



The Catholic Parish of The Most Holy Trinity

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NEWSLETTER

21st December 2025

FOURTH 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

- 21 Dec** Christmas Craft Fayre, 12.30pm – 4.30pm,
St Peter in Chains Church Hall.
N.B. – REVISED DATE
- 22 Dec** Christmas Carol Service ****CANCELLED****
St John and St Columba
- 28 Dec** Christmas Reception ****CANCELLED****
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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes SSVP

Christmas Appeal

OLOL 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.

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

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

Happy Christmas!

I should like to take this opportunity to wish you and those you love a very happy and holy Christmas. May the Child of Bethlehem bring you peace and joy.

Father Andrew

The CTS New Daily/Weekly Missal

There is currently a Weekly Missal costing £49.50 available for purchase if anyone wishes to buy it. A fresh order will be placed in the New Year for those who are interested (we usually get discount for a group order).

- Sunday Missal £25
- Weekly Missal (Mon–Sat) £55.
- Daily Missal (Sun–Sat) £69.99.

Can you **email** the office if interested. thanks

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. 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.

Archdiocesan News & Events

Clergy Moves

Following a period of prayer and reflection, Fr Jamie Boyle will take a leave of absence in order to devote time to further discernment and spiritual renewal.

He will complete his ministry at St Mary's, Stirling, at the end of the year.

Archbishop Cushley said: "I am grateful for Fr Jamie's faithful service, and I fully support his desire to step back temporarily from active ministry for this purpose.

"I invite you to keep him in your prayers during this time of quiet discernment."

- Fr Robert Taylor, currently assistant priest at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, will move to St Mary's, Stirling, as Administrator. He will remain as Chancellor and MC of the Archdiocese.
- Fr Joshua Moir, presently assistant priest at St Patrick's, Kilsyth, will serve as assistant priest at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

All appointments take effect from 1 January 2026.

Archbishop Cushley added: "My thanks to Fr Taylor and Fr Moir for accepting their new appointments and I wish them well in their new ministry. Please keep them, and all priests, in your prayers."

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READINGS AT MASS

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

'Behold, the virgin shall conceive.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24(23)

R/. **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7

'Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel – which means, God with us.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

'Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.'

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, 14 December 2025): £771.37

Building Fund Collection: £349.79

Standing Orders Offertory: £589.75*

Standing Orders Building Fund: £90.00*

*This is an average figure for weekly donations.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sunday 21 December 4th Sunday of Advent	5.00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	Michael Lynch, RIP
	9.30am	St John & St Columba	For the People of the Parish
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Sandra Phelan, RIP
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Finlay Rutherford, RIP
Monday 22 December	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Canon Thomas Gormley, RIP
Tuesday 23 December <i>(Saint John of Kanty)</i>	10.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Funeral Mass for the late Mark Rodgers</i>
Wednesday 24 December (Vigil Mass of Christmas) (Vigil Mass of Christmas)	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Finlay Rutherford, RIP
	7.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Anne McBride
Thursday 25 December The Nativity of the Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.00am	St John & St Columba	For the People of the Parish
	11.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Anne Leonard
Friday 26 December Saint Stephen	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Maureen Greene
Saturday 27 December Saint John (Vigil Mass of Sunday)	10.00am	St John & St Columba	Paul Collins, RIP
	5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Kathleen Keenan
Sunday 28 December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.30am	St John & St Columba	Clare Pennock
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	For the People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Ann Bentham, RIP

Please email items to be included in the Newsletter to

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