

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 7 April 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	David Muir (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Henrietta MacLeod (RIP)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Mary Morrison (RIP)
Monday 8 April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Gillian Ross (RIP)
Tuesday 9 April 2nd Week in Eastertide	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	James Duffy (Anniv.)
Wednesday 10 April 2nd Week in Eastertide	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
Thursday 11 April (<i>St Stanislaus</i>)	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	David Muir (RIP)
Friday 12 April 2nd Week in Eastertide	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Tom McKillop (RIP)
Saturday 13 April 2nd Week in Eastertide	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Andrew Johan Holly (RIP)
	3rd Sunday of Easter	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass Pat Reid (RIP)
Sunday 14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Addison Adeline McKenzie (RIP)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Unborn Children

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 7 April 2024
 Second Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy**

Reflection - Two Stories of Transformation

The great Easter feast of last Sunday began the Church's fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection which concludes with the feast of Pentecost in six weeks.

The Gospel of each Sunday is a meditation on Jesus as: the resurrected Christ, made known in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread, the bearer of life in all its fullness, our way, truth and life, pledge of God's love.

In today's Gospel reading there are two stories of transformation through encounter with the risen Jesus.

Firstly, Jesus appears to a group of frightened and bewildered disciples hiding in a room. His first words are, 'Peace be with you'. Fear and bewilderment turn into joy as the disciples recognise the presence of the Risen Jesus with them. But that's not all. He then sends them out to be missionaries of peace and forgiveness. In receiving the Holy Spirit they are transformed from a group of frightened people, hiding in a room, to bold proclaimers of God's love and mercy.

The second story in today's Gospel is the one we all know as doubting Thomas, though, really, it should be known as believing Thomas - doubt is only the beginning of the story.

Jesus doesn't scold or rebuke Thomas. If Thomas is looking for proof, he has only to touch Jesus to see he is real. But Thomas doesn't do that. It is his personal encounter with Jesus which transforms him from doubter to believer.

It is yet another Gospel reminder that faith is not about believing with our minds or in looking for proof. It is found only in our living relationship with Jesus.

Perhaps these days give us a bit more time just to sit and chat with Jesus, to recognise him already present in our hearts, to allow our fears and doubts to be overcome by love, to find new, creative ways of transforming darkness into light, peace and joy for others. May the new life we celebrate over the next fifty days bring us the creativity of Spirit we need to be the living heart of God in our world today.

(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

ACTS 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 117

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not yet seen and yet believe. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL

JOHN 19:31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord – **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

This Week's News & Events

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today (7 April) we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This Feast was established by Pope St John Paul II in 2002. The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!). Fr Andrew will hear confessions in Our Lady of Lourdes from 2.00pm – 2.30pm. Followed by a Holy Hour at 3.00pm.

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Canon Andrew Monaghan RIP, who has died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Parish Social Event

The Our Lady of Lourdes St Vincent de Paul Society will hold a bingo tea with a raffle this coming 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes

New Gift Aid Envelopes for each of the Churches will be available for collection from the back of the church from next weekend. If you are a Gift Aid Donor (GAD) but no longer pay tax, please email the parish office (email address on the back page) with your details so we can update our records. If you are unable to email, please call and leave a message. Similarly if you would like to become a GAD please contact the office with your details.

Parish Finance Council

Father Andrew is pleased to announce that he has reconstituted the Parish Finance Council. The council members are Tom Dougan (Chair), Christine Pace-Balzan and Margaret McKinley. Please keep the team in your prayers as they carry out their work in the parish.

SCIAF Wee Boxes

Please return you SCIAF 'wee boxes' to the back of the Church by Sunday 27 April. Once all of the boxes have been counted a cheque will be sent to SCIAF to support their incredible work.

Mass with African & Caribbean Community

The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome to come along.

Archdiocesan Music Event

You are invited to join Sir James MacMillan, one of the world's most successful living composers and Scotland's best known Catholic musician, for a free talk at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 23 April at 7:30pm. Sir James will explore how chant, as the music of Faith, has influenced the history of music. Register at <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>.

Pro Life Chain, Edinburgh

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on Saturday 27 April at 11:00am taking place on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

Deeply Devoted

Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on Saturday 27 April 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Deeply Devoted features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. For more details and registration, please go to <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

31 March 2024 <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chain's</i> Inverkeithing	<i>St John & St Columba's</i> Rosyth	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Dunfermline
Offertory Collection	£196.90	£393.70	£915.88
Building Fund Collection		£122.80	
Standing Orders	£158.75	£364.63	£100.50
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