

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <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)
<b>Monday 25 September</b> <i>Weekday in the 25th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 26 September</b> <i>Weekday in the 25th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions, Divine Mercy &amp; Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Mary Close (Ann)
<b>Wednesday 27 September</b> <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary &amp; Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	James & Kevin McLaughlin (RIP)
<b>Thursday 28 September</b> <i>Weekday in the 25th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary, Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Bill Watson (RIP)
<b>Friday 29 September</b> <i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Jacqueline Smith (RIP)
<b>Saturday 30 September</b> <i>Memorial of St Jerome</i>	<b>11:00am</b>	Ss John & Columba's	<b>Thanksgiving Mass with the Archbishop</b>	People of the Parish
	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Matthew Watson (Ann)
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <i>26th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Tom & Molly Cosgrove (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Adesemowo Family (Special Intention)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Marie Suechual (RIP)

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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 24 September 2023**

**25th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Reflection - God's Outrageous Generosity**

For many, the parable which Jesus tells in the Gospel today seems profoundly unjust. Why should those who have done little work get the same pay as those who worked all day?

Maybe the answer lies in the first reading for today: My ways are not your ways; my thoughts not your thoughts. So often in the scriptures, God seems to have a totally different way of approaching things to most of us.

The parable presents God as a landowner going out at five different times during the day to hire workers for his vineyard.

With the 6am workers he makes an agreement for one denarius for the day's work - the usual daily wage for a labourer. The workers who come later are promised a 'fair wage'. But when payment time comes, they get a full day's pay even though some have worked only one hour!

Usually, the youngest and fittest would be hired first and older and weaker workers left till last. But God doesn't seem too worried about what condition the workers are in or what time of day it is.

The last comers must have been delighted to have received their unexpected full day's pay. For them, it was really a gift rather than a wage for time worked. The 'early birds' fell victim to 'rising expectations', thinking that they would get more.

In giving both early birds and late comers the same 'wage' the landowner has made them equals – all are equal beneficiaries of God's gracious invitation to the Kingdom. And there is a place for everyone in that Kingdom, including those often left behind in the world – the poor, sick, old, disabled, etc.

Life in the Kingdom is not a reward for long hours of work. It is a gift – it cannot be earned, but is had by responding to God's choice of us, no matter what condition we are in, whether we are an early bird or a late comer.

God's kind of thinking and acting is often very different to human thinking and acting.

The parable can also be interpreted as a practical expression of how to love our neighbour – with generosity and compassion, without considering if they deserve our kindness or not – for the disciple of Jesus must think and act like God.

This parable fits right into the biblical idea of justice which is heavily biased in favour of the 'have nots' – the widows, orphans, poor, blind, lame, sinners, etc. No one is left out of the gaze of God's care.

God's outrageous and extravagant graciousness and generosity is so different to the often petty and exacting way in which we treat each other. God's sense of fairness and justice is so much broader and richer than ours. That is what life in the Kingdom of God is supposed to be.

Like last Sunday, it is our awareness of God's extraordinary kindness, patience and mercy which help us to act in the same way - to see with God's eyes, to feel with God's heart and to act with God's intention.

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

**The Parish Clergy**

**Parish Administrator:**

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

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

*The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 144

**R. The Lord is close to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **( R )**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **( R )**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **( R )**

### SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

*The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LUKE 19:38

***Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!***

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, ‘‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’’ So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, ‘‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’’ ‘‘Because no one has hired us’’ they answered. He said to them, ‘‘You go into my vineyard too.’’ In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’’ So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. ‘‘The men who came last’’ they said ‘‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’’ He answered one of them and said, ‘‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?’’ Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

*The Gospel of the Lord– Thanks be to God.*

## This Weeks News & Events

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Martin RIP, who has died recently. Marie's funeral service will be followed by her committal which will take place at Dunfermline Crematorium on Thursday 28 September at 1130am. 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 Marie’s family and reward her with eternal life.

### **Of Your Charity**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine ‘Kitty’ Murray formerly of Kelty and Rosyth, who has died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. The funeral mass to celebrate her life will be held this coming Friday 29 September at the Church of the Holy Family, Dunblane at 10am, thereafter to Stirlingshire Crematorium at 12 noon. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace and rise in glory. May God continue to console and guide Kitty’s family and reward her with eternal life.

### **Special Collection**

Please note that this weekend will be the final opportunity to contribute to the collection to purchase a gift for Fr Joshua before he leaves the parish. Fr Joshua will be presented with his gift in the presence of His Grace the Archbishop at mass in Ss John & Columba’s next Saturday.

### **Ss John & Columba’s Grotto**

The work on the grotto is nearing completion and is looking very good indeed. Parishioners are kindly asked not to enter the grotto area this weekend as this is still a building site. Many thanks to all who have helped in getting the grotto to this point in anticipation for the pastoral visit from the Archbishop next Saturday.

### **Fr Joshua’s Fairwell Party**

Many thanks to all who attended Fr Joshua’s leaving party on Friday evening. A special thanks go to Kathleen and her team for all their effort in preparing the hall. To the band for the evening the All Stars their music was very good and was enjoyed by everyone. To Deacon Pat and all who helped prepare for the evening, many thanks to you all. A great night was had by all as we prepare to say a fond farewell to a wonderful priest.

### **Pastoral Visit from His Grace the Archbishop**

Next Saturday (30th) the parish will receive a pastoral visit from His Grace Archbishop Leo who will attend Ss John & Columba’s to celebrate a mass of thanksgiving for the parish. He will then bless and officially open the grotto. We will also be joined by our new Parish Priest Fr Andrew Kingham. This event is for the whole parish and it would be good to see as many people from all three churches come together for the Archbishops visit. Mass begins at 11am. There will be tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

### **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](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk).

### **Free2Pray**

The Catholic Parliamentary Office hosts ‘Free2Pray’, a webinar taking place at 7:45pm on Friday 3 October. It will highlight a bill in the Scottish Parliament that could result in the imprisonment of anyone who prays or offers help near abortion centres. It is vital that Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a strong response to this dangerous Bill. Register for the session at [bit.ly/free2pray](http://bit.ly/free2pray)

<b>Sunday 17 September 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chains</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>Ss John &amp; Columba’s</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
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