

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Solemnity of Christ the King (Cycle A) 23rd November 2014

WELCOME!



A Presentation to Mike Knox ... will take place at the end of the 9.30am Mass this weekend. Mike stepped down in the summer from his role of Pastoral Assistant at St John's after 3 decades' generous and creative service. He very much continues to be part of the community of our 2 parishes—not least in his membership of the St John's Parish Council—but it was felt that it was only right to mark his years of service in a symbolic way. Mike will set off for Legho on Monday and will be in Tanzania

for the next 3 months continuing to develop the Twende Pamoja partnership. Our prayers go with him.

NAMETAG SUNDAY

Fr Jock writes: 'This Sunday at both St Mary Magdalene's and St John's will be our first 'NAMETAG SUNDAY' ... You will be given a label on which to write your name ... and, if you've been coming to either church for a long time, here's the chance to learn some of the names of those faces you've known for far too long to ask their name; if you're a relatively recent parishioner, the opportunity is yours to put names and faces together! Seriously, it's very hard to develop a relationship with somebody if you don't know their name and community grows and deepens when the relationships within it grow and deepen!'

Sacramental Initiation Preparation

This Sunday morning at the 9.30 am Mass at St John's, there will be a special focus on those children from Primary 4 in both parishes who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Sacramental preparation continues for Primary 3 candidates for First Reconciliation who are invited to the monthly Children's Mass at St Mary Magdalene's at 11.15am.

MARY'S MEALS - ANNUAL RAFFLE AND RAGS TO RICHES CLOTHING COLLECTION will take place **this Saturday and Sunday 22nd & 23rd November.**

Frances O'Donnell writes '... A few Black Poly Bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child FOR A YEAR (approx. £12.20). We are currently feeding over 868,746 children world-wide, and we hope to continue expanding our feeding programme. The rise is down to increasing food and fuel prices.' Mary's Meals Van will make their collection after Mass at both Churches on Sunday morning. They are appealing for TEXTILES in any condition (Clothes, Household Textiles, Shoes, Bags, etc). There will also be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets to support this excellent cause.

A Memorial Mass will take place at St Mary Magdalene's Church this Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm

(Further details in the St Mary Magdalene's section of this newsletter.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a Special Collection at all Masses this weekend 22nd & 23rd November for the Pastoral Formation Fund.

THE EDINBURGH TELEPHONE CHOIR

and special guests

THE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

will perform an evening of carols here at St John's Church
on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm.

An unmissable event to raise funds in aid of the Ebola crisis.

ENTRY FREE....donations encouraged as you leave!



Offertory Collection - 15th & 16th November 2014

St Mary Magdalene's - £345.77 St John's - £ 676.43

MANY THANKS.

St John's and St. Mary Magdalene's are Parishes of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh
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PARISH INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those who have died recently, including: John Rooney, Tom Plews, George Hooper, Marjorie Meekle, and Fr George Stubbles OSA.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Charlie & Mary McLauchlan, Michael Delaney, Josephine Connelly, Doreen Connelly, Dorina Hadden, Rose Anne Kane, William McPartlin, John McGrory, Thomas McFadyen, Mary Annie Meechan, Patrick & Alice McAuley, Robert Phair, Euphemia Connolly, Sr Bernadette (Poor Clares), Billy McGuire, William Moir, Norah Lawler, Maria Teresa D'Arcy, Charles Conlon, Michael McFadyen, Margaret Brennan, Joseph Mullen, Francis Bell, Jean Melrose, Agnes Loftus, William McGill, Angelo J Scott, Michael Murphy, Margaret Knowles, Winifred Greenan, Mary Watson, James Magee, Margaret Philips, Henry McKenna, Margaret Mary Freeman and Catherine (Rena) Begg.

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including:

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mike Iannarelli, Eddie Clark, Sarah Clark, Minnie McGaff, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jimmy Duke, Jane McGuire, Mona Scoular, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignan, Michael & Mamie Richards, Pat Kershaw, Joan Howie, Roz Byers, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Ann Ward, Alf Macnamara, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Jane Murray, Paul Bainbridge, Gerry Houston, Lorraine Syme and Monsignor James Rae.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Dennis Walker, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Jude Ferguson and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Margaret O'Byrne, Anne Gallagher, Margaret Davis, Esther Thomas, Christine Wilson, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Tory Bekker, Christian Parham, Alfred Baird, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

SCOTTISH INTERFAITH WEEK: **23rd to 30th November 2014**

A note from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland: 'Sunday 23rd November is the beginning of Scottish InterFaith week and is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as brothers and sisters. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website www.interfaithscotland.org gives ideas on how you might get involved.'

