

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 22 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains'	Vigil Mass	Jeff Gibbons (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba'	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.)
Monday 23 October (<i>St John of Capistrano</i>)	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Funeral Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	
Tuesday 24 October (<i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>)	7:00pm	St John & Columba's	Holy Mass	Doreen Catling (RIP)
Wednesday 25 October <i>Weekday in the 29th Week of the Year</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 26 October <i>Weekday in the 29th Week of the Year</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Margaret Watson (RIP)
Friday 27 October <i>Weekday in the 29th Week of the Year</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Khymlyn Yunkws (RIP)
Saturday 28 October Feast of St Simon & St Jude (30th Sunday Ordinary Time)	10:00am	St John & St Columba's	Holy Mass	Charles Glackin (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chain's	Vigil Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
Sunday 29 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am	St John & St Columba's	Holy Mass	Mary Carr Sweeney (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Judie Brand (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People

<p><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></p> <p>Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 6:50pm</p> <p>Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 6:50pm</p> <p>Saturday - St John & Columba's - 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p>- St Peter in Chains - 4:30pm - 4:50pm</p>	<p><u>Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u></p> <p>Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>Saturday - St John & Columba's - 9:30am - 10:00am</p>
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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 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

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 22 October 2023

29th Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time

Reflection - The Image of God

What is on display in this story from Matthew's Gospel is not Jesus' clever reply, but the image of God he presents.

Even knowing the plot of the Pharisees and Herodians, Jesus does not refuse to enter into dialogue with them. He is the Word of God always willing to be in conversation with human beings, even those plotting against him. In not directly answering the question put to him, Jesus leaves the response in the hands of those who ask. Jesus does not come with a list of ready-made solutions to every human difficulty. Deep attention to the word and discernment (the gift of the Spirit) help us to respond, in the tradition of Jesus, when we are trying to figure out what the right thing to do is.

God is not about taking power from us, but about empowering us to live in God's own image and likeness.

Perhaps Jesus' words that the coin which bears Caesar's image belongs to Caesar means also that those things which bear the image of God belong to God - including human beings and creation. Maybe that is why Jesus didn't walk away from his questioners. He recognises them for what they are - the image and likeness of God.

Thinking about the three parables we have heard over recent weeks we can say that the idea of giving back to God what belongs to God can be understood as giving back the love, generosity, justice and goodness we have received from God. Just as God did not lose anything by giving us these gifts, we don't lose anything by making them real in our lives, so that others may also share in God's life through us.

(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 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R)

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 15 October 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u><i>St Peter in Chain's</i></u> <u><i>Inverkeithing</i></u>	<u><i>St John & St Columba's</i></u> <u><i>Rosyth</i></u>	<u><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></u> <u><i>Dunfermline</i></u>
Offertory Collection	£216.90	£168.30	£683.04
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This Week's News & Events

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.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julia Brand RIP, who has died recently. Julia's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 25 October in St Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline at 10am. Her committal will then take place at Dunfermline Cemetery at 11:15am. *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 Julia's family and reward her with eternal life.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alison (Aileen) Campbell RIP, who has died recently. Aileen's remains will be received into Our Lady of Lourdes at 4:30pm on Wednesday 1 November. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday at 10am. Her committal will then take place at Culross 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 Aileen's family and reward her with eternal life.

Special Collection - This Weekend

Please note that today is Mission Sunday, A special collection will be taken to assist the work of Missio Scotland. Missio have kindly sent some magazines and pamphlets which details the good work that they carry out. These are available at the back of the church should you wish to take a copy away.

Holy Day of Obligation

Please note that Wednesday 1 November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We are obliged by the Church to attend Holy Mass. The Vigil Mass will take place on Tuesday 30 September at 7pm in St John & St Columba's. On Wednesday 1 November Holy Mass will take place at 10am in St John & St Columba's (St John's Primary School attending) and 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

To commemorate those that have gone before us to the Lord, Holy Mass will take place on Thursday 2 November at 7pm in St Peter in Chains.

Parish Collection Counting

We are looking for additional counters to help count the weekly collection. This will take place each Monday after Holy Mass in St Peter in Chains'. If you would like to assist with this, please email mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com or alternatively call the parish office and we will make contact 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 some home baking. 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. To donate a raffle prize please leave this in the box at the back of the church from next week. Tickets £5 (children free) are available from Kathleen Paterson (St Peter in Chains'), Lisa Quinn (St John & St Columba's) or Margaret Hall (Our Lady of Lourdes). All money raised will be donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

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