

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 5 November</b> 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains'	Vigil Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba'	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Cockburn (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Eddie Grant (Anniv.)
<b>Monday 6 November</b>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Ron Price (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b>	10:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Funeral Mass	Margaret Lynch (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba'	Holy Mass	Jean Coyle (Anniv.)
<b>Wednesday 8 November</b> <i>Memorial of Blessed John Duns Scotus</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 9 November</b> Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Diseased Members of the Ward/McKenna Families
<b>Friday 10 November</b> <i>Memorial of St Leo the Great</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains'	Holy Mass	Maureen Hurles (RIP)
<b>Saturday 11 November</b> <i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours</i>  (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Susan Stewart (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chain's	Vigil Mass	The National Shrine
<b>Sunday 12 November</b> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Marianne Stewart (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>	<u>Rosary &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u>
Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 6:50pm	Tuesday - St John & St Columba's - 6:30pm - 7:00pm
Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 6:50pm	Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes - 6:30pm - 7:00pm
Saturday - St John & Columba's - 10:30am - 11:00am	Saturday - St John & St Columba's - 9:30am - 10:00am
- St Peter in Chains - 4:30pm - 4:50pm	Sunday - St John & St Columba's 9:00am - 9:30am
	Our Lady of Lourdes 4:30pm - 5:00pm

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Parish Secretary** - please email the Parish Priest

**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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# The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter.

**Sunday 5 November 2023**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

## *Reflection - Sincere and Grounded Faith*

The warnings against the leaders conclude this week. This is the final part of this series of readings in which Jesus strongly criticises various groups of leaders who have failed to grasp what religion and faith in God are really about.

The problem centres around the belief that religious practice is all that is necessary to be justified in God's eyes. According to Jesus, however, it is really about conversion, the continual process of turning oneself towards God. Bit by bit as our hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit we come to see with God's eyes and feel with God's heart. That is why Jesus insists that it is what is within one's heart that is important, not how many religious laws one fulfils.

The Scribes and Pharisees have a 'one-dimensional', narrow view of religion and faith. Jesus' view embraces the whole person in the journey of faith. As St Paul puts it in the Letter to the Romans: faith is a journey of being remade in the image and likeness of Christ. It changes and transforms every part of us.

No true believer can live as though faith and life are separate. Often contemporary civil leaders wish that the Church would confine its comments only to 'religious' things. For us, all the dimensions of life are part of our religious framework - social, political, economic, physical, psychological, mental and spiritual.

All these are viewed from the perspective of our faith. As Pope John Paul II said, "The light of the Gospel must be brought to bear on every aspect of human life." Our moral sense of what is right and wrong develops as we reflect on the issues of human life in the light of the Gospel.

Ours is never an attitude of "all's fair in love and war". No matter what the issue, or what sphere of human endeavour in which we are involved, our words and actions must always be true to the values of our Christian life.

With Christ as our only teacher we learn the ways of wisdom and love. We learn how to live, not by the values of the world, but by the values of the Spirit.

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

## The Parish Clergy

**Parish Priest:**

Fr. Andrew Kingham

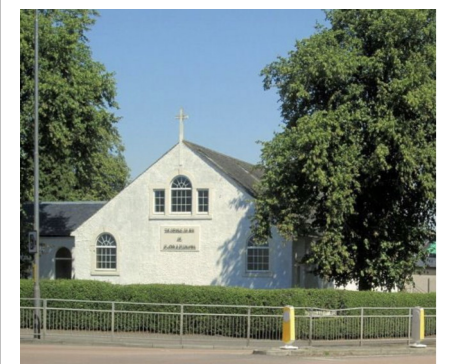
**Parish Deacon:**

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

MALACHI 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 130

**R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. ( R )
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. ( R )
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever. ( R )

### SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9,13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 SAM 3:9 ; JOHN 6:68

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

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

*The Gospel of the Lord— Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

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<b>Sunday 29 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>£289.50</b>	<b>£124.45</b>	<b>£578.21</b>
Special Collection		<b>£76.50 (Building Fund)</b>	<b>TBC (Building Fund)</b>
Standing Orders	<b>£220.00</b>	<b>£415.25</b>	<b>£144.75</b>
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## This Week's News & Events

### **Congratulations**

Fr Andrew would like to offer on behalf of the entire parish his congratulations and wishes to Richard Steinbach, who was presented with the Pro ecclesia et Pontifice medal by His Grace Archbishop Leo Cushley. The medal Richard received, is the highest award that Pope Francis can bestow on a lay person. Richard was recognised for his dedication to the Church and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Over the many years he served as President of the society within the Archdiocese. Best wishes and every prayer and blessing to you on this wonderful occasion.

### **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.

### **World Day for the Poor**

World Day for the Poor takes place on Sunday 19 November. And there will be a special collection taken in all of the churches that weekend. The money will go to the Fife Furniture Project, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many of whom are in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home.

### **Parish Party**

For all you keen dancers and socialisers, a parish party night has been arranged for Friday 24 November in St Peter in Chains' Church Hall from 7pm till late. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together and get to know people from the Parish. The event is bring your own bottle, with tickets priced at £6. All welcome.

### **St John & St Columba's 200 Club**

We are looking for new members to join the 200 club which helps raise funds for the Parish. The cost of membership is £60 per year. For more information or to join, please see Lisa Quinn at the back of the Church after Holy Mass.

### **Follow and Support the Parish Online**

Why not follow and support the Parish online? We can be found on Facebook at The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity where we have over 2000 followers, or check out our website at [www.catholicswufe.com](http://www.catholicswufe.com).

### **Diploma in Catechetics 2024**

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar (or watch the recording at your convenience), and further enjoy guided readings, regular one-to-one support, and an in-person retreat. The Diploma in Catechetics begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Concessions available. For Registration and info go to [bit.ly/archdiploma2024](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). Questions? Email [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

### **Archdiocesan Youth Day**

A day of faith and fun for P4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Speak to the parish priest to register.

### **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](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events) To apply, please send you CV as well as a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

### **Getting Married**

Please note that at least six months notice is required for any couples looking to getting married. An appointment should be made with Fr Andrew to discuss this, and details of available marriage preparation will also be given.