

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 6th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Tom McGrath (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Roger Pasquin (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Emily McDonagh (Ann)
Monday 7th August <i>Weekday in the 18th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 8th August <i>Memorial of St Dominic</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Divine Mercy & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	George & Margaret Wilson (Special Int)
Wednesday 9th August <i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Samantha Motherwell (RIP)
Thursday 10th August <i>Feast of St Lawrence</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
Friday 11th August <i>Memorial of St Clare</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Ian McKenzie (RIP)
Saturday 12th August <i>Weekday in the 18th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Raymond Davidson (RIP)
<i>Vigil of the 19th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Giuseppe Molinaro (RIP)
Sunday 13th August <i>19th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Thomas Brogan (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Administrator - Fr Joshua Kauras, (email: admin@catholicswife.com)
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Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be received 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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Sunday 5th August 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Reflection - Transfigured in Christ

In the Hebrew Scriptures high mountains were traditionally seen as holy places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God (Ex 19) and it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze (1Kings 19:9ff). So, it should come as no surprise that it is on a mountain that the disciples encounter the glorified divinity of Christ.

The transfigured Jesus is shown to the disciples together with Moses and Elijah who, in Jewish tradition, represent the Law and the Prophets. In Jesus, these two great traditions reach their proper fulfilment. Moses and Elijah are also the two figures in the Hebrew scriptures who have direct, personal encounters with God.

Perhaps that affirms that the disciples encounter God in and through their encounter with Christ.

Peter is delighted by this glimpse of the glorified Christ and wants to commemorate the experience by building three tents. But the voice of God interrupts Peter's request. God seems to say, 'Forget about building tents, Peter, the important thing is to listen to my beloved Son'.

Through our deep attention to the word of God spoken in Jesus we remain in contact with the heart of God, allowing God's love to transform and transfigure us and to 'burst forth' in goodness.

Being transfigured is a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness to God's Word. When we are 'shot through' with the presence of God, God can be seen in, and experienced through, us.

It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be tempted by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. It takes great faith to trust in God's word to us. But if we do, the living word of the Chosen One forms in us the heart of God.

(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

DANIEL 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96

R. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R)
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. (R)
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. (R)

SECOND READING

2 PETER 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.’ We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 30th July 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chains</i> <u>Inverkeithing</u>	<i>Ss John & Columba's</i> <u>Rosyth</u>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <u>Dunfermline</u>
Offertory Collection	£233.29	£114.50	£442.88
Second Collection		£49.50 (Grotto)	£22.00 (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

This Weeks News & 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 you will be able to do so by visiting her JustGiving page which is at [justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2](https://www.justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2) to make a donation. Thank you.

Fr Joshua's Fairwell Party

As you will know Fr Joshua will be leaving the parish to take up his new position residing in Kelso. We will would like to say a fond farewell to him in style and what a perfect way to do this by having a party!! This will be held on Friday 22 September in St Peter in Chains Church Hall beginning at 7pm until late. More details on food and drink will be announced soon but we wanted to make everyone aware so they could get it in their diary early. The event will be ticketed by will not cost anything this purely to know numbers and for safety reasons to avoid overcrowding, these will be available from Deacon Pat at weekend masses on 2/3 September. Please consider coming along to wish Fr Joshua all the best and for the great work he has done for our parish.

Visitation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will visit the parish on 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.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto

Spaces on the bus to Carfin Grotto are filling up fast 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. Spaces will be limited to 76.

Ss John & Columba's Grotto - Weekly Update

The grand total so far for the grotto is **£2950.72**. 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.

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.

Festival Music Event

You are welcome to join the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Monday 14 August at 7:30pm for a unique performance of Paul Mealor's sacred choral music along with an interview with the man himself. It's a unique opportunity to hear from one of the world's most performed living composers. Tickets £16 (under 16s £5) available from the Fringe Box Office, Eventbrite or on the door.

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.

African & Caribbean Mass

The next Mass takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, at 2pm on Sunday 6 August. All are warmly welcome to attend to worship together to the Lord.

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>