



The Catholic Parish of The Most Holy Trinity

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NEWSLETTER

30th November 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Parish Diary

1 Dec RCIA: Session 9
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7.00pm.

2 Dec Senior Leadership Team Meeting
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7.00pm.

14 Dec Christmas Craft Fayre, 12.30pm – 4.30pm,
St Peter in Chains Church Hall.

22 Dec Christmas Carol Service
St John and St Columba

Please pray for those who are sick:

John Ash, Celia Murphy, Helen O'Neill.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Mark Rogers, RIP; John Doherty, RIP; Iain Wallace, RIP; Eithne Clayton, RIP; Eamon FitzGerald, RIP.

Parish Notices

Building Fund Donations

We raised in the Parish Assembly III meeting that we were looking to introduce a 2nd collection at all weekend Masses for the Building Fund. As highlighted, we have significant repairs and annual maintenance costs for our church properties for which we need your kind support. St John & St Columba's Church community has been contributing to this for a number of years either through standing orders or the 2nd collection. We can claim Gift Aid for these contributions and the added bonus is that the Archdiocese does not include this in the Annual Assessment (diocesan tax). If you wish to set up a standing order or need a Gift Aid Declaration please can you contact me by emailing the office or phone me if you have any questions.

Margaret McKinlay

SSVP

Box collections and donations of food for OLOL SSVP will resume at the first masses back at OLOL Church. For more information on OLOL SSVP call or text Mark on 07923 120049.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Children's Celebration of the Sacraments 2026

First Reconciliation

Tuesday 24 February 2026 @ 6.30pm
St John & St Columba's Church

Confirmation

Sunday 26 April 2026 @ 5.00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

First Holy Communion

Saturday 6 June 2026 @ 11am
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Communion of the Sick

Father Andrew is looking to recruit new volunteers to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to bring Holy Communion to the Sick and housebound. Father Andrew is looking for volunteers for this ministry especially from Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay. Please contact Father if you are interested.

Parish Pilgrimage 2026

After the success of our 2025 pilgrimage to Walsingham, we are organising a second pilgrimage to the Marian shrine for the week beginning 24 March 2026. There are 16 places available for members of the parish on a *first come, first served* basis. If you are interested please contact Leah from the Leadership Team on 07415 980685 to secure your spot and discuss in further detail.

St Peter in Chains heating controls

A new heating control has been set up for the boiler, please do not adjust the settings or switches for any reason at all, as it is now set up on a specific routine. Thanks.

Advent Walking Retreat

An Advent Walking Retreat will take place on Saturday 6 December offering the chance to walk, talk, and meditate on the coming of Christmas. Based on the Mass Readings and Gospel message of the Second Sunday in Advent, the walk will start in Culross in Fife (birthplace of St Mungo) and finish at the National Shrine of St Margaret in Dunfermline.

There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration with Benediction followed by 5.30pm Mass.

This walking retreat will lead us all into a time of preparation and repentance, focused on the message of [John the Baptist](#) to "Prepare the way of the Lord". It emphasises making peace in our lives and hearts to welcome Jesus, and with the lighting of the second purple candle, often called the "Bethlehem candle," at Mass we symbolise peace. The readings centre on [John the Baptist's call to conversion](#) and bearing "good fruit" as a sign of repentance for both Jews and Gentiles.

The second Sunday of Advent is a reminder that Advent is a period of both joyful anticipation for Christmas and a time for serious reflection on one's life and calls people to open their hearts to Jesus.

To register for this free event please contact Deacon Pat Carrigan: obl.columba@gmail.com

Archdiocesan News & Events

Christmas Carol Service

Organised by the Archdiocesan Lourdes Committee. St Margaret's Church, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD, Sunday 7 December at 3:00pm.

SCIAF Advent Carol Service

An Advent Carol Service, in partnership with SCIAF, takes place at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, on the First Sunday of Advent (30 November) at 4:00pm. Readings and carols sung by the Edinburgh Jesuit Church Schola Cantorum.

Advent Rosary for Life

Every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker: Deacon David Harper (1 Dec, Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (8 Dec, March for Life UK), Fr Jamie McMorrin (15 Dec, St Margaret's, Edinburgh), and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec). Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Masses for the Solemnity of Saint Andrew

St Mary's Cathedral on **Monday 1 December**, to celebrate the Solemnity of St Andrew, our National Patron, whose feast day this year is transferred from 30 November (Sunday). The Apostle's relics are preserved in the National Shrine of St Andrew at the Cathedral. Mass will be at 10:00am, and with Archbishop Cushley at 12:45pm. Public veneration of the relics follows both Masses. At 7:00pm there is a Holy Hour with sung Vespers and Eucharistic Adoration

Advent Retreat

Saturday 6 December, 10:00am-7:00pm & Sunday 7 December, 3:00pm-5:30pm, St Margaret Mary's Church, Boswall Parkway, Granton, Edinburgh, EH5 2JQ. Led by Fr Bart Parys, SVD. All welcome, including families and individual worshippers. Registration is essential. Visit retreat.light-lifescotland.org.uk

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READINGS AT MASS

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5
'The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 122(121)
R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 13:11-14a
'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:37-44
'Stay awake so that you may be ready.'

CONFESION

Thursday: 6.45-7.15pm (St John & St Columba)
Saturday: 10.30-11.00am (St John & St Columba)
Saturday: 4.15-4.30pm (St Peter in Chains)
Sunday: 4.15-4.45pm (Our Lady of Lourdes)

ADORATION

Thursday: 6.30-7.25pm (St John & St Columba)
Saturday: 9.00am-9.55am (St John & St Columba)

HOLY ROSARY

Recitation starting about 30mins before every Mass, except Thursday (Divine Mercy Chaplet instead), Saturday Vigil and 11.30am Sunday Mass.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory (Sunday, 23 November 2025): £548.48
Special Collection (Catholic Education): £428
Standing Orders: £692.70*

*This is an average figure for monthly donations.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sunday 30 November 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)	5.00pm (Sat) 9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	St Peter in Chains St John & St Columba Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	For the People of the Parish Olive Patterson (birthday thanksgiving)
Monday 1 December SAINT ANDREW <i>Patron of Scotland</i>	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Michael McHale, RIP (birthday remembrance)
Tuesday 2 December	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Iain Wallace, RIP
Wednesday 3 December Saint Francis Xavier			
Thursday 4 December <i>(Saint John Damascene)</i>	7.30pm	St John & St Columba	James Close, RIP
Friday 5 December	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Iain Wallace, RIP
Saturday 6 December <i>(Saint Nicholas)</i> (Vigil Mass of Sunday)	10.00am 5.00pm	St John & St Columba St Peter in Chains	Kitty Lloyd, RIP Fr John Kinsler, RIP
Sunday 7 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	St John & St Columba Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	Maureen O'Hora, RIP Iain Wallace, RIP For the People of the Parish