

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 15 October</b> 28th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains'	Vigil Mass	Margaret Connelly (Anniv.)
	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)
<b>Monday 16 October</b> ( <i>St Hedwig</i> ) ( <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i> )	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Tuesday 17 October</b> (St Ignatius of Antioch)	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Wednesday 18 October</b> Feast of St Luke	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 19 October</b> ( <i>St John Brébeuf &amp; St Isaac Jogues &amp; Companions</i> ) ( <i>St Paul of the Cross</i> )	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Friday 20 October</b> <i>Weekday in the 28th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Saturday 21 October</b> ( <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	<i>Rosary &amp; Adoration</i> Holy Mass Confessions	
	10:00am			
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Vigil of the 29th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)	4:30pm 5:00pm	St Peter in Chains'	<i>Confessions</i> Holy Mass	Jeff Gibbons (RIP)
<b>Sunday 22 October</b> 29th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jack Stevens (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Rita Bradley (Anniv.)

#### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Priest - Fr Andrew Kingham** (email: admin@catholicswffe.com)  
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**Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan** (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)  
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**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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter.

**Sunday 15 October 2023**  
**28th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time**

## *Reflection - Invitations Refused and Accepted*

The third of the parables addressed to the chief priests and the elders is our Gospel today. Told in the context of a wedding feast given by a great King it's a parable in three parts.

The first part is about God's gracious invitation and its indifferent and sometimes violent refusal by those invited first (the religious and lay leaders).

Second part: God's invitation having been rejected by the first to whom it was offered, is now offered to others - good and bad alike (the sinners).

Third part: the story of the guest without a wedding garment (one who accepts the invitation but does not change - a little like the son in the first parable who said, "Yes", but didn't go to the vineyard).

The wedding garment is a symbol of a converted life full of good deeds.

The sense of the last line of the Gospel: "Many are called but few are chosen", is that all are called to salvation, but it is only had by those who accept the invitation and who change and yield good deeds. There is no room for complacency.

All three Gospel parables of the last three Sundays are about conversion. Conversion is not just turning away from sin but a radical reorienting of one's life (turning) towards God. Repentance is not so much being sorry for past sins as a total change of direction. Conversion is impossible for the self-righteous because they don't believe they need it. Hardness of heart and the refusal to listen are two great biblical sins.

In the three parables, St Matthew is urging his community to seek after true righteousness which comes from conversion and repentance, which flows from allowing the vision of God to fill their eyes and hearts. The kingdom has been entrusted to them, they are to produce its fruit of good deeds through a life of continual turning towards God.

Hard hearts, blocked ears, blind eyes, refusing to change are the path to death. We are those who choose Life.

## 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 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22

**R.** *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **( R )**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **( R )**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **( R )**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **( R )**

### SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 1:12,14

**Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

*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 Jacqueline Hanan RIP, who has died recently. Jacqueline's Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 23 October at 10:00am in Our Lady of Lourdes. *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 Jacqueline'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.*

### **Fr Andrew & Deacon Pat**

Please note that Fr Andrew and Deacon Pat will be out of the parish this week. If you require the urgent pastoral care of a Priest, please contact Cannon James Tracey (Burntisland) on 01592 872207. Alternatively, Fr Franco Liporace IVE or Fr Simon Willis IVE (Cowdenbeath) can be contacted on 01383 510549. If your request is not of an urgent nature, please leave a voicemail on the office answer machine or alternatively send an email. Fr Andrew will respond to correspondence on his return.

### **Special Collection - Next Weekend**

Please note that next weekend is Mission Sunday, A special collection will be taken to assist the work of Missio Scotland. If you wish to gift aid your donation, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Missio have kindly sent some magazines and leaflets, which details the good work that they do. These are also available at the back of the church, should you wish to take a copy home with you.

### **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 this 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.

### **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](http://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.

<b>Sunday 8 October 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chain's</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>St John &amp; St Columba's</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
Offertory Collection	<b>£234.50</b>	<b>£130.00</b>	<b>£519.85</b>
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