

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 31 December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Michael & Elizabeth McHale (Spec Int.)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Moira McCrae (Sick)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Martin Wallace
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
Monday 1 January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	11:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Matilda Rose Nevin Martin (Spec. Int)
Tuesday 2 January <i>St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Margaret Anne Stewart (ill)
Wednesday 3 January <i>(Most Holy Name of Jesus)</i>	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 4 January Weekday in Christmas	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Peter Wainwright (RIP)
Friday 5 January Weekday in Christmas	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Gerry & Janet Coyle (Spec. Int)
Saturday 6 January Weekday in Christmas	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Private Intention
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Joseph Morgan (RIP)
Sunday 7 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Therese & Eric Allcock (Ann)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Private Intention

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 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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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
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This Week's Reflection

Then the angel gives three names to indicate who Jesus is: Saviour, Christ and Lord!

Saviour is the one who frees all people from all ties! The authorities in those days liked to use the title Saviour. They attributed the title of Soter to themselves. Christ means anointed or messiah. In the Old Testament this was the title given to kings and prophets. It was also the title of the future Messiah who would fulfil the promises made by God to his people. This means that newly born child, who lies in a manger, has come to fulfil the hopes of the people. Lord was the name given to God himself! Here we have the three greatest titles imaginable.

From this announcement of the birth of Jesus as Saviour, Christ and Lord, can you imagine anyone with a higher standing? And angel says to you: "Be careful! I give you this sign of recognition: you will meet a child in a manger, in the midst of poor people!" Would you believe him? God's ways are not our ways!

A Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, your mother, not only listen to but also practice the Word. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

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

GENESIS 15:1-6,21:1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104

R. *He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (**R**)
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (**R**)
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (**R**)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (**R**)

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:8,11-12,17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord— Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HEBREW 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

This Week's News & Events

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Constance Faccenda RIP, who has died recently. Constance's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 9 January at 12 noon in St Peter in Chains. Her committal will then follow at Hillend Cemetery at 1:15pm. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace and rise in glory, Amen. May God continue to console and guide Constance's family and reward her with eternal life.

Fr Andrew's Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent me cards and gifts for Christmas. Your kindness, generosity and warm wishes is greatly appreciated. *Fr Andrew.*

New Year's Day Mass

What better way to bring in the New Year and start 2024 by attending Holy Mass. On 1 January, Mass will take place at 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes. Everyone from across the Parish is encouraged to come along!

Special collection - Next Weekend

A special collection will be taken next weekend for the work of Justice and Peace. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able.

Parish Crib Collection

Our parish crib collection will be donated this year to Friends of the Holy Land. A non-political Christian charity which supports our Christian brother and sisters in the Holy Land at this difficult time. Please be as generous as you can!

Weekly Parish Social

Why not set yourself a New Year's resolution to get know more people in the Parish? On Monday mornings after 10am Mass parishioners gather in St Peter in Chains Hall for tea/coffee and a biscuits. You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Weekly Collection Counters

We are still looking for more people to join the team who count the weekly collection. This takes place on a Monday morning after Mass from 10:30am. Full training will be provided. If you are able to assist with this every couple of weeks, please send an email to mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com or give your details to Father Andrew.

Criminalising of Prayer in Scotland

A new bill proposes criminalising prayer in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion centres in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. You are encouraged to write to your MSP to express your concerns.

Save the Date

The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday 27 January 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Details to follow soon.

Explore God's Will

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024. If you have any questions, please email srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

24/25 December 2023	<i>St Peter in Chain's</i>	<i>St John & St Columba's</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
	<i>Inverkeithing</i>	<i>Rosyth</i>	<i>Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection (Sunday)	£324.78	£145.50	£984.63
Christmas Collection	£326.65	£200.92	£543.50
Standing Orders	£158.75	£364.63	£100.50
Bank Account Details	RBS A/C No: 00600297 Sort Code:833300	RBS A/C No: 00114865 Sort Code: 832339	RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort Code: 833300