'My wish is that the dialogue between us should help to build bridges connecting all people, in such a way that everyone can see in the other not an enemy, not a rival, but a brother or sister to be welcomed and embraced.'

(Pope Francis, March 22nd 2013)

St. Mary Magdalene's

Readers for this Sunday:
... and for next Sunday:

Children's Mass
Mary McGovern & Bob Allan

Bidding Prayers: Children's Mass
Bidding Prayers: John Cunningham

Volunteers needed to sew small altar cloths. If you have a sewing machine and could help hem some small altar cloths, please see Kate Neilson or Jean McInally.



Advent Wreath. Kate Neilson writes: 'Two volunteers – one adult and one child - are needed for each Sunday in Advent - one to light a candle on the advent wreath and one to read out a prayer. If you would like to volunteer, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the porch, indicating which Sunday you prefer.'

Memorial Mass this Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm.

You are warmly invited to St Mary Magdalene's Memorial Mass, during which there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have died. In addition, **if you would like the name or names of deceased relatives and friends read out, please do fill in the form enclosed in the newsletter and place it in the box provided at the back of the Church.** Our hope is that through the readings, music and symbolism, and the experience of sharing both faith and loss, those who are grieving will find comfort.

St John's Parish Open Meeting will take place this Sunday 23rd November at 7pm in the Church Hall.

EVERYBODY most warmly invited - and encouraged to attend!

St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be another trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw on Sunday 30th November. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and return by 7.30pm. Please bring a snack. Tea and coffee will be provided. Cost is £8.' Please let Maria know if you are interested (669 2960).

The next Charity Coffee Morning will be this Monday 1st December in St John's Church Hall after Mass. Donations will be sent to 'Chance for Childhood'. (This is the new name for Jubilee Action, a charity which helps street children, amongst others, to have a better life.)

'LIFELINE' Advent Candles are among the selection of advent candles available for purchase from St John's Church Stall along with a wide range of other cards and gifts.

This Week

SUNDAY 23rd November:

9.30am: St John's Church: Mass with a particular focus on the Primary 4 children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation. as part of the 'Do This in Memory' sacramental preparation programme..

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Children's Mass

Sacramental preparation continues for Primary 3 candidates for First Reconciliation who are invited to the monthly Children's Mass at St Mary Magdalene's.

5.30pm: St Peter's Church, Carmondean, Livingston, EH54 8PT. Mass for Young People

The Feast of Christ the King, traditionally a Youth Sunday, offers the opportunity to celebrate with other young people from the Archdiocese. Anne McEvoy, Youth Ministry Coordinator, writes: 'There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confession from 4.30pm to which all are invited. Afterwards there will be refreshments and time for meeting and getting to know each other.'

7pm: St John's Church Hall: ST JOHN'S PARISH OPEN MEETING

MONDAY 24th November: 6.30pm: St John's Church: Reception of Tom Plews' body into the Church.

8.00pm: St John's Church Hall: St John's Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting.

TUESDAY 25th November: 10.00am: St John's Church: Requiem Mass for Tom Plews.

WEDNESDAY 26th November: 7.30pm: Lauriston Centre: CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH. This series of conversations with people from the major faith traditions continues with the focus this week on Islam.

THURSDAY 27th November: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Memorial Mass

FRIDAY 28th November: 10.00am: St John's Church: Requiem Mass for George Hooper.

SATURDAY 29th November: 10am to 2pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High Street.

Revd Sophia Marriage writes: 'Come and walk our new labyrinth—an ancient way of prayer and reflection, come and go as you wish, have some space for prayer at the beginning of your Advent journey.'

In the Coming Weeks

SUNDAY 30th November: 5pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High Street. ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 3rd December: 7.30pm: St John's Church: AN EVENING OF CAROLS with 'THE EDINBURGH TELEPHONE CHOIR' and Special Guests, the St John's School Children's Choir.

