oct. This year’s theme is Let Justice and Peace flow. The Holy Father’s message for the day can be read at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)

### Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice and Peace Mass takes place at St Columba's Church, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, at 6:30pm on Monday 4 September. This year’s preacher is Fr Ian Stevenson, Principal RC Chaplain (Army) & Deputy Assistant Chaplain General who will speak on the theme: 'Peace in a Military Context'. After Mass there will be a hot food buffet. Please register at [bit.ly/caritasmass2023](http://bit.ly/caritasmass2023) so organisers can estimate numbers for catering.

### Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30-1.50pm Refreshments and sale of candles & goods; 2:00pm Holy Hour with Rosary, Confession, Silence, Hymns & Benediction; 3:00pm Reflection & Novena Prayers; 3:30pm break for refreshments and sale of candles & holy items; 4:30pm Holy Mass.