

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 3 December 1st Sunday of Advent (B)	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	James Burke (Anniv.)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Jenny Sullivan (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mick Ward (Anniv.)
Monday 4 December <i>(St John Damascene)</i>	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Margaret Lynch (RIP)
Tuesday 5 December	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Close & Cunningham Families (RIP)
Wednesday 6 December <i>(St Nicholas)</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Theresa Crossan (RIP)
Friday 8 December IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Maureen O'Hara (Anniv.)
Saturday 9 December <i>(St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin)</i> 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Father Gustave LaFortune (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Canon McAllister (Anniv.)
Sunday 10 December 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	James Close (Anniv.)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Angelo & Marlene Torres (Wedding Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People

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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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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*The Catholic Parish of the
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Parish Newsletter.*
**Sunday 3 December 2023
First Sunday of Advent (B)**

Reflection - Stay Awake!

Our Advent journey begins today. "The Advent readings form a rich tapestry of images centered on the truth that God has come among us. In Advent we do not pretend that we are waiting for Jesus to be born in a stable. That happened once in history and it will not happen again. We remember that birth as we remember our own birthdays. The God who came among us is still among us. Advent's invitation is to become aware of the all-pervading presence of the risen Jesus as Emmanuel - God among us." (Break Open the Word. The Liturgical Commission, Brisbane.)

This week's Gospel calls us to 'Stay awake', to be vigilant and attentive so that we do not miss the moment when God breaks into human history once again. The God who came among us is still among us. In Advent we train our eyes to see the reign of God more clearly so that we may be totally caught up in God's action in the world.

We live in the 'in between' time - between the first and final comings of Jesus. This excerpt from the Gospel urges us to stay awake, alert, watchful and ready not only for the 'day of the Lord's coming' at the end of time, but also for when the presence of God breaks in our lives and our world.

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

The Season of Advent

The word "advent" means appearing, arrival, to come. Advent is the Church's time of preparation for celebrating God's gift of his Son. Our liturgy will gather the great Advent themes of hope, expectation and preparation. During Advent we recall Christ's coming at Bethlehem and we look forward to his second coming at the end of time. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

The predominant colour during Advent is purple. Unlike Lent, Advent is not a penitential season. The purple colour represents hope, expectation and healing. It is one of the royal colours. We are preparing to welcome the King, the "sun of justice" who "will shine out with healing in its rays". (Mal 4:2 NRSV, 3:20 Jerusalem)

The custom of the Advent Wreath began in Germany in the 16th century. It symbolises the many years that the people of Israel waited in darkness for the coming of the expected Saviour. The light of the wreath grows steadily during our Advent prayer.

Advent has two parts. The first two Sundays focus on preparing for Jesus' return at the end of time. The second two Sundays focus on preparing to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth.

The Gospels of the Sundays in Advent have four great movements: 1. Stay Awake! 2. Prepare! 3. Rejoice! and 4. Receive!

Advent is a journey from Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! to Emmanuel. God-is-with-us!

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

ISAIAH 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 79

R. *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. (R)

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PSALM 88:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: "Stay awake!"

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

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This Week's News & Events

Special Collection

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

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 today at 3:30pm (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

Archbishop Cushley will give a reflection at the first weekly Advent Pro-Life Rosary tomorrow, (Monday 4 December) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at 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 take 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 year's collection.

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.

St Paul's Bookshop, Edinburgh

If you are in Edinburgh shopping and are looking for Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images, calendars and lots more, visit St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh (beside John Lewis). It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Lourdes Hospitalité Carol Service

The Lourdes Hospitalité Committee is hosting a Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday 10 December at St Margaret's Church, Main Street, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD. All are welcome to come along and join the festivities. There will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Candlelit Concert

St Mary's Cathedral's Schola Cantorum hosts a special candlelit concert on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday 8 December at 8:00pm, in the warmth and intimacy of St Andrew's Church in Ravelston. The group will sing a one-hour programme of Advent and Christmas music. Tickets are £6 standard (£12 family) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Book at <https://bit.ly/ScholaAdvent2023>