

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 27 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Sophiana Motayo (Special Intention)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Betty & May (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Ann Marie Hepburn (Special Intention)
Monday 28 August <i>Memorial of St Augustine</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 29 August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Confessions, Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Henry Dellar (RIP)
Wednesday 30 August <i>Weekday in the 21st Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Thursday 31 August <i>Weekday in the 21st Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Bobbie Robertson (Ann)
Friday 1 September <i>Weekday in the 21st Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (RIP)
Saturday 2 September <i>Weekday in the 21st Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Tom Coyle (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Sunday 3 September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Thomas Brogan (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish

PARISH 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 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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Sunday 27th August 2023

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Reflection - Who Do You Say I Am?

At this point in St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus and his chosen ones have travelled and lived together for some time. He now invites them to explore what they understand about his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint: Who do people say the Son of Man is?

The disciples tell Jesus what they have heard from others: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

Jesus then asks the disciples, "But, who do you say I am?" It is Peter who adds to the title 'Son of Man' by recognising Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'.

Jesus names Peter as a happy man. This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves in the Gospel two weeks ago has now shown his openness to God and recognises Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as we will see next Sunday when this 'rock' of faith becomes a 'stumbling block' to God's purpose.

In spite of that, Jesus names Peter as the 'rock' on which he will build the church. Peter has a new name and a new vocation. This church will have to battle hostile forces which seek to enslave people in sin. It will be a safe haven of freedom by being the living presence of God.

Peter's job is to use the 'keys of the kingdom' to unlock and release the reign of God's grace into the world. In this work, decisions have to be made for the whole community of the church. Here, Matthew's words about 'binding' and 'loosening' have nothing to do with the forgiveness of sins. They are a kind of pledge that the sincere and honest decisions of faithful people have divine backing. It does not mean that these decisions are the best or most perfect ones. Discernment and decision-making are part of the job of being disciples finding together the way of the Lord; of being the living presence of God in the world.

Finally, Jesus binds the disciples to silence about his true identity lest his Messiahship get confused with the people's expectation of a messiah who will free them from Roman occupation.

Like last Sunday, Peter is a lot like us. We really want to believe, to become the presence of God, but we don't always seem to be able to do it. We have great moments of faith and moments in which we are deeply in tune with the heart of God. Most of us also have moments when we fall back into narrow and harsh ways that cannot hold the power of God's love. But the Gospel reassures us that, in spite of our weakness and the many ways in which we may be found wanting, God is still close to us and faith is a journey, not a destination.

In my thoughts, words and actions, who do I say Jesus is?

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocamr.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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 137

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 20th August 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> <i>Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <i>Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	£274.74	£302.50	£581.58
Special Collection	£155.34	£93.00	£330.94
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

This Weeks News & Events

Collection Totals

Many thanks to all who contributed to the special collection for the African Missions & Holy Places. Totals for each church can be found at the bottom of the previous page. Collections taken on the Feast of the Assumption have been added to the Sunday total collection. Many thanks for your generosity.

Visitation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus join us this weekend for a mission appeal, please make them feel welcome. At mass they will speak about the work that they do and there will be a special collection to support them. Please consider contributing if you are able.

St Margaret's One World Group Car Boot Sale - Today

The One World Group at St Margaret's are holding a car boot sale. If you are free today please consider popping along and supporting this worthy event. For those who attend the vigil or 0930 mass there is still car spaces available. Setting up is between 11:00 and 12:00, with the sale duration from 12:00 - 15:00. If you are interested contact David Hambley by phone on 01383 872739 or e-mail at dhambleyuk@yahoo.co.uk. Refreshments and Home Baking will be available in the Crypt! All welcome

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 - Next Sunday

For those attending the (non-refundable) £10 per seat cost should be given to Kathleen Paterson (St PiC), Lisa Quinn (SS J&C) or Margaret Hall (OLOL) today or unfortunately your seat will be offered to someone else. Please note that on the 3rd September there will be no 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have not returned the form given last weekend this should be brought with you on the bus and given to myself. Many thanks to all those everyone coming along to Carfin to pray for peace in Ukraine. *Dean McGuire, Parish Assistant.*

Pregnancy Support in our Archdiocese - "LOVE GIVES LIFE"

Many mothers in our Archdiocese need support during, and after, pregnancy. For the Feast of Mother Teresa this event explains how Pregnancy Support is provided in our Archdiocese and how you can help. This will be held on Tuesday, 5th September, 7.45pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/lifesupport0923>

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 Ziplide 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 Ziplide. If you would like to sponsor her please visit her JustGiving page at 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.

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 so organisers can estimate numbers for catering.