

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | LITURGICAL ACT | INTENTION |
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| 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 |
| Monday 4 September <i>Weekday in the 22nd Week of the Year</i> | NO | MASS | CELEBRATED | TODAY |
| Tuesday 5 September <i>Weekday in the 22nd Week of the Year</i> | 6:30pm | Ss John & Columba's | <i>Confessions, Divine Mercy & Adoration</i> | Louisa Campbell (Ann) |
| | 7:00pm | | Holy Mass | |
| Wednesday 6 September <i>Weekday in the 22nd Week of the Year</i> | 10:00am | St Peter in Chains | Funeral Mass | William Doohan (RIP) |
| Thursday 7 September <i>Weekday in the 22nd Week of the Year</i> | 6:30pm | Our Lady of Lourdes | <i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i> | Agnes Cooper (RIP) |
| | 7:00pm | | Holy Mass | |
| Friday 8 September <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 9:30am | St Peter in Chains | <i>Rosary</i> | Ladi Kauras (Spec Int) |
| | 10:00am | | Holy Mass | |
| Saturday 9 September <i>Weekday in the 22nd Week of the Year</i> <i>Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i> | 9:30am | Ss John & Columba's | <i>Rosary & Adoration</i> | Jacqueline Smith (RIP) |
| | 10:00am | | Holy Mass | |
| | 4:30pm 5:00pm | St Peter in Chains | <i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass | Tony Spencer (RIP) |
| Sunday 10 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i> | 9:30am | Ss John & Columba's | Holy Mass | Margo Martin (RIP) |
| | 11:30am | Our Lady of Lourdes | Holy Mass | Tommy Clarke (RIP) |
| | 5:00pm | Our Lady of Lourdes | Holy Mass | People 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 3 September 2023
22nd Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time

Reflection - Finding Real Life

What a contrast there is between last Sunday's Gospel, when Peter was proclaimed the 'rock' on which the church would be built, and this Sunday when Jesus rebukes him for being a different kind of rock - a 'stumbling block'!

When Jesus starts to talk about his suffering, death and resurrection, it's more than Peter can cope with - "This must not happen to you." This is exactly what Jesus was afraid of when he bound the disciples to silence about his true identity in last Sunday's Gospel. He was afraid that they would think of him as a warrior leading a victorious uprising against the Roman occupation of Israel - the popular image of the Messiah in Jesus' day.

Last week, Jesus proclaimed Peter 'blessed' because of his God-given insight into who Jesus is. Now Peter is 'Satan' because it is not God-given insight, but human thinking, he now shows.

Can we cope with having a shepherd-king rather than a warrior-king as our God and Saviour?

Jesus then starts talking about the call of discipleship. First of all, it has to be freely chosen. Discipleship is not something which can be forced on people. Second, the disciple must learn to put God and others at the centre of his/her life. This is not some pious idea. People in true, loving relationships, especially parents, know exactly what it means to 'take up your cross' and follow Jesus by doing loving acts of service everyday - to put another's needs ahead of your own. Such people save their lives by living human life as Jesus taught and as God intended.

Those who set about trying to 'save' their lives through power, wealth and a comfortable life eventually lose the little life they have. Nothing can prevent the moment of death when all that is stripped away and becomes meaningless. That's what the lines about gaining the whole world and ruining your life mean.

At the end of the day, the faithfulness of the disciple, shown in loving deeds, will be rewarded.

What Jesus says about discipleship is a very different way to live and seems totally opposite to the values of modern society where we think we are in control of our destiny; where life is about amassing wealth and living comfortably for ourselves rather than for others

(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

JEREMIAH 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 62

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

EPHESIANS 1:17.18

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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| Sunday 27th August 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> | <u>St Peter in Chains</u> <u>Inverkeithing</u> | <u>Ss John & Columba's</u> <u>Rosyth</u> | <u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u> <u>Dunfermline</u> |
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| Offertory Collection | £200.65 | £141.50 | £596.06 |
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This Weeks News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Doohan RIP, who has died recently. Billy's Funeral Mass will take place at 10am on 6 September in St Peter in Chains. His committal will then take place at 11:15am at Hillend Cemetery. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace and rise in glory, Amen. May God continue to console and guide Billy's family and reward him with eternal life.

Visitation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which to convey their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your incredible support given to the special collection last weekend. The money raised will be used by them to help those in third world countries that are most in need. Totals for each the churches can be found on the previous page.

Fr Joshua's Fairwell Party

Many thanks to all who expressed interest in attending Fr Joshua's leaving party in St Peter in Chains Hall on Friday 22 September. Deacon Pat will be in touch with those who have been successful in obtaining tickets. The Event is a BYOB and there will be a buffet provided also. If you would like to provide any sweet or savoury items for the night please add this to the list at the back of the church from next week.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto - Today

For those attending today's pilgrimage please ensure that you are at you pick up points at the following times as this will be when the coach departs. Our Lady of Lourdes 1245, St John & Columba's 1255 and St Peter in Chains at 1305. Many thanks to all who expressed an interest in attending. *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.

Pregnancy support

On the Feast of Mother Teresa learn how Pregnancy Support is provided in our Archdiocese and how you can help. This webinar takes place this Tuesday (5 September) at 7:45pm on Zoom. Register at <bit.ly/lifesupport0923>

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 page at justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2 to make a donation. Thank you.

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.

The Dangers of Assisted Suicide

Please contact your MSPs today to inform them about the dangers of assisted suicide. We should be improving palliative care in Scotland and caring for vulnerable people, not killing them. Please visit rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/ for more information including a guide to contacting your MSPs, or email office@rcpolitics.org.

Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

The 2023 National Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair is 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