



The Catholic Parish of The Most Holy Trinity

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NEWSLETTER

14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



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The Most Holy Trinity is a parish of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh,
a charity registered in Scotland, number SC008540

Parish Diary

- 14 Dec** Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens
St John & St Columba's Church, 9.30am.
- 16 Dec** Senior Leadership Team Meeting
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7pm.
- 21 Dec** Christmas Craft Fayre, 12.30pm – 4.30pm,
St Peter in Chains Church Hall.
N.B. – REVISED DATE
- 22 Dec** Christmas Carol Service
St John and St Columba
- 28 Dec** Father Andrew's Christmas Reception
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 2pm-4pm
- 7 Jan** Mothers Prayers
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 11am.

Please pray for those who are sick:

John Ash, Celia Murphy, Helen O'Neill.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Finlay Rutherford, RIP; Mark Rogers, RIP; John Doherty, RIP; Iain Wallace, RIP.

Parish Notices

Our Lady of Lourdes SSVP Christmas Appeal

LOL SSVP are starting our 2025 Christmas appeal. Donations of food and gift cards can be left at the back of the church and will be distributed to people in need over the holiday period. Please note we cannot accept donations of second hand clothes at this time.

St. John & St. Columba SSVP Christmas Appeal

This year, instead of distributing food hampers to those in need, we will be giving out supermarket vouchers, so that people can choose their own food. We will not be giving toys. As always, we'd be very grateful for cash donations, however small, to help us with this. If you'd like to contribute, please see any conference member or just put your donation in the collection boxes after Masses. Thank you.

Please email items to be included in the Newsletter to

office.holytrinitydunfermline@staned.org.uk by 12 noon on Thursday.

200 Club

We are currently in the process of changing the 200 Club Bank account to The Royal Bank of Scotland. Can the current members please amend their standing orders to the undernoted account details please.

Sort Code: **83-06-08**

Account Number: **21607838**

Account Name: **Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh – Holy Trinity 200 Club SW Fife**

As mentioned at the Parish Assembly III we are looking to relaunch the club across the whole of the Parish in the New Year to support fundraising. We will have a new membership form for you to complete. Please speak to Lisa Quinn or myself if you wish any more details. Margaret McKinlay

Building Fund Donations

Thank you to those who have contacted me to set up a Standing order for the Building Fund ('BF').

If your Offertory donation is currently paid by Standing Order, and you wish to donate to the 'BF', you can use the existing church account details for setting up the 2nd standing order, but can you please put a reference on it which is your '**Name and BF**' so I can identify them.

If you have an existing Standing order and are a taxpayer, if you have not already done so, you could complete a Gift Aid declaration which would allow us to claim the tax back on your kind donations. 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

Parish Fundraising

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Raffles and Folk Concert which took place in St Peter in Chains. In total we made an amazing £900. Magdalene Connolly won the Hamper and Brian Neil won the Doggy. Thank you. Regards Kathleen

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

The Most Holy Trinity Parish

Christmas Eve

5pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dunfermline

7pm Vigil Mass

St Peter in Chains Church, Inverkeithing

Christmas Day

9am Dawn Mass

St John & St Columba's Church, Rosyth

11am Day Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

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.

*Of your charity
please pray for the soul of*

John Doherty, RIP

who died 23rd November, aged 87.

Funeral Mass

*Thursday, 18th December, 10.00am
St Margaret's Church*

*Of your charity
please pray for the soul of*



Mark Rogers

who died 28th November, aged 73.

Funeral Mass

*Tuesday, 23rd December, 10.00am
Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

R.I.P.

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.

Archdiocesan News & Events

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 McMorris (15 Dec, St Margaret's, Edinburgh), and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec). Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Vacancy

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Facilities Manager.

A full job description is available at stmaryscathedral.co.uk.

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@stmaryscathedral.co.uk by Wednesday 10 December 2025. Salary: £30-32k.

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READINGS AT MASS

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
'God himself will come and save you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146(145)
R/. **Come, Lord and save us.**

SECOND READING James 5:7-10
'Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11
'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

CONFESSION

Thursday: 6.45-7.15pm (St John & St Columba)
Saturday: 10.30-11.00am (St John & St Columba)
Saturday: 4.15-4.45pm (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, 7 December 2025): £768.53
Building Fund Collection: £444.70
Standing Orders Offertory: £589.75*
Standing Orders Building Fund: £90

*This is an average figure for weekly donations.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sunday 14 December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)	5.00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Mark Rogers, RIP
	9.30am	St John & St Columba	For the People
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Finlay Rutherford, RIP
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Monday 15 December	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Moonyeen Ovenell (special intention)
Tuesday 16 December	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Ad intentionem dantis</i>
Wednesday 17 December			
Thursday 18 December	7.30pm	St John & St Columba	Mark Rogers, RIP
Friday 19 December	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	<i>Ad intentionem dantis</i>
Saturday 20 December (Vigil Mass of Sunday)	10.00am	St John & St Columba	Finlay Rutherford, RIP
	5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Michael Lynch, RIP
Sunday 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	St John & St Columba	For the people
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sandra Phelan, RIP
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Finlay Rutherford, RIP

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