

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 29 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains'	Vigil Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba'	Holy Mass	Mary Carr Sweeney (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Julia Brand (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
Monday 30 October	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Noel McGuigan (RIP)
Tuesday 31 October (All Saints)	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains'	Vigil Mass	Joseph Savage (Anniv.)
	9:30am	St John's Primary School	Holy Mass	James Brogan (Anniv.)
Wednesday 1 November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Funeral Mass	Aileen Campbell (RIP)
Thursday 2 November <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	
	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Kathleen Gallagher (RIP)
Friday 3 November (St Martin de Porres)	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Kathleen Gallagher (RIP)
	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Doreen Catling (RIP)
Saturday 4 November <i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo</i> (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)	5:00pm	St Peter in Chain's	Vigil Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
Sunday 5 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Cockburn (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Eddie Grant (Anniv.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 6:50pm
 Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 6:50pm
 Saturday - St John & Columba's - 10:30am - 11:00am
 - St Peter in Chains - 4:30pm - 4:50pm

Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 7:00pm
 Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 7:00pm
 Saturday - St John & St Columba's - 9:30am - 10:00am
 Sunday - St John & St Columba's 9:00am - 9:30am
 Our Lady of Lourdes 4:30pm - 5:00pm

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Parish Assistant - Dean McGuire (email: mhparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be received by 12 noon on a Thursday.

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.

The Anointing of the Sick & Hospital Visitations

The Anointing of the Sick should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. Those who require the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at home, should contact the Parish Priest to arrange a 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.

Funeral Arrangements

For funeral arrangements please make contact with Fr Andrew.

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 29 October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - Loving God and Each Other

Another attempt to trap Jesus is contained in the Gospel this Sunday. Opinions and arguments about which was the greatest commandment were common among the Pharisees and questions about it were frequently asked of rabbis. Clearly, those who asked this question of Jesus were trying to disconcert or 'wrong foot' Jesus in an attempt to discredit him with his reply.

Once again, Jesus does not cleverly sidestep the question; he goes right to the heart of the matter. Love of God and love of neighbour are brought together in one 'great commandment'. In refusing to be drawn into an 'either/or' response Jesus, as he did last week, brings two separate things into right relationship. Love of God and love of neighbour belong together. That's why the first reading today from Exodus warns against mistreating strangers, widows and orphans and talks about the proper conduct of loans and pledges. The warning comes from God's lips. It's not just a nice piece of social philosophy; it is the demand of living our faith.

It means that true faith, as Jesus teaches it, is about being in loving relationship with God and other human beings. Religious rituals are meant to be ways of reflecting on, savouring, remembering, celebrating and expressing that love. Sometimes they just end up as 'empty' rituals, when love has been replaced by fear, or when love is absent.

The Kingdom of God is not some far off place, but the moments when God's life breaks into the human story. Those moments bring love, wisdom, grace, compassion, generosity, forgiveness and peace. Those practiced in the things of God recognise God's presence most of all in loving relationships. If our rituals grow out of and express our sincere love for God and neighbour then they have value. We are always at risk of putting ritual above the practise of love.

(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

EXODUS 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this: “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. “If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. “If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me, He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 22 October 2023 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<u>St Peter in Chain's Inverkeithing</u>	<u>St John & St Columba's Rosyth</u>	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</u>
Offertory Collection	£288.05	£172.37	£422.62
Special Collection - Missio	£303.03	£219.20	£501.91
Standing Orders	£220.00	£415.25	£144.75
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This Week's News & Events

Synod Prayer

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 Margaret Lynch RIP, who has died recently. Margaret's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 7 November at 10am in Our Lady of Lourdes. Her committal will then follow 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 Margaret's family and reward her with eternal life.

Special Collection

Many thanks to all who contributed to the special collection last weekend for Missio Scotland. Collection totals can be found at bottom of the previous page.

Holy Day of Obligation

Please note this coming 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 Peter in Chains'. On Wednesday 1 November Holy Mass will take place at 10am in St John's Primary School (parishioners welcome to attend), 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 Pastoral Council & Finance Council

Fr Andrew would like to announce that he is dissolving both the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. Fr would like to thank the members of both these bodies for their dedication and service to the parish. Fr Andrew will be reconstituting new bodies in due course.

Enrolment for the Sacraments

Parents of children who are in primaries 3, 4 and 7, should now be enrolling them to prepare for the Sacrament of Confession, First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you child attends St John's Primary School, a meeting will be held on Monday 30 October at 6pm in the school. If you child does not attend a catholic primary school, please make contact with Fr Andrew via email to enrol.

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

Many thanks to all who came along to the parish coffee morning on Saturday 28 October. A wonderful time was had by all and Fr Andrew enjoyed getting to know everyone. The fantastic sum of £450 was raised, and will be given to the St Vincent de Paul, to assist in the great worth they do in the parish community.

Archdiocesan Job Vacancy - Administrator

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator who will provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. You can find a full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV as well as a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

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. All are welcome to attend.