

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 3 March</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	John McManus (Anniv.)
	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
<b>Monday 4 March</b> ( <i>St Casimir</i> )	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Bernadette McShane (RIP)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Tuesday 5 March</b> 3rd Week of Lent	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Tom McKillop (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 6 March</b> 3rd Week of Lent	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thursday 7 March</b> ( <i>St Perpetua &amp; St Felicity</i> )	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Patrick McHale (Anniv.)
<b>Friday 8 March</b> ( <i>St John of God</i> )	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	David Muir (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 9 March</b> ( <i>St Frances of Rome</i> )	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Frances Devine (RIP)
	4th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 10 March</b> 4th Sunday of Lent	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Stella McLoughlin (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Pat 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

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**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 3 March 2024  
 Third Sunday of Lent (B)**

*Cleansing Our Hearts*

The Gospels of the last two Sundays showed us that the Christian journey is from Temptation to Transfiguration. The Gospels of the next three Sundays of Lent present Jesus as the road (or The Way, as the early Christians referred to him) from temptation to transfiguration.

In the Old Testament scriptures the idea of the people of Israel being ‘the people of God’ is clearly established. By their behaviour they were to be a ‘light to the nations’, and the dwelling-place of God’s presence. Only much later did the idea of God dwelling in a building called a temple develop. Even so, the Jews never lost the sense that they were to be God’s own people.

The reading from Exodus commonly known as the Ten Commandments gives a pattern for God’s people to live in right relationship with God and neighbour; to be the dwelling-place of God’s presence.

In today’s Gospel we find a deeply passionate Jesus causing a near-riot in the outer precincts of the Temple. In John’s Gospel Jesus’ prophetic actions have less to do with ‘cleansing the Temple’ than with saying that the Temple is no longer the way to be in right relationship with God.

According to John, Jesus is the new, living temple of God’s presence and the meeting place between God and his people. Jesus is the way to be in right relationship with God and neighbour.

In our Catholic tradition we often refer to ourselves as ‘temples of the Holy Spirit’. We recognise that we are sacred beings destined for union with God, people in whom the reign of God’s goodness should be clearly seen in word, thought and action.

Lent is a time to decide what our life is about and what is important. Like Jesus in the Temple maybe we need to put an end to ways of thinking and behaving which clutter our lives, obscure God’s presence and fail to bring life to others.

As members of the Body of Christ we, too, are to be the place where God is found on earth.

**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*

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## Scripture Readings & Responses

### FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 18

**R.** *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **( R )**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **( R )**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **( R )**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **( R )**

### SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 3:16

***Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!***

### GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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 Pat Reid RIP, who has died recently. Pat's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 12 March at 12pm in St Peter in Chains. Her committal will then follow at Hillend Cemetery at 1:30pm. 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 Pat's family and reward her with eternal life.

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

Next weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses. His Grace Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." – *Archbishop Leo Cushley.*

### **Easter Triduum Preparations**

With the Holy Season of Easter approaching, would Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Musicians and Altar Servers from all three churches who are available to serve over this period please contact Deacon Pat (obl.columba@gmail.com). For clarity, ministers are required for Palm Sunday, Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday) Solemn Passion Service, Good Friday Stations and the Easter Vigil (Saturday). This is to allow time for practice and planning.

### **Polite Notice**

A reminder to all men and boys that you are required to remove any caps, hats and hoods upon entering the Church.

### **Parish Keyholders**

The Parish is currently updating the list of those who hold any keys for any our buildings. If you currently hold any keys please complete the form in the Sacristy by Sunday 17 March. If you are no longer in an active role where you require access to our buildings, please return you keys to Father Andrew or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

### **Parish Office Email Address**

The Parish Office has a new email address which should now be used for all general enquiries. The email address is Office.HolyTrinityDunfermline@staned.org.uk. Personal emails for the attention of Father Andrew should continue to be sent to his personal email address, which can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Right to Life**

As early as Tuesday 5 March the UK Parliament could be asked to consider making an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. This would mean that a woman who induced her own abortion at home using pills or any other method at any stage of pregnancy, including just before birth, would not commit a crime. Please consider contacting local MP Douglas Chapman (douglas.chapman.mp@parliament.uk) to express your views and ask him to vote accordingly on this amendment. Please continue to pray for the protection of the sanctity of life from conception to death.

<b>25 February 2024</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<b>St Peter in Chain's</b> <b>Inverkeithing</b>	<b>St John &amp; St Columba's</b> <b>Rosyth</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <b>Dunfermline</b>
Offertory Collection	<b>£240.10</b>	<b>£165.25</b>	<b>£443.27</b>
Second Collection		<b>£61.25 (Building Fund)</b>	<b>£15.25 (Building Fund)</b>
Standing Orders	<b>£158.75</b>	<b>£364.63</b>	<b>£100.50</b>
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