

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	LITURGICAL ACT	INTENTION
Sunday 28 April 5th Sunday of Easter	5:00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Nicola Lesley Murray (Anniv.)
	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Agnes Cooper (Anniv.)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	George Cockburn (Anniv.)
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Tom Clarke (Anniv.)
Monday 29 April St Catherine of Siena				
Tuesday 30 April (St Pius V)				
Wednesday 1 May (St Joseph the Worker)				
Thursday 2 May St Athanasius				
Friday 3 May St Philip & St James				
Saturday 4 May 5th Week in Eastertide	10:00am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Mary Brogan (RIP)
	5:00pm	St Peter in Chains	Vigil Mass	Pat Reid (RIP)
Sunday 5 May 6th Sunday of Easter	9:30am	St John & St Columba	Holy Mass	Loretta Leybourn (Spec. Int)
	11:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	For the People
	5:00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Holy Mass	Sr Anna Marie McGuan (Spec. Int)

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

Parish Priest - Fr Andrew Kingham (email: frandrew.kingham@stened.org.uk)

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Parish Deacon - Rev Pat Carrigan (email: obl.columba@gmail.com)

Parish Office – Office.HolyTrinityDunfermline@stened.org.uk

Parish Assistant – Dean McGuire (email: mhparishnewsletter@gmail.com) newsletter submissions to be received by 12 noon on a Thursday.

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 28 April 2024
 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)**

Reflection - Jesus, True Vine, Bearing Fruit in us

We are still on the Easter journey. After the three day roller-coaster of emotions - from Jesus' supper with his disciples, through trial and crucifixion, to the wonder of the women at the empty tomb - we now prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During these fifty days, our journey is steadied and enlightened by the words of the First Letter of St John. It has a central message made clear in today's reading: we are asked to believe in Jesus and love one another. We are then assured that we are not alone in this challenge: "We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us."

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins echoes this in As Kingfishers Catch Fire: "For Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his."

This idea of Christ living within us is explored in today's Gospel where Jesus likens himself to the "true vine." He tells us: "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty."

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit we can hold Christ within us, not only in our thoughts, our ideas, our actions, but deep within ourselves, in our souls and in our hearts. We are helped by prayer and by reflecting on the words of scripture, maybe meditating on the images, or by spending time with the phrases that we particularly notice. Or we can sit still and simply open our hearts and listen. Jesus says: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you ..."

(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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 21

R. *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (**R**)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (**R**)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (**R**)

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 15:4.5

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

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21 April 2024	<i>St Peter in Chain's Inverkeithing</i>	<i>St John & St Columba's Rosyth</i>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline</i>
Offertory Collection	£219.80	£129.04	£606.44
Special Collection	£205.65	£137.92	£345.03
Standing Orders	£158.75	£364.63	£100.50
Bank Account Details	RBS A/C No: 00600297 Sort Code:833300	RBS A/C No: 00114865 Sort Code: 832339	RBS A/C No: 00249131 Sort Code: 833300

This Week's News & Events

Mission Appeal - This Weekend

We extend a warm welcome to Father Willie Brandon SMA, from the Society of African Missions who joins us this weekend. During Mass Father Willie will preach on the work of SMA Fathers. A special collection will be taken at all Masses. Please give generously if you are able.

Special Collection

Many thanks to those who contributed to the special collection last weekend for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund. Totals can be found at the bottom of the previous page. Donations can still be made online by visiting <https://bit.ly/studentscollection>

Pastoral Letter

A pastoral letter from the Bishops of Scotland 'Called to Care, Not to Kill' is included in this weekend's newsletter. Please take this away with you and read this carefully. Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSP is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or alternatively email office@rcpolitics.org for more information. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep in your prayers the children from St John's Primary School and St Margaret's Primary school who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday 5 May, at 5pm Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline. His Grace Archbishop Cushley will be the principle celebrant for this wonderful occasion.

Parish Pilgrimage *Update*

We can confirm that our pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine to Our Lady in Walsingham will take place from Monday 2 September, retuning Friday 6 September. 18 Rooms have been reserved for our group staying at the pilgrim accommodation, Elmham House. A mixture of rooms sizes have been secured. The full cost of the trip will be £500. This includes transportation, accommodation, breakfast, lunch, and evening meal. Registration of interest forms can be found at the back of the church, please add your name to this by Sunday 5 May. An information leaflet will be included with your newsletter next weekend. A meeting will take place in St Peter in Chains Church hall on Monday 20 May at 6:30pm. A presentation about the shrine will be given, and further details of what our plan will be for our time away. Your deposit to secure your place will be collected at this meeting. Spaces are already filling up fast which is wonderful to see.

Emergency Contacts

Please note that Fr Andrew will be unavailable until Saturday 4th May. Deacon Pat can be contacted as normal by email. If you require the urgent pastoral care of a priest, please make contact any of the following priests: Father Syriac on 01383 625611 (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, leave a voicemail on the parish office answer machine or alternatively, send an email. The address can be found on the back page.

Gift Aid Envelopes

New Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you no longer pay tax, please email the parish office with your details so we can update our records. If you are unable to email, please phone the office and leave a message. Similarly if you would like to become a GAD please contact the office with your details.

A Day with Mary

If you have a child(ren) in primaries 4 to 7, why not sign them up for A Day with Mary at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 11 May 2024. It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

Archdiocesan Synod Gathering

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to Spiritual Conversation. This event will take place at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday 4 May at 10:30am. Registration and details can be found at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord takes place on 9 May and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass (Vigil) will be celebrated on Wednesday 8 May in St Peter in Chains at 7pm. Mass of the day will be celebrated at 10am in St John & St Columba's and in Our Lady of Lourdes at 7pm.

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>