

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 7 January</b> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Joseph Morgan (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Therese & Eric Allcock (Anniv.)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Private Intention
<b>Monday 8 January</b> The Baptism of the Lord	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Francesca Burke (Anniv.)
<b>Tuesday 9 January</b> 1st Week of the Year (Weekday Readings Year 2)	12:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Funeral Mass	Constance Faccenda (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	The Walsh Family
<b>Wednesday 10 January</b> 1st Week of the Year	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 11 January</b> 1st Week of the Year	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Zibeife Egwu (Birthday)
<b>Friday 12 January</b> 1st Week of the Year	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Jackie Pope (RIP)
<b>Saturday 13 January</b> St Kentigern	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Sister Anna Marie McGuan (Spec Int.)
	2nd Sunday of the Year	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 14 January</b> 2nd Sunday of the Year	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Ursula Finkbeiner (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Masie Duffy (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: 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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 Parish Newsletter.*

**Sunday 7 January 2024**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

*This Week's Reflection - The Act of Adoration*

The act of adoration is as old as humankind itself, because since the beginning, the relationship with the divinity has been accompanied by this demand of love, of humility, of self-offering. Before the greatness of God, we, little people, feel and discover that we are nothing, a speck of dust, a drop from a bucket. In the Old Testament, the act of adoration appears as an act of deep love towards the Lord, an act that demands the involvement of the whole person: the mind, the will to choose, love full of desire and a body that bows and prostrates itself even to the ground. It is said in several places that the act of adoration is accompanied by a prostration with the face touching the ground; the face of man, his gaze, his breath returns to the dust whence he has his origin and there he recognizes himself as creature of God, as a breath of God's nostrils. "Come in, let us bow, prostrate ourselves, and kneel in front of Yahweh our maker" (Ps 94: 6): this is the invitation of Scripture to us every day, showing us the way to walk so that we may again and again come to the truth and so live fully.

The New Testament goes even deeper in its spiritual reflection on this fact and seems to want to accompany us on a pedagogical journey of conversion and of maturity in our interior life. In the Gospels we see the disciples, men and women, adoring the Lord Jesus after his resurrection (Mt 28: 9; Lk 24: 52), because they recognize him as God. Jesus' words in his dialogue with the Samaritan woman give us a deep insight into the truth of this act, which, after all, involves the whole of life and is an attitude of the heart: adoration is for God the Father and does not happen here or there but in Spirit and in truth, that is, in the Spirit and the Son, Jesus. We must not deceive ourselves; it is not by moving from one place to another, nor by seeking this or that spiritual person that we can adore our God. The movement, the journey is an interior one and takes place in our deepest being and is a complete surrender of ourselves, our life, our whole being, to the wings of the Holy Spirit and into the arms of Jesus, wide open on the cross and ever ready to attract all things to himself. St. Peter says clearly: "Simply reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts" (1 Pt 3: 15). The act of bowing to the ground, of prostrating ourselves before the Lord comes from the heart. If we let ourselves be touched and reach into our hearts, if we allow the Lord to enter our hearts, that sacred space, then He will change us completely, transform the whole of our person and make of us new men and women.

(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

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 71

**R.** *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. ( R )
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. ( R )
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. ( R )
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. ( R )

### SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATHEW 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

*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 those who died recently: Michael Keam RIP. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace and rise in glory, Amen.

### **Special Collection - Today**

A special collection will taken during Mass today for the work of Justice and Peace. Please consider contributing to this collection if you are able.

### **Parish Crib Collection - Final Opportunity**

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 and distressing time. This weekend will be the final opportunity to donate before the cribs are taken down. Please be as generous as you can!

### **St John & St Columba 200 Club Winners - December**

1st prize, Mary Guild; 2nd prize, Pauline Livingston; 3rd prize, Anne McGowan. Congratulations to this months winners. If you are interested in joining the 200 club, which raises funds for the church. Please speak to Lisa Quinn.

### **Weekly Parish Social**

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](mailto:mhtparishnewsletter@gmail.com) or give your details to Father Andrew.

### **Parish Newsletter Online**

A reminder that our weekly newsletter is published online at our website [catholicswife.com](http://catholicswife.com). A link taking you to the newsletter can be found on our Facebook page, The Catholic Parish of the Most Holy Trinity.

### **Archdiocesan Job Vacancy**

The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply go online and visit the Archdiocesan website at [archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor](http://archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor). Closing date for applications is Monday 13 January.

### **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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2024). If you have any questions, please email [srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk).

<b>31 December 2023</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b><u>St Peter in Chain's</u></b> <b><u>Inverkeithing</u></b>	<b><u>St John &amp; St Columba's</u></b> <b><u>Rosyth</u></b>	<b><u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b><u>Dunfermline</u></b>
Offertory Collection (Sunday)	<b>£239.72</b>	<b>£131.15</b>	<b>£582.50</b>
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