



The Catholic Parish of The Most Holy Trinity

Serving the communities of South West Fife

NEWSLETTER

15th March 2026

Father Andrew says "Farewell!"



I cannot believe how quickly the weeks have flown past and now it is time to say, "Farewell!" Thank you to each and every one of you for all your kind words, messages, cards and gifts. It has been truly a wonderful experience for me to serve you as your Parish Priest. I have been astonished by your kindness towards me, your generosity and your patience!

We have grown so much as a parish community in the last two-and-a-half years. We are stronger in our faith, more united in love, and more effective in addressing the concerns which we are facing as we look to the future.

I will look back on my time at The Most Holy Trinity with much affection. In particular, our pilgrimages to Carfin and Walsingham; our parish retreat: *Mary's Mantle Consecration*; and our many parties and social events. It's been a blast!

I have been privileged to journey with you during times of joy and sadness; and to assist you with those sacramental milestones in your life, such as Baptisms and First Holy Communions; Confessions and Marriages; Anointings of the Sick and Funerals.

Please remember me in your prayers as I continue to seek the Lord's Call to serve Him and His People in the Church. Be assured that I shall continue to pray for you until we all reach our eternal homeland.

May the Blessing of Almighty God be with you all.

Father Andrew Kingham

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Parish Diary

- 14 Mar** Father Andrew's Leaving Party
St Peter in Chains Church Hall, 7.00pm.
- 14 Mar** RCIA Meeting
Our Lady of Lourdes Presbytery, 7pm.
- 20 Mar** Mary's Mantle Consecration Meeting
St Peter in Chains Church Hall, 6.15pm
- 26 Apr** Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5pm Mass.
- 6 June** Celebration of First Holy Communion
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 11am Mass.

Please pray for those who are sick:

John Ash, Elaine Cormack, Celia Murphy.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Paula Simpkins, RIP; Martin Deehan, RIP; Tony Cascarino, RIP; Jane Douglas, RIP; Helen O'Neill, RIP.

Parish Notices

Fund Raising Afternoon

Wednesday 15th April 2026

St Peter in Chains Church hall

1pm - 4pm

Tickets £4

Tea/Coffee Cake, Bottle Stall, Bric-a-brac, Nearly New, and many more.
Please see Kathleen Paterson for more information.

Raffle

Thank you to all who contributed to the St Peter in Chains raffle, the total raised was £200.

1st Prize – May Armour

2nd Prize – Theresa Best

HOLY WEEK 2026

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes

GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Easter Food (Święconka)
12noon Our Lady of Lourdes

Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)
9.00pm St John & St Columba

EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am St John & St Columba
11.30am Our Lady of Lourdes
5.00pm St Peter in Chains

Building Work

We have now started some of the Compliance Audit works which we highlighted required done mainly at St John & St Columba (SJSC) and Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL). The Emergency Electrical lighting was completed this week at SJSC. We are sorry for the disruption this caused to the Masses at SJSC, but this was unavoidable.

The Legionella/Tea room works in OLOL will be 12th – 20th March 2026 no impact on Masses this week. There will be no day time Masses week commencing 16th March 2026. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We will update you next week on the planned works for week of 23rd March 2026.

We will hopefully be able to give prior notice if any Mass times/locations need revised, but please watch the News Bulletins and Facebook page for updates.

Special Collection

On Sunday 15th March there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund, which supports various good causes. Last year £32,067 was raised from this collection in the Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.

Church Flowers

Please think about volunteering for this role. We need at least two people to be available for each church in our Parish. We're looking for one more person to help at St Peter in Chains Church and two people to attend to the flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please call Ann Neil on 07986 824314 to find out more. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for which Father Andrew signed a Mass card, will be offered personally by him in his new parish. Those intentions which were not signed for, or for which there was a specific date requested, will be celebrated in the Parish by Father Paul.

Lenten Penitential Service

Fr Syriac Palakudiyil invites you to join him for a Penitential Service on

Wednesday 18th March at 7pm

*in St Margaret's Memorial Church,
East Port, Dunfermline*

Archdiocesan News & Events

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism in the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week (31 March) at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm. At this Solemn Mass Archbishop Cushley will bless the Oils to be used in parish celebrations of the Sacraments for the year ahead, while priests renew the promises made at ordination. All are welcome as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent at 7:45pm. Concludes with a reflection from guest speaker. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

Final vote on Assisted Suicide

This Tuesday (17 March) the Scottish Parliament is expected to have a final vote on Assisted Suicide. Please share your concerns now with your MSPs. Use the letter writing tool at <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 28 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS, for a faith-focused discussion on Holy Week. Join us for a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Save the Date

The annual Day for Altar Servers will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 September 2026.

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READINGS AT MASS

4th Sunday of Lent (A)

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1b
'David is anointed king of Israel'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23(22)
R/. **The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14
'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus**

GOSPEL John 9:1-41
'He went and washed and received his sight'

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration this week.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

There will be no Way of the Cross this week.

CONFESSION

Sunday: 4.15-4.45pm (Our Lady of Lourdes)

HOLY ROSARY

There will be no recitation of the Rosary this week.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory (Sunday, 8th Mar 2026): £924.83
Building Fund (Sunday, 8th Mar 2026): £316.30
Standing Orders Offertory: £576.59*
Standing Orders Building Fund: £119.00*

*This is an average figure for weekly donations.

MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sunday 15 March 4th Sunday of Lent SCIAF Sunday	5.00pm (Sat)	St Peter in Chains	John McFadyen, RIP
	9.30am	St John & St Columba	Dorothy Brogan (special int.)
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	For the People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Patrick Ward, RIP
Monday 16 March	7.30am	St Peter in Chains	Helen O'Neill, RIP
Tuesday 17 March Saint Patrick	7.30am	St Peter in Chains	Margaret Savage, RIP
Wednesday 18 March <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	7.30am	St Peter in Chains	Jane Douglas, RIP
Thursday 19 March SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Cardinal Keith O'Brien RIP, 2018)	7.30am	St Peter in Chains	Cardinal Keith O'Brien, RIP
Friday 20 March			
Saturday 21 March			
(Vigil Mass of Sunday)	5.00pm	St Peter in Chains	Lily Brogan, RIP
Sunday 22 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am	St John & St Columba	William & Geraldine, RIP
	11.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes	For the People of the Parish
	5.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	John Markle, RIP

Please email items to be included in the Newsletter to
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