

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 1 October <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)
Monday 2 October <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 3 October <i>Weekday in the 26th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions, Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Kitty Murray (RIP)
Wednesday 4 October <i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Jeff Gibbons (RIP)
Thursday 5 October <i>Weekday in the 26th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Friday 6 October <i>Weekday in the 26th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Saturday 7 October <i>Vigil of the 27th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm	St Peter in Chains	<i>Confessions</i>	
	5:00pm		Holy Mass	Sick of the Parish
Sunday 8 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	Ss John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Craig Cunningham (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Ritchie Family
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Secretary – Mary Irvine (email: marylol@btinternet.com) general enquiries only.
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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 1 October 2023

26th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - Disobedient Obedience

Over the next three Sundays we will listen to three parables where Jesus, having cleansed the temple, addresses the Jerusalem priests and elders. These “parables of judgement” voice God’s judgement against Israel – especially her leaders – for their rejection of Jesus.

The message, however, is also for us. In this Sunday’s parable, the message could not be simpler: action speaks louder than words. The tax collectors and prostitutes acted like the first son. Initially they said no to God, but hearing John the Baptist’s preaching they converted and did what pleased God.

The chief priests and elders are like the second son. They, too, heard John’s preaching and saw the responses of the tax collectors and prostitutes but didn’t change. They pretended acceptance of God but refused to accept John’s message. It is the tax collectors and the prostitutes, therefore, who will enter the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders.

It is easy to say that we are going to do something to please someone. But the real honour comes in doing. If we really want to honour our God, we must find ways to do the will of God. Sometimes it won’t be easy, sometimes it will put us out.

We are not called to ‘police’ God’s mercy – to decide who is deserving of it and who is not. If we have truly heard the Word of God we will be more concerned about extending the reign of God’s mercy and love to everyone, especially to those most despised in the world.

(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

EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. **(R)**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

This Weeks News & Events

Special Collection

Please note that the amount raised for Fr Joshua’s leaving gift was £1340.29. This was given to him as a monetary gift to trat himself to something nice. Many thanks for your generosity.

Farewell to Fr Joshua

As you are aware this weekend will be the last weekend masses of Fr Joshua’s time with us here in the parish you are welcome to catch him well after mass and wish him well before he leaves. Fr will have his own words of thanks to say at the end of the masses this weekend. Fr Joshua will say weekday mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week before he leaves the parish to take up his new post in Kelso. We wish Fr all the very best and thank him for his spiritually uplifting time with us.

Arrival of Fr Andrew Kingham

Please note that our new Parish Priest Fr Andrew will arrive in the parish early next week. As you can imagine Fr Andrew will need sometime to settle in and unpack in his new home. As such there will be no weekday day masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning. With Fr Andrew’s first mass with us being the vigil in St Peter in Chains. However if you require a priest please call the parish office and Fr Andrew will be able to assist.

Ss John & Columba’s Grotto

Many thanks to al who came along to the celebration of holy mass with his Grace the Archbishop a wonderful day was had by all. Sincere thanks go to the sacristans, flower arrangers and all who helped in one way or another. The statue has been returned to the church for safe keeping. The toughened perspex that will keep Our Blessed Mother safe should be here in the next week to allow her to be put outside where private prayer and reflection can then begin.

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

A View from Within

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland’s prisons share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners’ Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am - 3:30pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at bit.ly/aviewfromwithin

Teams of Our Lady

Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church which helps 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. An open information evening takes place on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ. More info can be found from the website northern@teamsgb.org.uk

Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh will host five evenings in a series of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards which begin on 23 October. Tickets and further details can be found at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Vocations Mass

The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret’s, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

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Offertory Collection	£219.67	£127.50	£553.28
Special Collection			£17.70
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