

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

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

**Next weekend we will commemorate Sea Sunday** when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Leaving Collection at all Masses for the Apostolate of the Sea which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Please remember seafarers in your prayers.

Fr Jock will be away on a working pilgrimage to Lourdes from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (where he will be remembering the sister parishes). While he is away, Fr John Robinson and Fr Gordon Brown will kindly cover the weekday Masses. **Fr Tony Lappin, who was ordained a fortnight ago on 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Cathedral, will be celebrating our weekend Masses.** If anyone would like Fr Jock to take any **petitions to Lourdes and the Grotto**, please hand them in by midday on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**In response to Miriam McHardy's post-referendum reflection in last week's newsletter, a parishioner wrote as follows:**

'I was devastated at the result of the Referendum fearing the effect it will have on the poorest in our country and the consequences for refugees and migrants. There is a very real danger that the UK will now pull back on accepting the already pathetic agreement to accept 20,000 refugees over five years. We must indeed place our trust in the Lord to guide us all in our response and we must continue to work for justice and peace in our world. I thought I would like to share one of my favourite poems - Abou Ben Adhem by Leigh Hunt.

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold : -  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?" – The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made all of sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low  
But cheerily still, and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names of those whom love of God had blest,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

It seems to me we ordinary Christians don't need to be learned theologians. The message of these two great commandments, contained in this poem, is all we need.'

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**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 for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** 9.30am: St John's: Mass with baptism of Nieve Wilson.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** 2.30pm: St John's Church: **Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass)**. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. All are invited to the Hall afterwards for refreshments. Please come along.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** 7pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: **Fabric Committee**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** 1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw**. Maria Igoe writes: 'The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on Sunday 24th July, leaving St John's at 1pm and arriving back at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 9am to 12.45pm. PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB. 'Guardians of Ancora** - 'Children of primary school age welcome to come along for games, gardening, crafts, music, bible stories, and more. Cost £5 per child or £1 per day. Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Rd Nth, EH15 2DL. Please email [Portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:Portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com) to register by 18 July'.

## NOTICEBOARD

**JUSTICE & PEACE.** Jim Roarty writes: "**Justice, Peace and Money.** Following the update on parish finances, a quick look at the J&P Group's financial affairs for 2015: **Income:** Down by around £200 due to a loss of a couple of our regular Hunger for Justice givers and also we didn't have a big fund-raising event in the year. This was offset by a healthy increase in the rebate we receive from the taxman – as a registered charity, we can reclaim tax on donations.

**Expenditure:** This comprises only donations to needy causes such as Nepal earthquake, Syrian refugees, South Sudan etc, amounting to £1400 – we have no expenses. **Please help us to continue this good work by becoming a regular donor** to our Hunger for Justice Fund - just a few pounds per month, which, as a charity, we can top up by 25% for taxpayers. Speak to any member of the J&P Group (we represent both parishes) or email the treasurer, jimroarty4@gmail.com."

**EPIPHANY GROUP COURSE 'Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living'.** Venue: Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. Course Dates: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9.30pm). This course aims to help participants develop & deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively. It offers opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper relationship with God. In addition to weekly group meetings participants are offered the opportunity of individual spiritual accompaniment. The method is primarily experience-based and reflective and allows participants to:

- Experience different ways of praying taken from Ignatian and other spiritual traditions.
- Explore aids to prayer and reflection.
- Develop and deepen awareness of different perceptions of God and self.
- Discover a way of making prayerful choices through an introduction to Ignatian discernment.

For application forms & further information please contact [Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com](mailto:Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Course fee £340 payable in instalments. Please enquire about help with fees in case of financial difficulty.

Fr. Jock writes: 'Several parishioners have undertaken this course and found it a very positive experience. One or two have continued on to the next stages, "Spiritual Conversation" and "Spiritual Direction", so if you would like to hear a first-hand account of the course, please do let me know.'

**PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB.** Rev. Dr Sophia Marriage has asked if parishioners would consider donating spare plants and recycling materials to the Portobello Holiday Club. She writes: 'Last year at the Holiday Club the children loved the gardening that we were able to provide at St Marks. This year, we want to repeat this and work on the garden at Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, as well as renovate the patch of ground that they worked on at St Marks last year. This will create two spaces that the children can call their own within Portobello. If you have any of the following which you would like to donate to the gardening project, please let Sophia Marriage ([Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org](mailto:Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org) / 0131 629 1219) know as soon as possible.

