

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 17 March 5th Sunday of Lent	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	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)
Monday 18 March <i>(St Cyril of Jerusalem)</i>	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 19 March ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Wednesday 20 March 5th Week of Lent	7:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 21 March 5th Week of Lent	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Friday 22 March 5th Week of Lent	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 13 March <i>(St Turibus of Mogrovego)</i>	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Margaret McBride (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Garicar & Myla Fronda (25th Anniv.)
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Bernadette O'Neill (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Kenneth Rodgers (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 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 17 March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

A New Bond of Love and Life

The first reading this Sunday tells us that our journey to transfiguration happens from within, by our hearts being changed. The prophet Jeremiah looks forward to a new covenant between God and his people. This covenant will not be written in stone, but in human hearts. This new covenant cannot be broken since God always forgives and never remembers our sins. It is in our hearts that we learn the truth about the strength of God's love for us and recognise ourselves as God's own people.

There is a lovely phrase in the preface of Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I which captures this sense: You have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer, with a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone.

The words of John's Gospel help answer the question about how this covenant is made. God's love is revealed in a weak and suffering human being through whom God offers his own life as the pledge of love and forgiveness which seals this new covenant.

When some Greeks come asking to see Jesus he knows his preaching is complete and that 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'.

Unless the grain of wheat dies, it remains all alone. If it dies it yields a 'rich harvest'. Jesus' death yields a rich harvest of followers with whom and in whom he is always present. We are not left to make the journey from temptation to transfiguration alone - Jesus is our constant companion. He is the way by which we get from one to the other.

Faith in (seeing) Jesus, draws us out of temptation and into transfiguration - to be the living presence of God in the world, the meeting places between human need and God's compassion, to be light and life for one another. If we, too, 'want to see Jesus' we must look into our own hearts. It is there that God writes his law of love in the person of his Son. It is there that we discover the presence of One who loves us beyond death and who gently refashions us into the image and likeness of his Son

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*

(Reflection shared with permission from Carmelites website Ocarm.org)

Scripture Readings & Responses

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 50

R. *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *(R)*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R)*
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. *(R)*

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord– Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 12:26

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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. Bernadette’s Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 12pm in Our Lady of Lourdes. Her committal will then follow at Dunfermline 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 Bernadette’s family and reward her with eternal life.

St Michael’s Prayer

The use of the St Michael’s Prayer in our liturgy will change from this weekend. This prayer will now be said only at the end of each weekday Mass where there is no final hymn and will not be used in our Sunday liturgy. The prayer will begin once the celebrant reaches the foot of the altar. Father Andrew will begin the prayer, you are then invited to join in and recite it with him.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgy Times

A copy of this year’s Holy Week & Easter liturgy times is included in this weekend’s newsletter. Additional copies are available at the back of the church should you wish to give this to family and friends.

Coach to the Chrism Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral

We would like to run a bus to the Chrism Mass taking place in St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm. Before we approach coach companies, we need to know how many people would be willing to go on the bus. Collection points will be each of the churches with times confirmed if we go ahead with running the bus. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church **this weekend**, so we can approach the coach company on Monday.

Emergency Contacts

Please note that Fr Andrew will be unavailable from Monday 18 until Friday 22 March. Deacon Pat can be contacted as normal by email. If you require the urgent pastoral care of a priest, please contact any of the following priests. Father Syriac (Dunfermline), Cannon James Tracey (Burntisland) on 01592 872207, Fr Franco Liporace IVE or Fr Simon Willis IVE (Cowdenbeath) on 01383 510549. If your request is not urgent, please leave a voicemail on the office answer machine or alternatively send an email.

Special Collection Total

The totals from the special collection taken last weekend for the Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) can be found in the table at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent.

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 are available from any member of the SVDP at Our Lady of Lourdes, Pat Castle at St John & St Columba or Kathleen Paterson at St Peter in Chains. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received and can be given to those named above.

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 (18 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

Lenten 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 on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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