

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 31 March</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9:00pm (Sat)	Our Lady of Lourdes	Easter Vigil	David Mitchell (RIP)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	For the People
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Lilienne Walsh (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Peter O'Hora (Anniv.)
<b>Monday 1 April</b> Monday in the Octave of Easter	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Kathleen Keenan (Spec. Int)
<b>Tuesday 2 April</b> Tuesday in Octave of Easter	7:00pm	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Susan Stewart (Anniv.)
<b>Wednesday 3 April</b> Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	NO	MASS	CELEBRATED	TODAY
<b>Thursday 4 April</b> Thursday in the Octave of Easter	12:00pm	St John & St Columba	Requiem Mass	Imelda Smith (RIP)
	7:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Elizabeth O'Rourke (RIP)
<b>Friday 5 April</b> Friday in the Octave of Easter	10:00am	St Peter in Chains	Holy Mass	Pat Reid (RIP)
<b>Saturday 6 April</b> Saturday in the Octave of Easter	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Tom McKillop (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	David Muir (RIP)
<b>Sunday 7 April</b> Divine Mercy Sunday (B)	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)

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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*The Catholic Parish of the  
 Most Holy Trinity  
 Parish Newsletter.*

**Sunday 31 March 2024**

**Easter Sunday  
 of the Resurrection of the lord**

*Easter Reflection*

When someone dies, one of the things we often feel is their absence. The rooms where they lived with us, the places where they sat are now empty and our hearts ache.

It's not hard for us to share Mary's sense of emptiness and bewilderment when she arrives at the tomb.

If we were to read the next few verses from John's Gospel, we would read a story of overwhelming joy as Mary Magdalen meets the risen Jesus. When Jesus speaks her name, Mary recognises him and sadness and emptiness give way to joyful reunion.

It's a story of transformation - how things can change when we meet the risen Jesus.

In a way, we are all caught in tombs which hold loved ones, our experiences of hurt and harm, our fears and anxieties.

What we seem to need above all is presence. Yet, this can be the time when we experience absence most of all - being apart from loved ones, family and friends.

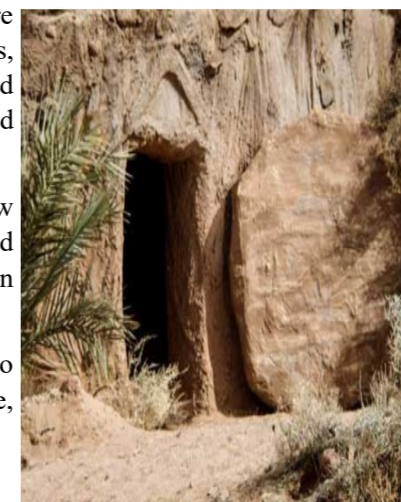
The practice of the presence of God can help us - just frequently reminding ourselves that we always in the presence of God, that we can talk to God as one friend to another, that God is in this moment with us, that God is on our side no matter what comes our way, that God is our constant companion.

Eventually, we will begin to feel more deeply God's presence, not just beside us, but within us. Eventually, the fears and anxieties, the past hurts, and disrupted relationships begin to melt away.

Where once there was only absence, now there is calm, loving, healing Presence and we know we are not alone. Our tombs begin to empty, and joy becomes possible again.

Resurrection is all about death giving way to life, the impossible becoming possible, absence becoming presence.

***May all your tombs be empty!***



(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

## This Week's News & Events

### FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 117

**R.** *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel 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. **(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. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

*Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

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<b>24 March 2024</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	<i>St Peter in Chain's Inverkeithing</i>	<i>St John &amp; St Columba's Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	<b>£199.91</b>	<b>£106.85</b>	<b>£605.45</b>
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Standing Orders	<b>£158.75</b>	<b>£364.63</b>	<b>£100.50</b>
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### **Easter Message from Father Andrew**

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
I should like to wish you all every blessing in the Risen Lord.

*Father Andrew*

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday is 7 April. 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 a 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 Imelda Smith RIP, who has died recently. Imelda's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 4 April at 12pm in St John & St Columba's Church. Her committal will then follow at Douglas Bank 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 Imelda's family and reward her with eternal life.

### **For Your Prayers**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Linton RIP, who has died recently. William's Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 11 April at 10:45am at Dunfermline Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace and rise in glory. Amen. May God continue to console and guide Williams's family and reward him with eternal life.

### **St Vincent De Paul**

"On behalf of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, I thank all parishes for their generosity in raising £17,673 in the Day of the Poor collection in November for the Fife Furniture Project. Your support will allow us to help many people across the Archdiocese. Thanks to Archbishop Cushley for allowing the project to be the beneficiary."

*Haydn Carr, SSVP President, Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh*

### **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.

### **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>

### **Funding to Study Theology**

The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. Details to follow shortly.