

# Out of Sight Out of Mind

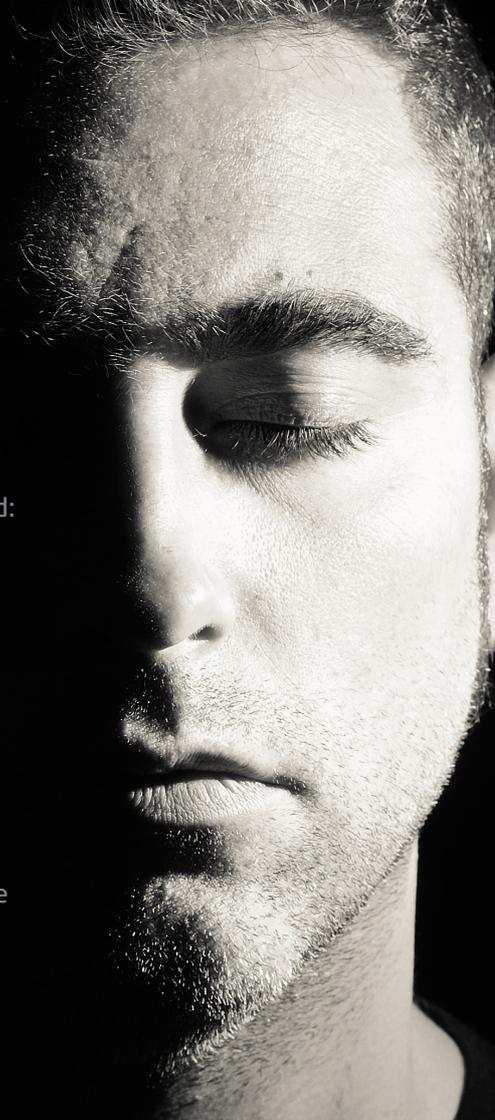
Each night *over 8,000* people are locked up in prisons across Scotland: Out of Sight and Out of Mind. Could these be the 'least of these' that Jesus talks about in Matthew 25? Here is why they may be:

- The majority of people in prison come from *our* poorest areas.
- Many will have suffered some form of abuse as children, more often than not ending up in care.
- Multiple traumatic bereavements are common.
- Drug and alcohol addiction are widely used to mask the pain making imprisonment and an early death both more likely.
- Being remanded can lead to homelessness and loss of a job even when a person is not found guilty.
- Prison itself can add to previous traumas especially where people have little or no family support whether by rejection or by bereavement.

This year's **Prisoners Week** theme challenges us to get to know more about the lives of people in prison and asking if we care..

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17 - 24 NOVEMBER



## Prisoners Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.  
We pray for those who are held in prison.  
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love:  
prisoners, their families and friends,  
prison staff, chaplains and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded  
by the activities of others,  
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to  
love mercy, and walk humbly together with Christ  
in his strength and in his Spirit,  
now and every day.

Amen.

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| 01 Addiewell     | 08 Grampian   |
| 02 Barlinnie     | 09 Greenock   |
| 03 Castle Huntly | 10 Inverness  |
| 04 Cornton Vale  | 11 Kilmarnock |
| 05 Dumfries      | 12 Low Moss   |
| 06 Edinburgh     | 13 Perth      |
| 07 Glenochil     | 14 Polmont    |
|                  | 15 Shotts     |

Scotland's  
Prisons

You are warmly invited to our  
**National Launch Service** taking  
place in Bridge of Allan.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.30pm

Bridge of Allan Parish Church,  
12 Keir Street,  
Bridge of Allan,  
FK9 4NW

[www.prisonersweek.org.uk](http://www.prisonersweek.org.uk)

On our website you'll find information,  
a calendar of events, details of  
organisations that offer help and  
advice, discussion ideas, reflections,  
and worship resources which include  
prayers from the Christian and Islamic  
Faiths. In every prison Chaplains and  
those working with them offer spiritual  
care and the means by which people  
can explore and practice faith.

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