

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 26 November</b> OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving Mass
	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
<b>Monday 27 November</b>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Jacqueline Hannan (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Funeral Mass	Maureen McKenna (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Ron Price (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 30 November</b> ST ANDREW	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tam Higgins (RIP)
<b>Friday 1 December</b>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Lynch (RIP)
<b>Saturday 2 December</b> (Blessed Virgin Mary)	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Kitty Lloyd (Anniv.)
1st Sunday of Advent (B)	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	James Burke (Anniv.)
	<b>Sunday 3 December</b> 1st Sunday of Advent (B)	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass
11:30am		Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jenny Sullivan (Anniv.)
5:00pm		Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mick Ward (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**

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

**Parish Assistant - Dean McGuire** (email: mhtparishnewsletter@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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Most Holy Trinity*

*Parish Newsletter.*

**Sunday 26 November 2023**

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (A)**

*Reflection - Being the Living Presence of God*

Only Matthew tells us this story of final judgement in the Kingdom of God. He paints a picture of the glorious arrival of the King and the assembly of all the nations of people who are then separated into two groups, sheep and goats.

Judgement is then pronounced - not on the basis of physical beauty, wealth, power, status or even religious practice.

What determines who will inherit the eternal life of the Kingdom are the works of service done to fellow human beings in need: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison.

Perhaps surprisingly, there is no mention in the list of religious duties like prayer, liturgical worship, fasting, giving tithes or indeed any identifiably religious

practice. Very likely these things are presumed to be present in all the assembled people. But, the difference between the two groups is how they responded to fellow human beings in need.

At the end of the day, the disciple is called to be the Kingdom (living presence) of God in the world and to transform the suffering of its people into joy by deeds of loving kindness. The goats appear to have made horrible situations suffered by human beings worse by their neglect, their lack of love.

The virtuous disciple is the living presence of Jesus in the world. He or she realises that Jesus has entrusted the kingdom into his/her hands. In the Kingdom of Jesus, the disciple is not master but 'servant' - remember how frequently we have heard about the first being last and the last first?

The whole idea of 'kingdom' has been thoroughly re-written in the teaching of Jesus: there is only one master and you are all brothers... The disciples are indeed kings - they have the power of Jesus' spirit in them. But this power is not to be exercised in the classical sense 'having power over others', but by being true servants. The power of the spirit of Jesus fuels deeds of loving kindness for the brothers and sisters of Jesus - reversing horrible human conditions, and bringing healing and salvation.

This is, once again, a 'warning' parable for disciples to make sure that they are living the life of the Kingdom properly. It is not meant as a 'prophecy' about the last day. It is meant for careful consideration by the disciples in their attempt to live the life of the kingdom which has been entrusted to them.

Disciples of Jesus are not to repeat the mistake of the Pharisees in objectifying faith in God and reducing it to external observance.

Disciples are to seize the life (grace) of the Kingdom within them, to work industriously with this great gift so that the life of Jesus at work in them overflows into deeds of loving kindness; so that, becoming one in heart and mind with Christ (as St Paul puts it), the disciple becomes Christ in his/her moment of history - seeing, thinking and acting as Jesus would.

(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

EZEKIEL 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22

**R.** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **( R )**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **( R )**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **( R )**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **( R )**

### SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARK 11:10

*Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” ‘Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” ‘And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

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

## This Week’s News & Events

### **Special Collection - Next Weekend**

Please note there will be a special collection for the work of the Catholic Education Service next weekend. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able. Thank you.

### **COP28**

The annual climate summit this year, takes place in the United Arab Emirates from Thursday 30 November. His Grace Archbishop Bill Nolan (Glasgow Archdiocese), president of Justice & Peace for the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland, has issued a statement that can be read in the news-events section of the Archdiocesan website. This can be found at [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org).

### **Liturgical Calendar Change**

Please note that from next weekend, the 1st Sunday of Advent. The Sunday liturgy moves to Year B and the weekday liturgy changes to Year 2.

### **Ecumenical Advent Service**

An ecumenical advent service bringing together the faiths of our community, will take place on Sunday 3 December in Rosyth Parish Church at 6:30pm. This will begin with tea and coffee, followed by the service. All welcome.

### **Blessing of Nativity Scene**

His Grace Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene for Edinburgh. This will take place at the annual outdoor Carol Concert at 3:30pm on Sunday 3 December at Mound Place. All are welcome.

### **Vocations Mass**

The Archdiocesan monthly Vocations Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at 6:30pm on Monday 4 December at St Columba’s in Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN.

### **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](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Cleaning**

The cleaning team at Our Lady of Lourdes needs your help prepare the Church ahead of the Christmas. All help will be gratefully appreciated. This is open to men and women, young and old. If you feel able, then come along to the Church on Saturday 9 December at 9:30am.

### **St John’s Primary School**

St John’s Primary School are looking for donations for their tombola and raffle which will take place at their Christmas Fair. Donations can be given to Jennifer Glen at the back of St John & St Columba’s Church who will gladly these into the school.

### **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.

### **Liturgical Mass Times for Christmas**

Christmas Mass times for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord will be as follows: Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve), Vigil at 5pm in Our Lady of Lourdes: Vigil at 7pm in St Peter in Chains. Monday 25 December (Christmas Day), Holy Mass will be at 9am in St John & St Columba’s and 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes. Please feel free to share this information with family, friends and the wider community, who may wish to join us at this wonderful time of the year.

<b>Sunday 19 November 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><i>St Peter in Chain’s</i></b> <b><i>Inverkeithing</i></b>	<b><i>St John &amp; St Columba’s</i></b> <b><i>Rosyth</i></b>	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b> <b><i>Dunfermline</i></b>
Offertory Collection	<b>£244.15</b>	<b>£107.70</b>	<b>£530.90</b>
Special Collection—WDotP	<b>£276.74</b>	<b>£135.50</b>	<b>£465.74</b>
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