

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	The National Shrine
	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
Monday 13 November	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Lynch (RIP)
Tuesday 14 November	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Ron Price (RIP)
Wednesday 15 November <i>(St Albert the Great)</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 16 November Feast of St Margaret of Scotland	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of Gallen & Hepburn Families
Friday 17 November <i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungry</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Maureen Hurles (RIP)
Saturday 18 November <i>(Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul)</i> (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Helen Logue (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Robert Duncan (Anniv.)
Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Olive Paterson (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Brian Blaney (Anniv.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Fr Andrew Kingham (email: frandrew.kingham@stened.org.uk)

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: 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 the person in block capitals for ease of legibility.

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Sunday 5 November 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - Ready and Waiting

Wisdom is at the heart of the first reading and Gospel. In the Bible, wisdom is not separate from God but a feminine personification of various attributes of God. The first reading presents wisdom as like a light which never fails. God is always taking the initiative with us, searching out the believers and revealing himself to them.

The parable in the Gospel continues the theme of wisdom. The ten virgins (representing the disciples) are waiting for the coming of the bridegroom (the return of Christ). The wise ones brought both their lamps and extra oil. The unwise ones brought only their lamps.

While they are waiting the lamps of the unwise begin to go out (their faith and love has grown cold, their good works are fading). The wise virgins cannot lend their faith, love and good deeds (the oil) to the others. Each disciple has to take personal responsibility for their faith and their salvation.

The wise disciple, whose love, faith and good works do not grow dim, is recognised by the Lord and takes their place in the Kingdom of God.

The disciple needs to remain alert, vigilant and prepared for the 'day of salvation' by continually growing in a faithful and loving relationship with God. This loving relationship with God bears fruit in good works for neighbours. That is what it means to be hearers and doers of the Word.

(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

WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 62

R. *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

This Week's News & Events

World Day for the Poor

World Day for the Poor takes place next Sunday (19 November). There will be a special collection, with all money raised going to the Fife Furniture Project. This project is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The project has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many of whom are in desperate situations. By providing them with basic furniture and white goods for their home.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

Next weekend is Catholic Education Sunday, and there will be a special collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able. Thank you.

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. Please see Kathleen Paterson (St PiC) or Dean McGuire (St J&C). All welcome.

St John & St Columba's 200 Club Winners

The winners of the 200 Club for September and October is as follows. September, 1st prize Loretta Leybourn, 2nd prize Mary Guild, 3rd prize Al Peoples. October, 1st prize Christopher Bennett, 2nd prize Elaine Steinbach, 3rd prize Jim Meade. We are always actively looking for new members to join the 200 club which helps raise funds for the Parish. Membership is £60 per year. For more information, or to join, please speak to Lisa Quinn at the back of the church after Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Lourdes are collecting non-perishable food and Christmas gifts. Please kindly label gifts with information (boy/girl, teenage boy/girl, and age the gift is most suitable for). We would be grateful for supermarket vouchers, which gives people more choice. Please hand vouchers as well as donations, to a member of the SVDP at the back of the church. Thank you for your assistance and generosity in previous year's, and in anticipation of this years collection.

Archdiocesan Youth Day

A day of faith and fun for P4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we encounter 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! This takes place from 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please speak to your parish priest to register.

Petition for Peace

Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Further details can be found at caid.org.uk/CallForPeace

Advent Rosary

The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place each Monday in Advent (4, 11, 18 December) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Please register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents

Interreligious Dialogue Webinar

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online on Friday 24 November, 7-9pm. The theme is the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue. Details can be found online at the following website <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>

Sunday 5 November 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	£263.35	£168.44	£683.20
Special Collection		£62.05 (Building Fund)	£53.25 (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£158.75	£364.63	£100.50
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