

# **THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE**

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**Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Cycle A) 26th October 2014**

## **WELCOME!**

*If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask him for details of how to register on the parish roll.*

**The Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers** will take place at all Masses this weekend. Many thanks to the following who have undergone a training course and then been willing to offer themselves for this key ministry in our parish communities: Terry Anderson, Mary O'Byrne Bevan, Maureen Brogan, Odette Brooks, Hugh & Linda Brown, Flora Dick, Peter Gillam, Monica Gorman, Aileen Hall, Maria Igoe, Moira McDiarmid, Kate Neilson, Eileen Rennie, Evlynne Roarty, Bozena Tansey, Anna Tanzi, and Keith & Laura Young.

**MANY THANKS ... to Fr John Robinson** who covered for Fr Jock at the 10am Mass on Saturday and will do so again on Monday while Fr Jock leads retreats, one for the Fife Christian Counselling Centre, the other for the staff of St Joseph's Service.

**Anointing of the Sick/ Pastoral Care of Parishioners in Hospital** ... a reminder to parishioners to please contact Fr Jock if you would like the sacrament of the sick before going in to hospital. Parishioners in hospital can also contact the Catholic chaplain in an emergency on 0131 536 1000. Alternatively, the Spiritual Care Team Administrator can be contacted during office hours on 0131 242 1990. Fr Jock will always try to visit parishioners in hospital - but needs to be alerted. PLEASE, if you know of someone who has been admitted, will you let him or the parish administrator, Pauline, know....

**CENSUS SUNDAYS:** On the next two Sundays (2nd November & 9th November) we will be seeking to update the records of both parishes. We would be very grateful if you would fill in the census forms before you leave the church.

## **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (A charity that seeks to support struggling and persecuted Christians)**

We are invited to join in prayer this month and ask God to protect the Christian people of Iraq and Syria who are suffering persecution because of their faith:

*'Heavenly Father, we ask that you comfort all Christians who are being forced out of their homes in Iraq and Syria by the Islamic State.*

*We ask that you give the refugees strength and courage to reach their destinations safely and that they are welcomed with love and understanding.*

*We also ask that you send the Holy Spirit upon the persecutors so that they may move towards a life of love and compassion. Amen.'*

**'WEDNESDAY WORD'** : Feel free to pick up a copy as you leave either church.

**Offertory Collection - 19th October 2014**

St Mary Magdalene's - £241.20 St John's - £766.98

**Special Collection for Mission Sunday**

St Mary Magdalene's - £170.00 St John's £433.72

*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:** Peter Hughson, Michael McGovern, Jordan Kennedy.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Roseanne Sangster, James John McGreavy, James Ward Jr., Charles McCann, Ellen McAlinden, Veronica Margaret Glancy, James Grady, Daniel O'Lone, Francis Fusco, James Clarke, Leonora Loftus, Thomas Fox, Rose Marshall, Jean Marshall, Agnes McArthur, Arnold Waugh, Oula McCaughan, Janet Mary McMillan, Brian McMillan, George McMillan, Giuseppe (Joe) DiPonio, Colena Oswald, Noel Gibson, Joyce Hughes, Williamina Gallagher, Andrew Keogh, Euphemia (Effie) Meehan, Angelo Morga, Umberto Demarco, John Reid, Eileen Alexander, Mary Johnston, Mr & Mrs Scally, Rose Henery, James Coyle, Meg Barber, Henry McCluskey, Archibald McPherson, John McWilliams (Jnr), Dorothy Scambler, and the deceased members of the Begg Family.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Laura Kempton Smith, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jimmy Duke, Jane McGuire, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignan, Michael & Mamie Richards, Veronica McLauchlan, 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, Mona Scoular, Gerry Houston, Lorraine Syme and Monsignor James Rae.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Dennis Walker, Isobel Phillips, baby Khalia Jabir, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Mary and James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Jude Ferguson, and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Margaret Davis, 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.

## **MEMORIAL MASSES IN NOVEMBER: 2 Dates for your Diary**

***Fr Jock writes:*** 'We hope to introduce 2 Memorial Masses, one in either parish, in November to give people the chance to mourn their loved ones together. The provisional plan is that people write the names of anyone who's died that they want mentioned at this Mass on paper available at the back of either church. The names are collated and are then read out after the Gospel during the candlelit Mass (at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 November at St John's - tbc - and Thursday 27 November at St Mary Magdalene's). While this is happening, anyone who wants can come up and light a candle in memory of the person mentioned. More details in the coming weeks...'

**SCIAF** A reminder that '... the SCIAF Real Gift catalogues and order forms are available from the back of both churches. Pick up yours now and simplify your Christmas present buying!'

**LEGION OF MARY:** Maria Igoe writes: 'Due to illness among us, the members of the Legion of Mary would like to make a request to parishioners, both men and women, to consider helping us out. If you feel that you are able to give 6 months to attend the Meetings (Tuesdays after the morning Service at St John's) and assist with our work, we would be very grateful. There are many parishioners, who are housebound and love to have a visit, as well as those we have been keeping in contact with while they have been in hospital. These visits are very rewarding. Further details can be had from Maria Igoe 669 2960. Please consider this appeal.'

