

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
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)
Monday 18 September <i>Weekday in the 24th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 19 September <i>Weekday in the 24th Week of the Year</i>	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Funeral Mass	Patricia McGirr (RIP)
	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	Funeral Service	James & Kevin McLaughlin (RIP)
	7:00pm	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	James Coyle (Ann)
Wednesday 20 September <i>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & St Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	John Welsby (RIP)
Thursday 21 September <i>Feast of St Matthew</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary, Adoration & Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Mary Morman (Spec Int)
Friday 22 September <i>Weekday in the 24th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	James & Kevin McLaughlin (RIP)
Saturday 23 September <i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina</i> <i>Vigil of the 25th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (RIP)
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Tony Spencer (RIP)
Sunday 24 September <i>25th 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	Emeka & Chioma Ebelechukwu (Spec Int)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	James Johnston (Ann)

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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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24th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - A Family Formed by Forgiveness

Today's Gospel follows directly from last Sunday's reading about how to deal with differences and disputes.

Peter has understood the point of last Sunday's Gospel (forgiveness and pastoral care), but wants to know the limits – is forgiving someone seven times enough? Jesus' reply indicates that there should be no limit to the number of times. Then he tells a parable about forgiveness and gratitude.

There is no doubt that genuine forgiveness, forgiveness 'from the heart', is a real challenge. The more personally we are hurt by another person the harder it is to forgive them. Forgiveness is often more a movement than a moment. Often we only come to forgiveness step by step over a long period of time.

If we can pray for those who hurt us we have already taken the first step on the road to forgiveness. Forgiveness does not imply that what a person did was OK.

The biblical idea of forgiveness is built on the awareness of God's extraordinary compassion towards us; God's refusal to hold our past against us - the theme of today's first reading.

But that action of God must find its resonance in how we behave towards each other. It will only have that resonance when we experience personally God's overwhelming love for us. That is what binds us into relationship with God and into acting towards others as God has acted towards us.

That experience of God's compassion builds a gratitude in us which enables us to forgive each other.

For the disciple of Jesus, forgiveness must be real and genuine - from the heart - and built on the awareness of God's compassion and mercy towards us. That is why Jesus includes forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us in his great prayer. If God has forgiven us, then we must forgive each other.

We don't live our Christian lives in some kind of fantasy-land filled with pious thoughts and lovely dreams. We live it in the often harsh realities and difficult situations that human beings encounter.

How we live it will depend on the degree to which we have the same mind and heart as God. Real life is the proving-ground of faith.

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

The Parish Clergy

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St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing



Ss John & Columba's Church, Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dunfermline

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTICUS 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 102

R. *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R)

SECOND READING

ROMANS 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SAM 3:9, JOHN 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.’ And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. ‘Give me time’ he said ‘and I will pay the whole sum.’ And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. ‘Pay what you owe me’ he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, ‘Give me time and I will pay you.’ But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?’ And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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This Weeks News & Events

Special Collection

Please note that this and next weekend there will be a special collection. Money raised will be used to purchase a from the parish to present for Fr Joshua prior to him leaving the parish at the end of the 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 in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop at mass in Ss John & Columba’s on Saturday 30 September at 11am. We would like to invite as many parishioners as possible to attend, please consider this if you are free. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Ladies Group

The ladies group are holding a coffee morning tomorrow morning (Monday 18th) at 1030am to say goodbye to Fr Joshua. This will be held in the room at the back of the church. All are welcome to come along.

Ss John & Columba’s Grotto

The contractor will begin work on the grotto tomorrow (Monday) lasting the majority of the week. For those who attend mass on Tuesday and Thursday the car park will be completely closed, please use on street parking during this time. As the area will be a building site please remain clear of the area. The grand total for the grotto is £3192.36.

Fr Joshua’s Fairwell Party

If you would like to donate and savoury or sweet goods for the evening please add them to the list at the back of the church. We already have sandwiches from an external catering company arranged. Details on how you can drop items off before the evening event will be shared next week. We are very fortunate there that a band have kindly agreed to provide the music. Remember it is BYOB!!

Pastoral Visit from His Grace the Archbishop

As many of you will be aware the parish is to receive a pastoral visit from His Grace Archbishop Leo who will say a mass of thanksgiving for the parish and will formally open and bless the grotto on Saturday 30 September at 11am. This is a wonderful occasion for our parish and it would be good to see Ss John & Columba’s full for this wonderful occasion. Afterwards Tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches will be provided.

Fundraising for Down Syndrome Scotland

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts for Down Syndrome Scotland. Eileen completed her zip slide on Sunday 10th September in calm conditions along the river Clyde and has so far raised over £1000 for the charity and an additional £200 through gift-aid. Her JustGiving page is active for another week should anyone wish to make a contribution online at justgiving.com/eileen-chapman2. Alternatively, there is a form at the back of the church in Our Lady of Lourdes for cash donations. Many thanks to all who sponsored Eileen.

SCIAF Event

Mark Booker from SCIAF hosts a two-part workshop on 21 and 28 September, 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. It is titled ‘Catholic Social Teaching in Action: The SCIAF Approach’. The event will highlight the charity’s work and how Catholic Social Teaching can be put into action in the light of the Gospel. Register at ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk.

Teams of Our Lady

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other’s homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. An open information evening takes place on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

Sunday 10 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	£241.33	TBC	£509.87
Special Collection		TBC	£17.60 (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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