



# The Catholic Parish of The Most Holy Trinity

*Serving the communities of South West Fife*

## NEWSLETTER

7th December 2025



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: 12th December

On Saturday, 9th December, 1531, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin was crossing Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City when his attention was caught by a very sweet musical sound. A voice was calling him and when he walked in the direction of the voice he beheld a Lady. She told him to go to the bishop and ask him to build a shrine on the hill. He obeyed, but his visit to the bishop was unsuccessful.

He went back to the Lady to ask her to send someone who would be taken more seriously, but to no avail. He was to deliver the message.

On Sunday, 10th December, Juan Diego went to visit the bishop, who listened to him attentively and asked him many questions. The bishop asked for a sign from the Lady. As Juan Diego was on his way back, the Lady appeared to him and promised him a sign on the following day.

But on Monday, Juan Diego did not keep his appointment with the Lady. His uncle was very ill and needed a priest.

On Tuesday, 12th December, Juan Diego was trying to avoid being delayed by the Lady, so he tried to bypass Tepeyac Hill. However, the Lady appeared to him at the bottom of the hill. He was worried about his uncle, but the Lady said, "Am I not here, who am your mother? Why are you worried? Are you not under my glance?" She then announced that his uncle would not die, but would recover. Then she sent Juan Diego to the top of the hill to gather flowers. Then she arranged the flowers in his *tilma* or mantle, telling him that no one, except the bishop, should see them.

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*Vacant*

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*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

When Juan Diego opened the tilma before the bishop, out fell sweet scented Castilian roses, which do not blossom in December, and on his tilma was a radiant image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When Juan Diego returned home he found that his uncle, Juan Bernardino, was completely cured. He said that a Lady visited him and introduced herself with the name "Guadalupe".

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## Parish Diary

- 8 Dec** RCIA: Session 10  
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7.00pm.
- 14 Dec** Christmas Craft Fayre, 12.30pm – 4.30pm,  
St Peter in Chains Church Hall.
- 16 Dec** Senior Leadership Team Meeting  
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7pm.
- 22 Dec** Christmas Carol Service  
St John and St Columba
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**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.

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## Parish Notices

### 200 Club Winners

- October: 1st prize – M. Meade  
2nd prize – B & M. Wilson  
3rd prize – A. Bishop
- November : 1st prize – J. Webber  
2nd prize – C. Bennett  
3rd prize – E. Steinbach

### 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.

### 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.

### Building Fund Donations

We raised in the Parish Assembly III meeting and mentioned last week that we were introducing a 2nd collection at all weekend Masses for the Building Fund.

Thank you to those who have contacted me to set up a Standing order for this.

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

### 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

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### 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

## 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.

### **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](https://bit.ly/rosary25)

### **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](https://retreat.light-lifescotland.org.uk)

### **Vacancy**

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

A full job description is available at [stmaryscathedral.co.uk](https://stmaryscathedral.co.uk).

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

### **Christmas Craft Fayre**

We'd love your help to make our Christmas fair on Sunday 14 December at 12.30pm a joyful day for all! Could you lend a hand with stalls, games, or setup? And if you enjoy baking, we'd be grateful for a donation of your delicious cakes, scones, or biscuits to share at the bake sale.

To sign up, there will be lists at each church or speak to Leah on 07415 980685.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents, together we'll make this a wonderful celebration and fundraiser for our parish.

### **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.

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## READINGS AT MASS

### Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

*'With righteousness he shall judge the poor.'*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 72(71)

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SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9

*'Christ saves humanity.'*

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

**Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

*'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

## CONFESSION

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, 30 November 2025): £813.71

Building Fund Collection: £539.12

Standing Orders: £692.70\*

\*This is an average figure for monthly donations.

## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 7 December</b> 2nd 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	Fr John Kinsler, RIP Maureen O'Hora, RIP Iain Wallace, RIP For the People
<b>Monday 8 December</b> THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Ann Moffat (spec. int.)
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b> <i>(Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)</i>	9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Catherine Skelly (ill)
<b>Wednesday 10 December</b> <i>(The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto)</i>			
<b>Thursday 11 December</b> <i>(Saint Damasus I)</i>	7.30pm	St John & St Columba	Mary Jo O'Brien
<b>Friday 12 December</b> <i>(Our Lady of Guadalupe)</i>	9.30am	St Peter in Chains	Iain Wallace, RIP
<b>Saturday 13 December</b> St Lucy (Vigil Mass of Sunday)	10.00am 5.00pm	St John & St Columba St Peter in Chains	Mark Rogers, RIP
<b>Sunday 14 December</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm	St John & St Columba Our Lady of Lourdes Our Lady of Lourdes	For the People Finlay Rutherford, RIP

Please email items to be included in the Newsletter to  
[office.holytrinitydunfermline@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.holytrinitydunfermline@staned.org.uk) by **12 noon on Thursday**.