## **St. Mary Magdalene's**

**Readers for this Sunday:** John Cunningham & Anne Jabir  
... and for next Sunday: Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

**Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher  
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## **St. John's**

The next **Charity Coffee Morning** will be on Monday 3rd November in the Hall after 10am Mass. Donations will go to the SCIAF 'Water for Life' project. Please come along.

**FAIRTRADE WEEKEND** A reminder from Linda Brown that next Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd November is Fairtrade Weekend '... which leaves only one more Fairtrade Weekend before Christmas, so come and check out our Christmas selection of cards and gifts and support our friends from Legho'.

## This Week

**SATURDAY 25th October: 6.30pm Vigil Mass:** Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers

**SUNDAY 26th October: 9.30am & 11.15am Masses:** Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers

**SUNDAY 26th October: 1.15pm:** **St John's Church.** Baptism of Paton Smith.

**1pm to 7.30pm: Visit to Nunraw**

A reminder from Maria Igoe to please check that Maria has put your name on the list if you want to go on the minibus to Nunraw (669 2960). The bus leaves St John's at 1pm, returning by 7.30pm, and costs £7. Tea will be provided but bring a snack.

**FRIDAY 31st October:** A message from Geraldine Mackie: '... Just to let everyone know who has paid a deposit for the Christmas night out at the George Hotel, that the balance is due on 31st October.'

## In the Coming Weeks

**WEDNESDAY 5th November:**

**6.30-8pm: Gillis Centre: Launch of the AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Religious Freedom Report:** 'ACN are launching their Religious Freedom Report ...with Archbishop Kaigama, President of the Nigerian Bishops Conference and John Pontifex, Editor of the report. To book tickets, contact ACN Scotland (01698 337 470) or email Lorraine.mcmahon@acn.org. (Note: the sister parishes Justice & Peace Group recently sent £300 to this worthwhile cause after our fun-filled "Mamma Mia" night.)'

**7.30pm: Parish House:** Meeting of St John's Parish Council.

**WEDNESDAY 12th November:**

**7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens.** The Edinburgh Newman Circle will meet to hear invited speaker Michael Turnbull talk on the subject of "St Andrew: Myth, Legend & Reality". All are welcome.

**Lauriston Centre: 'CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH'**

'In an attempt to foster understanding and respect among people of faith, as a contribution towards world peace and to creating an international community of faith, Dr Anthony Allison on behalf of the Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue and in partnership with the Lauriston Jesuit Centre and the Archdiocese Commission on Ecumenism, will facilitate a series of conversations with people from the major faith traditions: Hinduism, Islam, Bahai, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism. The first three will be this term with more to follow in the new year.'

### Dates and Topics

	Faith Tradition	Speaker/Event
Wednesday 12th November: 7.30pm	Sikhism	Trishna Singh
Wednesday 19th November: 7.30pm	Judaism	Fiona & Howard Brodie
Wednesday 26th November: 7.30pm	Islam	Janice Oliver

For further details contact 0131 229 9821.'

**SUNDAY 16th November: 7.00pm: St Andrew's & St George's West Church, George Street, Edinburgh.**

**'SING OUT!** Come and sing out for homeless people. Featuring Brighton's Praise Group, and with Organist Robin Gardiner. Refreshments will be served in the Undercroft Café following the Sing Out. A retiring collection will be taken for the work of Scottish Churches Housing Action.'

### An extract from the LIVING SPIRIT column in the October issue of 'OPEN HOUSE'.

'The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved ... to make him known. If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that he will once more touch our hearts. Standing before him with open hearts, letting him look at us, we see that gaze of love which Nathaniel glimpsed on the day when Jesus said to him: 'I saw you under the fig tree'. (Jn.1.48) How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed sacrament and simply to be in his presence! How much good it does us when he once more touches our lives and impels us to share his new life! What then happens is that 'we speak of what we have seen and heard!' (1 Jn. 1:3). The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us ... We need to recover a contemplative spirit which can help us to realise ever anew that we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us to lead a new life.'

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, Art. 264. CTS, 2013*

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## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 25th October</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention <i>Morning Mass followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Special Intention	
<b>Sunday 26th October</b> 30th Sunday Year A	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Roseanne Sangster	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Monday 27th October</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Peter Hughson <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 28th October</b> <i>Feast of Sts Simon and Jude</i>	<b>10.00am Communion Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> Cath Clark
<b>Wednesday 29th October</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> John & Joyce Hughes	
<b>Thursday 30th October</b>	<b>10.00am Communion Service</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Friday 31st October</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Fay Brown <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
<b>Saturday 1st November</b> <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Jackie Ireland <i>Morning Mass followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Special Intention	
<b>Sunday 2nd November</b> 31st Sunday Year A <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> James John McGreavy	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Special Intention

**October Devotions:** *The Rosary and the Litany of Loreto will be said after Mass or Communion Service from Monday to Friday during October at St John's.*

**'This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.'**

**Micah: 6: 6—8**