

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 8 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	Holy Mass	Craig Cunningham (Anniv.)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Ritchie Family
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
Monday 9 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Tuesday 10 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	St John & St Columba's	<i>Confessions, Divine Mercy & Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Patsy Ferrie (RIP)
Wednesday 11 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	10:00am	St John & St Columba's	Funeral Mass	Doreen Catling (RIP)
Thursday 12 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Rosary, Confessions & Adoration</i>	
	7:00pm		Holy Mass	Colin Barnes (RIP)
Friday 13 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St Peter in Chain's	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	
	10:00am		Holy Mass	Bill Andrew (RIP)
Saturday 14 October <i>Weekday in the 27th Week of the Year</i>	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	<i>Rosary & Adoration</i>	Annie McQuillin (RIP)
	10:00am		Holy Mass	
<i>Vigil of the 28th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chain's	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Margaret Connelly (Anniv.)
Sunday 15 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Claire Key (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Stuart Cook (RIP)

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Fr Andrew Kingham (email: admin@catholicswffe.com)
 Parish Office & Presbytery – 67 Aberdour Road, Dunfermline, KY11 4QZ Telephone 01383 722202
Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)
Parish Secretary – please email the Parish Priest
Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire (email: mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be received by 12 noon on a Friday.
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 the Parish Priest.
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 Andrew
 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 given to the Priest or put through the Presbytery door at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please print the name of person in block capitals for ease of eligibility.

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Sunday 8 October 2023

27th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - Stewards of God's Gift

In last Sunday's parable, Jesus addressed the Jerusalem priests and elders with a message that "action speaks louder than words".

This Sunday, Jesus continues his address to them, building upon that message by using another parable.

This week's parable asks us how we have used the gifts that God has entrusted to us. It is essentially a parable about stewardship.

God has entrusted the kingdom to us, individually and collectively. We are expected to cultivate and manage this Kingdom life in such a way that it bears good fruit, fruit that we can present to God, the 'owner of the vineyard'.

There is nothing in the parable to indicate that there was any actual produce for the landowner to collect. It may very well be that the tenants had simply neglected the wonderful vineyard altogether and allowed it to fall into ruin.

Each of us has been given, not only the gift of life, but the wealth provided by God's grace – the very kingdom of God. Indeed, we have been privileged. However, with this privilege comes responsibility and we are ultimately responsible to God for the way we use or neglect the Kingdom within. We have to become a people who produce the fruit of the kingdom: love, mercy, justice, forgiveness, tolerance, hope, joy, deeds of loving kindness.

What will we do with the Kingdom that has been entrusted to us?

Let us pray that we may leave all the various 'vineyards' of our worlds in a better condition than how we were given them. Let us develop and sustain our awareness, seek out opportunities to contribute and then make judicious use of the gifts and grace that God has given us by letting God's grace be seen at work in us; and, through us, at work in the world.

We are stewards of the Kingdom and of God's grace. Let's not waste such a great gift.

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

The Parish Clergy

Parish Priest:

Fr. Andrew Kingham

Parish Deacon:

Rev. Pat Carrigan

Contact details can be found on the back page.



St Peter in Chain's Church, Inverkeithing



St John & St Columba's Church, Rosyth



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dunfermline

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 79

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R)
4. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R)

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

This Week’s News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Doreen Catling RIP, who has died recently. Doreen’s Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 11 October in St John & St Columba’s at 10am. Her committal will then take place at Douglas Bank Cemetery 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 Doreen’s family and reward her with eternal life.

Synod Prayer

Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October. This will be recited at the end of every Sunday Mass:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Parish Coffee Morning

The parish will hold a coffee morning on Saturday 28 October from 11am till 1pm in St Peter in Chain’s Church Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to get to know our new Parish Priest over a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat. We will be looking for donations of home baking for the day. Please add your name and what you would like to bake to the list at the back of the church from next weekend. There will also be a raffle. If anyone would like to donate a prize please leave this in the box at the back of the church from next week. Tickets £5 (children free). All money raised will be donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Lourdes are collecting non-perishable food and toiletries. This is a time when many in our community may be facing challenging. Please leave donations in the box at the back of the church. All donations welcome and gratefully received. Thank you.

Teams of Our Lady

Teams Our Lady 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 & Nichola’s Church Hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ. More information can be found from the web at 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, and will begin on 23 October. Tickets and details 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.

Pregnancy Help

Do you know anyone who may need help during pregnancy? SHE Pregnancy Care gives support and confidence to expectant mothers. Baby materials & equipment are available. For assistance text/WhatsApp: 07526 480 578 or email: office@stantonscotland.org

Sunday 1 October 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chain’s Inverkeithing</i>	<i>St John & St Columba’s Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	TBC	£103.50	£585.22
Special Collection		£75.70 (Building Fund)	£15.95 (Building Fund)
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