

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

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**29 MAY 2016**



In anticipation of the Feast of the Visitation on 31<sup>st</sup> May there will be a **Special collection at all Masses this weekend for the Bishops of Scotland's Day for Life.** The proceeds of the collection will go to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.' A leaflet about the day for Life is available at the back of both churches – **and on [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)**

### **CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER**

Following Archbishop Leo Cushley's visit in February, the first of three planning meetings for all five Cluster Parishes will be held at **St Mary Star of the Sea, Leith, Saturday 18th June 2016** with 10am Mass, followed by the meeting from **11am to 12.30pm.** **All parishioners in each parish are warmly invited to attend** the meeting, to listen and to contribute as constructively as possible. The meeting is being organised by the 'Cluster Group' comprising the Priests and Parish Council Chairs from Cluster Parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, St Ninians, Restalrig, St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, St John the Evangelist, Portobello, St Teresa's Craigmillar.

The discussion point for the meeting is "*Where do you see signs of spiritual vibrancy in your cluster parishes and how could these be strengthened?*" We would encourage all Parishioners to attend as this is your chance for your voice to be heard and participate in these important discussions on the future of our Parishes and Archdiocese.

From next weekend, a sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the Church to help provide some indication to the organisers of the numbers attending from each Parish and to assist us in ensuring there is transport to St Mary Star of the Sea, Leith for those that require it.

If you have any questions about the meeting or next stages then please contact Fr Jock or Pauline Connarty, the parish administrator - [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com)

**'AND WHEN I AM LIFTED UP ABOVE THE EARTH ...'**

**A time of reflection and prayer on the Compassionate and Sacred Heart of Jesus – led by Mike Knox**

**Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 7.30pm in St John's Church**

An opportunity, during this Year of Mercy and in preparation for the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart next Friday, to spend some time looking again at the meaning and mystery of the Incarnation, as expressed in the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This time of reflection and prayer for the healing of ourselves and for our world, will focus on a new image of the Sacred Heart by local artist Mike Kinane. The session will use scripture and the words of Pope Francis, music, art, sharing and silence to give each person the space to experience in their heart the compassionate love of Jesus and to know something more of what Jesus meant when he said "And when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself ..." (John 12:32)

Monsignor Rae had a particular devotion to the Sacred Heart and a painting of his will be blessed and gifted to the Parish at the close of the reflection. Mike Knox will bring the different elements of the evening together.

*Everyone from St John's and St Mary Magdalene's is warmly welcome.*

### **RWANDA PROJECT**

**Fr Jock writes: 'Heartfelt thanks** to all the very generous people who have contributed to the raising of **the wonderful sum of £3295** which will be sent to Sr Margaret Mary and her convent and Pastoral Centre in Rwanda as they seek to offer a place of welcome, prayer and healing to those still carrying the wounds of the genocide 22 years ago.

The money is made up of

- **£2164** from the Lenten sponsored slim (resulting in a moral obligation to keep those pounds off....)
- **£340.16** – 50% of the proceeds from Martin Aelred's Concert (£690.16)
- **£690.95** – 50% of the proceeds from the Parish Fayre (£1,381.90)
- **£100** – from a parishioner generously diverting gifts from a significant birthday.

I will be sending a cheque off this week – and no doubt in the near future, we will hear from Sr Margaret Mary exactly how the money will be spent. THANK YOU again...'

**After the Confirmations at St Teresa's on 7<sup>th</sup> May, we received 2 delightful cards with the following message:** 'A very special thank you to Fr Jock and all the children from St John's and St Mary Magdalene's who were receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you also to the parents and families and teachers and parishioners who made the day such a joyous occasion. The Music Group also for their uplifting singing and playing of instruments...It was wonderful to meet so many people and welcome them in our church. *From the parishioners of St Teresa of Lisieux.*'

**PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB. 'Guardians of Ancora' 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016. 9am to 12.45pm.** 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. **Fr Jock writes – 'please, a final final (!)request: we are still looking for someone to represent our 2 parishes on the ecumenical planning group for the Holiday Club, an initiative of all the Churches – if you wish to learn more about what's involved, do please contact me...'**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** 9.30am: St John's Church. **Mass with 'Do this in Memory of Me' children.**

3pm: Meeting at Archbishop's Residence, 42 Greenhill Gdns, Edinburgh. **Archdiocesan Lourdes Day.** 'The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh inaugural Lourdes Day will take place at 3pm on Sunday 29 May with a Marian procession through the streets of Edinburgh followed by Solemn Benediction and the blessing of the sick. The procession will be led by Archbishop Leo Cushley and will set off from the Archbishop's residence, 42 Greenhill Gardens, at 3pm. It will conclude at the nearby St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road. A celebratory reception will follow. **All are very welcome.** The event is organised by the Archdiocese's Lourdes Pilgrimage Group, the Edinburgh Hospitalité. For more information go to [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com).'