Herb plants ( rosemary, sage, lavender, thyme, fennel and borage). Other flowering plants / pretty leaves for small garden spaces. Bedding plants. Planks of wood. Bits of broken crockery for making a mosaic. Small bits of drift wood. Plastic punnets (like the ones you get soft fruit in ... we're going to need at least one per child). Transparent bottles (eg drinks bottles) in various colours. Waterproof plastic boxes & cellophane wrappers.'

### *Offertory Collections for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July*

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
£335.55 (inc. £196 Gift Aided)

**St John the Evangelist**  
£964.97 (inc. £530.46 Gift Aided)

### *Special Collection (Peter's Pence)*

£194.50

£409.80

MANY THANKS

## PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Catherine Lee.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Elizabeth Jack.

**St John's:** July 9:- Mary (Barrins) Clarke (1941); Isabella Mathieson; July 10:- Dorothy Hyde (1982); Jessie Kelly (1979); July 11:- Francis Egan (1997); Vincent Boyd; July 12:- Louisa Willis (2013); Mary Macadam; July 13:- Armando Volpe (2013), Alastair Dewar (2013); Heather Clydesdale (1994); Mr and Mrs. Delaney (1981); July 14:- Kate Laurie (1937); Bridget Daly; Philomena Hughes; Jane B Ritchie; July 15:- Patricia Pringle (2002); James Hamilton (1989);

**St Mary Magdalene's :** July 10:- Charles McKenna (1998); July 12:- Stella Maria Murray (2001); William Gilhooly (1968); July 13:- Walter Tanchuk (1999); July 14:- Cathie Tosney (2007); Colin McKenna (2002); July 15:- Hannah Halliday (2007); Frederick Burns (1970);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Cecilia Sharkey, Mary Florence Crabbe, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Patrick Doherty, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, Lorna Dickson, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Maimie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Rose McKay, Anne McGeachie, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Mary Thomson, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, Mary Brockie, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dymrna Clifford, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme and Rupert Ridge.

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

*Welcome to the world ... Helena Orlowska, a daughter for Barbara & Arek, a sister for Zusanna and Alexander, born on 16<sup>th</sup> May.*

**Readers for this Sunday:** Catriona McGillivray & John Kelly      **Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir  
... and for next Sunday      Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes      **Bidding Prayers:** Peggy Ferguson

*Fr Jock will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on the 19<sup>th</sup> July while he is away in Lourdes. You are invited to keep the afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August free in your diary for an informal joint parish celebration. Further details will follow in next week's newsletter.*

### St. John's

**GIFT AID.** If you are a gift aider and have not yet collected your envelopes from the back of the church please do look for the marked box where you will find your 2016-17 gift aid pack. If you have not managed to collect your envelopes and would like them to be delivered please contact Pauline in the parish office. Many thanks.

**Hospitality Group.** Mary Iannarelli writes: 'In addition to our existing excellent Sunday Hospitality group, it is hoped to set up a general Hospitality group whose members would take responsibility for providing hospitality at occasional parish meetings and events. It is hoped that volunteers would only be needed on 2 or 3 occasions during the year depending on the number of volunteers in the group. If you would like to find out more or volunteer please contact Mary Iannarelli on 07534666439.'

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**VIGIL:** P MacInnes, J Kemp, V Knowles.      **SUNDAY:** E Buckley, A Tanzi, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> James & Mollie O'Brien <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Armando Volpe	<b>11.15am Mass</b> Canon Ned Glackin
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>FEAST OF ST BENEDICT</i>	<b>2.30pm Mass with Anointing</b> Linda Wisbach  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of St Drostan</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> SI
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of St Henry</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> Mary Frances Mclaughlin	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of St Camillus de Lelis</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.15 -7pm:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>7.00pm Mass</b> Elizabeth Jack
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST BONAVENTURE</i>	<b>9.15am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Mass</b> Catherine Lee  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass</b> SI

### **World Peace – it IS possible.**

If our families are places of love, if parents and children are helping each other to become fully human, fully alive, then peace will come in our land. Peace will come between cultures. Peace will come in our world ... Talk must always come from a place of silence and not from a place of aggression & power ... we cannot be at peace unless we cherish silence; silence in the family where we can be together and love each other.

*Jean Vanier: 'Encountering the Other' p41, 42.*