

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 10 March 4th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Linda McLees (Anniv.)
	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.)
Monday 11 March 4th Week of Lent	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Artemio Fronda (RIP)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 12 March 4th Week of Lent	12:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Funeral Mass	Pat Reid (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Tom McKillop (RIP)
Wednesday 13 March 4th Week of Lent	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 14 March 4th Week of Lent	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	David Muir (RIP)
Friday 15 March 4th Week of Lent	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Bill Clinkenbeard (RIP)
	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 16 March 4th Week of Lent	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Mary Hunter (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 17 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Margaret Savage (Anniv.)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Michael Keam (RIP)

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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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 10 March 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)**

Being Light in the Darkness

This Sunday marks a change in the Lenten focus. We are no longer so absorbed by our own limitations and weaknesses in faith. We are more confident of God's kindness, forgiveness and healing without which we would never dare embark on this journey. We look forward to the Easter celebrations with joy and hope.

On our journey from temptation to transfiguration we are becoming, through faith in Christ, the living presence of God in the world, the light in the darkness.

The first reading today speaks about the re-building of the temple in Jerusalem – a reference back to last Sunday's Gospel. For the ancient Jews the re-building of their temple was a moment filled with hope and expectation.

Last Sunday Jesus promised the building of a new temple to house the living presence of God and to be the meeting place between God and us.

Our Lenten journey is rebuilding us into the living Body of Christ, into dwelling places for God and meeting places between human beings and God. This is clearly seen when human needs meet God's compassion through us. That's when God's love and light shine in the darkness of human lives.

Today's Gospel contains a number of important statements of our faith: God loved the world so much that he sent his Son, not to condemn, but to save; the Son must be lifted up (crucified and resurrected) so that all who believe might have eternal life; those who do the truth come out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that their good deeds are done in God.

The Gospel reassures us of God's love and our salvation in Christ, and calls us to be the Light, to do the truth of God's love by being God's heart in the world.

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

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’ And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 136

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. (R)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. ‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ (R)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R)

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

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 Bernadette Ward RIP, who has died recently. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses this weekend. 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 make 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).

St John & St Columba’s 200 Club - February Winners

1st prize, Anthony Bishop; 2nd prize, Michael Coleman; 3rd prize, Mary Guild. Congratulations to this months winners. To ensure that the 200 club remains viable, we need more members to join. For more information on how the club raises funds for the Church or if you would like to join, please speak with Lisa Quinn after Mass.

Parish Social Event

The Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul Society will hold a bingo tea with a raffle on Wednesday 10 April at 2pm in St Peter in Chains Church Hall. Tickets are £5 and will be available soon.

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.

The Right to Life

The total number of death recorded worldwide is 66 million per year, but abortion accounts for 73 million deaths per year. Abortion is not included in the total worldwide deaths as it is not counted as a death. The number of abortions is rising. As early as Tuesday 5 March the UK Parliament could be asked to consider making further amendments 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. In the same Criminal Justice Bill a further amendment is proposing that the legal upper limit for abortions be reduced to 22 weeks (except in cases of disability) as babies can survive when board at this age. Please pick up a postcard at the back of the Church to post to our local MP, Douglas Chapman (douglas.chapman.mp@parliament.uk), or write to express your views and ask him to vote accordingly on these amendments. Please continue to pray for the protection of the sanctity of life from conception to death.

Pro Life Stations of the Cross

Every Monday in Lent at 7:45pm we follow the Way of the Cross, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. This Monday (11 March) includes a reflection from Fr Michael Carrie (Dunkeld Diocese). Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Holy Week Webinar

Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary’s Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ’s Passion. Register at bit.ly/passionevent2024

3 March 2024 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	St Peter in Chain’s Inverkeithing	St John & St Columba’s Rosyth	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline
Offertory Collection	£268.37	£167.90	£621.69
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