

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
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
Monday 11 September <i>Weekday in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 12 September <i>Weekday in the 23rd Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Confessions, Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Leo Sheehan (Ann)
Wednesday 13 September <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Stella Morrison (RIP)
Thursday 14 September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Sheila Martin (RIP)
Friday 15 September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Fr Joshua's (Birthday)
Saturday 16 September <i>Feast of St Ninian</i> <i>Vigil of the 24th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Thomas Brogan (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	William Doohan (RIP)
Sunday 17 September <i>24th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Elaine Steinbach (Sick)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Douglas McCullough (Special Intention)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	David Burtenshaw (Special Intention)

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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 10 September 2023

23rd Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection on Today's Gospel

Correcting the brother and sister and rebuilding unity. Jesus gives simple and concrete norms to tell us how to proceed in case of conflict in the community. If a brother or sister sins, that is, behaves contrary to the life of the community, you must not denounce him/her publicly before the community. First you must speak to him/her alone. Try to find out why he/she acted in that way. If you get no result, then call two or three members of the community to see whether you can get some result. Matthew writes his Gospel in around the 80's or 90's, almost at the end of the first century, for the community of converted Jews coming from Galilee and Syria. If he recalls so insistently these words of Jesus, it is because, in fact, in those communities there were great divisions concerning the acceptance of Jesus Messiah. Many families were divided and persecuted by their own parents who did not accept Jesus as Messiah

Anyone who does not listen to the community cuts him/herself off In extreme cases and after trying everything possible, the reticent brother or sister has to be brought before the community. And if that person will not listen to the advice of the community, then he or she has to be considered "as a publican or pagan", that is as a person not belonging to the community and who much less wishes to be part of the community. Thus you are not excluding anyone, but the person him/herself is excluding him/herself from the common life of the community.

Decisions made on earth are accepted in heaven, the power to forgive is given to Peter, this same power is given to the apostles. Now, in this text, the power to forgive is given to the community: "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven". Here we see the importance of reconciliation and the enormous responsibility of the community in dealing with its members. The community does not excommunicate the person, but simply ratifies the exclusion that the person had already assumed publicly by leaving the community.

Prayer in common for the brother or sister who has left the community This exclusion does not mean that the person is abandoned to his or her fate. Rather, he or she may be separated from the community, but will not be separated from God. Thus, if talking to the community has not borne results and if the person no longer wishes to be part of the life of the community, we still have the obligation to pray together to the Father to achieve reconciliation. And Jesus guarantees that the Father will listen.

Jesus' presence within the community The reason for the certainty of being heard is Jesus' promise: "Where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them!" Jesus says that he is the center, the axle of the community and, as such, prays to the Father together with the 26 community that he may grant the gift of the return of the brother or sister who has left

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.org)

The Parish Clergy

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Rev Fr. Joshua Kauras

Parish Deacon

(Permanent):

Rev. Pat Carrigan

Contact details can be found on the back page.



St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dunfermline

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 94

R. *O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **(R)**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 3 September 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>
Offertory Collection	£298.93	£134.40	£326.33
Special Collection		£63.64 (Grotto)	£
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

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick & Kevin McLaughlin RIP, who have died recently. Both James & Kevin’s funeral service will take place at 4:30pm on Tuesday 19 September in St Peter in Chains. Their committal will then take place at Dunfermline Crematorium on Wednesday 20 September (Time TBC). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen. May God continue to console and guide James & Kevin’s family and reward them with eternal life.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia McGirr RIP, who has died recently. Pat’s funeral mass will take place at 11:30am on Tuesday 19 September in Our Lady of Lourdes. Her committal will then take place at Dunfermline Cemetery at 1pm. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen. May God continue to console and guide Pat’s family and reward her with eternal life.

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 **TODAY**(10th of September 2023) to help 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 justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2 Thank you.

Special Collection - Next Two Weekends

Please note that next for the next two weekends there will be a special collection. Money raised will be used to purchase a present for Fr Joshua prior to him leaving the parish at the end of this month. This collection is open for two weeks only to allow as many people as possible to contribute. You do not have to contribute on both weekends if you do not wish to do so. Fr Joshua will be presented with his gift from the whole parish in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop at mass in Ss John & Columba’s on Saturday 30 September at 11am.#

Birthday Wishes

We offer our warmest wishes to Fr Joshua who celebrates his birthday this coming Friday. May the Lord bless him with a happy day and look over him and guide him always. **‘Happy Birthday Father Joshua’.**

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto

Many thanks to all who came along to the National Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto last Sunday. Thankfully it was very warm and the sun shone the whole day, and all those who attended had a very spiritually uplifting time celebrating their faith as well as coming together to pray for peace in Ukraine with fellow Catholics. Until next year!

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. For those who added there name to the list please see Deacon Pat for your tickets. There are a limited number if tickets still available. Please email Deacon Pat (email address on back page) to arrange. Thank you.

Ss John & Columba’s Grotto

We have tendered the completion of the work on the grotto out to two companies and are now in a position to offer the work to a groundwork company based in Kirkcaldy. The plans drawn up are wonderful and when complete the grotto will look magnificent. We are in the final stages of completing relevant paperwork, once this is done work is scheduled to begin on Monday 18 September lasting 5 days. During this time the car park will remain closed with access to the church through the single gate. His Grace the Archbishop is scheduled to visit the parish on Saturday 30 September to celebrate a mass of thanksgiving and officially bless and open the grotto. Week beginning the 25 September are looking for volunteers who can assist with painting the fence and doing some general tidying up of the grounds prior to the Archbishops visit, if you can help please add your name to the list at the back of the church from next weekend. The grand total so far for the grotto is **£3192.36**.

Vocations Awareness Week

Please note that Vocations Awareness week begins tomorrow. If you feel a calling to the priesthood, religious life or permanent diaconate please speak with Fr Joshua or Deacon Pat. Please also keep in your prayers those who have answered God’s call and are currently in formation at this time.