

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 25 February 2nd Sunday of Lent	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Special Intention
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Philip Patterson (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Joyce Connolly (Spec Int.)
Monday 26 February 2nd Week of Lent	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Bernie McShane (RIP)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 27 February <i>(St Gregory of Narek)</i>	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Eddie Lamond (1st Anniv.)
Wednesday 28 February 2nd Week of Lent	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 29 February 2nd Week of Lent	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tam Higgins (Anniv.)
Friday 1 March 2nd Week of Lent	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Tom McKillop (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 2 March 2nd Week of Lent	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Henry Wm Dellar (Anniv.)
	3rd Sunday of Lent	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass
Sunday 3 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Lola Edu (Birthday)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Bill Sharkey (RIP)
	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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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 25 February 2024
 Second Sunday of Lent (B)**

From Temptation to Transfiguration

This Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration completes the 'little parable' formed by the Gospels of the first two Sundays of Lent.

These Gospels tell us what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a constant journey from temptation and doubt to transfiguration and faith.

Transfiguration means to be 'shot-through' with the presence of God. Being transfigured is about allowing the presence of God to completely transform us. It is a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness. Our life as Christians is about being transfigured by the Spirit of God so that God is seen in, and experienced through, us. That is what Peter, James and John saw in the transfigured Jesus.

The journey to transfiguration requires faith and perseverance. The story of Abraham in the first reading is a story of great faith and trust. Abraham faced the loss of his dearly loved son, the source of all his hope for the future. He trusted and his son was spared. That was a clear sign to Abraham that God is about bringing life, not death, to his people.

It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be driven by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. Listening to the living word of the 'Beloved Son' forms in us the heart of God.

(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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 115

R. *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted,’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. *(R)*
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord’s name. *(R)*
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. *(R)*

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 17:5

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my son the beloved. Listen to him.’ Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

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 Pat Reid RIP. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Celebration of Children’s Sacraments

The parish celebration of the following sacraments for our children who attend St John’s Primary, St Margaret’s Primary and those who have been preparing with the parish catechetical team will take place on the following dates: Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monday 11 March at 6:30pm in St John and St Columba’s Church; Sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday 5 May in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5pm; Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion), Saturday 25 May at 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please keep all of the children in your prayers at this time.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March is World Day of Prayer with services taking place at the following times: Dunfermline Abbey at 2pm followed by refreshments. The Parish Church of St Peter’s, Inverkeithing at 2pm. A Children’s service will take place on Saturday 2 March in St Ninian’s Church, Dunfermline at 2pm. This will begin with a craft session. A service will follow at 3pm. All are welcome to attend any of these services.

Stations of the Cross

As a Parish we will make the Way of the Cross during the season of Lent. This will take place on Mondays in Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesdays in St Peter in Chains and Fridays in St John & St Columba and will begin at 7pm. If you are able, please consider coming along and spending time in prayer with God.

Archdiocesan Pro Life Stations of the Cross

Join people across the Archdiocese each Monday throughout Lent for our annual Stations of the Cross. It takes place on Zoom at 7:45pm and lasts around 30 minutes. We will be praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (26 February), includes a reflection from Sister Roseann Reddy, Sister of the Gospel of Life. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Lent Video Reflections

Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the ‘Challenge of the Gospel’, in weekly videos posted each Monday morning on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Archdiocesan Day for Catechists

If you are involved with RCIA, children’s liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan Day for Catechists at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 March from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Please visit the following link to for more details <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Easter Duties

Those of the faithful who infrequently attend the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist should be aware of the long ecclesial tradition associating the precept of confessing grave sins and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten season, or preferably Eastertide. (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 125) The period for fulfilling the Easter Precept began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Trinity Sunday.

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 visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor-2/. Closing date for applications is Friday 1 March.

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

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