

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Robert Duncan (Anniv.)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Olive Patterson (90th Birthday)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Brian Blaney (Anniv.)
Monday 20 November	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Ron Price (RIP)
Tuesday 21 November <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Brian & Glen Gilmartin (RIP)
Wednesday 22 November <i>Memorial of St Cecilia</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 23 November <i>(St Clement I) (St Columban)</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
Friday 24 November <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Lynch (RIP)
Saturday 25 November <i>(St Catherine of Alexandria)</i> (Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Intentions of Peter, Brian & Owen
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday 26 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of O'Brien & Moyles Families
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Olive Patterson (90th Birthday)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People

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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 the person in block capitals for ease of legibility.

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Sunday 19 November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection - Growing the Kingdom

Continuing the theme of last week's parable about the wise and the foolish women, this parable also concentrates on wisdom. The wise servants fulfil the bond of trust placed in them by the master by are being productive with an enormous amount of money entrusted to them. Like the perfect wife in the first reading, they are industrious in contrast to the third servant who uses fear as an excuse for doing nothing.

Like last Sunday, today's Gospel is another 'meantime' parable - how do we live as disciples of Christ in the meantime as we wait for his return?

The master entrusts his property to his servants and goes away. On his return, he asks for an accounting of what they have done with his property. The servants who have been industrious and productive are praised.

Christ has entrusted us with the Kingdom of God. We are called to work industriously and productively with the Spirit so that the Kingdom, the Reign of God's grace, may be seen and experienced through us, and that others also may come to believe. The Kingdom gifts of love, justice, mercy, compassion and forgiveness are multiplied. The Kingdom grows.

Both the first reading and the Gospel today praise busy, energetic people - those who produce much from what has been given to them. In these readings we find an image of how to wait in this 'in between time' for the final coming of Christ. The Christian disciple is called to watch and wait, not in a lazy or self-indulgent way, but eagerly doing the work of the Kingdom and producing its fruits of justice, mercy, peace, hope and love as we go about our daily tasks.

It is the ideal of responsible stewardship which is proclaimed in the Gospel. We have been entrusted with the very life of God. What are we doing/will we do with it?

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

The Parish Clergy

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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

PROVERBS 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 127

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! (R)

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

APOCALYPSE 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. ‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. ‘Sir,’ he said ‘you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.’ ‘His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’ ‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. ‘Sir,’ he said ‘you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’ ‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. ‘Sir,’ said he ‘I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’

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

This Week’s News & Events

Children’s Mass

Please note that the children of the parish will lead our scripture readings at the 0930 and 1130 Mass. The scripture readings on the previous page will not be applicable at those services. Please consider reading and reflecting on them at home.

World Day for the Poor

A special collection for World Day for the Poor takes place today. Money raised 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 in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

The special collection scheduled due to take place on 26 November for the Catholic Education Service has been moved. This will now take place the weekend of the 4 & 5 December. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able. Thank you.

Mothers Prayers

The ‘Mothers Prayers’ group will meet on Tuesday 21st November in Our Lady of Lourdes at 12.30pm. All are warmly welcome.

St John’s & St Columba St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

The SSVP would like to say a huge thank you to Kathleen Paterson and the Inverkeithing ladies, for organising raffles for our funds. Their hard work and generosity has meant that we now have £910 to use for our Christmas projects, assisting those in need. It will make a big difference to the amount of help that we can give and we are very grateful to them and to everyone who contributed. Thank you.

Parish Party

For all you keen dancers and socialisers. A parish party night has been arranged for next 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.

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.

Interreligious Dialogue Webinar

The Bishops’ Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online next Friday (24 November), 7-9pm. Further details can be found online at <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/>

Archdiocesan Youth Day

A day of faith and fun for P4-7s will take place next 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.

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

Sunday 12 November 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	£215.41	£123.32	£706.94
Special Collection		£62.57 (Building Fund)	TBC (Building Fund)
Standing Orders	£158.75	£364.63	£100.50
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