7.30pm: Lauriston Centre: 'Where does Scotland stand on assisted suicide?' As the debate on assisted suicides continues through its stages in the Scottish Parliament, two distinguished Catholic physicians explore the present state of the discussion: Prof Anthony Busuttil, Professor (Emeritus) of Forensic Medicine, University of Edinburgh & Prof Robert A Minns, Professor (Emeritus) of Paediatric Neurology, University of Edinburgh.

SATURDAY 6th December: 11.00am: St Mary's Cathedral: 'Prayer for Peace'

Jim Roarty writes: 'At the start of this season of peace and goodwill to all, please join us to pray for the lack of peace in our troubled world. A prayer service, lasting no more than an hour, ... will take place in the St Andrew's Aisle of the Cathedral, and will include a communal liturgy as well as an opportunity to reflect on what the Word of God says to us about peace.'

SUNDAY 7th December: 2pm to 4.30pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High Street. CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION & AFTERNOON TEA.

Revd Sophia Marriage writes: 'Come and see a variety of Christmas cribs, with afternoon tea, 2pm onwards ending with a short blessing service at 4.30pm. We welcome any exhibits of your own cribs - homemade, bought, treasured over years, strange and wonderful cribs in all shapes and sizes. These can be delivered to the church during the week beginning 1st December.' Please contact 629 1219 or sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org if you would like your crib to be included in the exhibit.

FRIDAY 12th December: St Joseph's, Whitburn. Legion of Mary Reunion

Maria Igoe writes: 'A minibus will leave St John's Church at 4.45pm (cost £7). There will be Legion Prayers, Mass and entertainment. The cost of the meal is £10.' Please let Maria know if you wish to go (669 2960).

SUNDAY 18th January: 3pm: St Mary's Cathedral. Mass for Migrants and Refugees.

Miriam McHardy, Archdiocesan Coordinator for Justice & Peace, writes: 'On Sunday 18th January 2015, the Church marks the World Day for Migrants and Refugees worldwide under the theme: **Church without frontiers, Mother to all**. To mark this day Archbishop +Leo Cushley is inviting members of migrant communities across the archdiocese to celebrate with him the contribution of the migrant communities to the life of the Church in Scotland. The celebration will be followed by a small reception in the Cathedral Hall.' You are warmly invited to attend. - and we would be grateful if two parishioners from both St Mary Magdalene's and St John's would represent our parishes - please contact Fr Jock. If you would like to attend the reception afterwards please email miriam.mchardy@stanned.org.uk by Monday 5th January 2015.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 22nd November <i>Memorial of St Cecilia</i>	10.00am Mass: Special Intention. <i>Morning Mass followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil: Special Intention. (Moirá McDiarmid - in thanksgiving to Christ the King and the Holy Family.)	
Sunday 23rd November <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i>	9.30am Mass: Michael Clyne	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 24th November <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions</i>	10.00am Mass: Michael Delaney 6.30pm Reception of the body of Tom Plews. 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 25th November <i>Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	10.00am Mass: Requiem Mass for Tom Plews.	
Wednesday 26th November	10.00am Communion Service	10.00am Mass: Josephine Connelly
Thursday 27th November <i>Memorial of St Fergus</i>	10.00am Communion Service	7.30pm Memorial Mass Mary Christina Slane
Friday 28th November	10.00am Mass: Requiem Mass for George Hooper. 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 29th November	10.00am Mass: Charlie & Mary McLauchlan <i>Morning Mass followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil: Special Intention.	
Sunday 30th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am Mass: John Scollan	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S: *For a trial period of the coming 3 months, we will be using the front entrance (rather than the side door) for weekday Masses. The Masses will still take place in the side Chapel.*

Believe Spring will Come. 'Just as the vine has to be pruned in order to bear more fruit, so too each of us has to be pruned. There are moments of grief and disappointment that are like rough and painful times of pruning so that there might be more life. But when it is winter and it is very cold, when the vine has been pruned, stripped of its branches, we find it difficult to believe that spring will come again and that life is lying dormant but will soon re-emerge.'

Jean Vanier, *Seeing Beyond Depression*, p45.