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May:** 7.30pm to 9pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre, Lauriston St. Summer Talks (1) 'The Early Church' presented by Fr Gero McLaughlin. (Talk (2) 'The Ignatian Tradition' will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Feast of the Visitation – Scottish Bishops' Day for Life.**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** 7.30pm: St John's Church. Mike Knox writes: '**You are invited to a time of reflection & prayer on the Compassionate & Sacred Heart of Jesus.**' (Further details in special section.)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** 11am: Parish House. **Pastoral Team Meeting**

7.00pm: St Mary Magdalene's: **Reconciliation Service for First Communicants** and rehearsal for St Mary Magdalene's First Communions which will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.00 – 1.00pm: Twende Pamoja Sale of quality clothing and accessories. All welcome

10.30-12 noon: **St John's Open Church.** Please sign the list at the back of the church if you can spend some time in personal reflection and to welcome visitors.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church. **First Holy Communions**

### **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.00am: St. John's Hall: St John's Party Toddlers Group.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June:** 7.30pm: Sacred Heart Hall, Lauriston Street. **Chemin Neuf Community 'A Passion for Unity'.** A presentation about the work of Chemin Neuf. Further details at [www.chemin-neuf.org](http://www.chemin-neuf.org)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June:** 7.00pm -10.30pm: St John's Church Hall. **TZ16 Clothing Sale** (in aid of Holy Rood pupils' trip to Tanzania). Tickets £5.00 (including a glass of fizz and nibbles) available from Tom Gallagher.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** 9.30am: St John's Church: **First Holy Communions**

10.00am – 4.00pm: **St Margaret Pilgrimage, Dunfermline.** Father Christopher Heenan writes: 'On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 you are invited to join us in Dunfermline for the annual summer pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland. Last year over 1500 people travelled from all across the country to join us for a hugely enjoyable day. It should be a great family day. We look forward to welcoming you! St Margaret pray for us.'

12.30pm: Old Parish Church, Bellfield St, Portobello. **Portobello & Musselburgh Quakers lunch in aid of Fresh Start.** 'Please do phone Alastair Cameron if you would like an invitation 0131 669 5129 or email [mandolin.alastair@gmail.com](mailto:mandolin.alastair@gmail.com)'

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Cluster Planning Day at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith:**

10am: Mass 11am-12.30pm: First of Three Cluster Planning Meetings – Open to all.

## NOTICEBOARD

**Himalayan Children Education Trust** Pauline McInnes's faithful accountant, who has supported her over the last 10 years, has recently stepped down...she is wondering if any parishioner might be willing to offer some accountancy support in his place...If so, can he or she contact Pauline (0131 657 3411) or Fr Jock....

**THEATRE ALBA @ DUDDINGSTON.** Theatre Alba will be performing 'The Shepherd Beguiled' in the grounds of Duddingston Kirk Manse during the Edinburgh Festival from 9<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August. **If you would like the opportunity to perform as an extra in this production alongside a cast of professional actors and musicians please contact Charlie Nowosielski (01875 871279 or 07940 498311).**

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)

### Offertory Collections for 21<sup>st</sup> May & 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
£231.18 (inc. £99.50 Gift Aided)

**St John the Evangelist**  
£823.32 (inc. £408.40 Gift Aided)

Many Thanks

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Michael Cavanagh (snr), Sheila Pyke

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:**

**St. John's:** **May 29:-** John Broadley (1985); **May 30:-** Angela Morga (2001); Alexander McCraw (1979); **May 31:-** John Gorrie (1993); David Devlin (1968); **June 1:-** Margaret McCluskey (2008); Thomas M Henderson (1985); Carmine Demarco (1977); Catherine McCann (1972); **June 2:-** Maria Domenica Crolla (2015); Alexander McFarlane (1997); Mary Boyle (1993); Andrew Smart (1988); Thomas Brennan (1964); Andrew Durkin (1953); **June 3:-** Georgina Meldrum (2008); Thomas Burke (1970); **June 4:-** Margaret Barrins (2012); Jennie Cox (2012); Isabella Watson (2010); Frances McLeod (1987); John Cooney (1980); Mr & Mrs Brennan (1969);

**St. Mary Magdalene's:** **May 30:-** Bridget Boyle (1995); **June 1:-** Mary Dickson (1974)

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Bridget McTighe, 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, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie 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:** Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Mary Thomson, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, Mary Brockie, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna 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

**Readers for this Sunday:** Robert Moyes & Laura Tweedie  
... and for next Sunday First Communion Mass

**Bidding Prayers:** Aileen Hall  
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**Fr Jock writes: 'This Sunday, Jean McNally, the treasurer of our new Parish Finance Council, will present the 2015 parish accounts – and speak at the end of Mass about the main features of it.** In addition, we need volunteers to help with the counting of Sunday collections. This would help us comply with Archdiocesan guidelines. There would be a rota so you don't have to be available every week. The money could be counted on Sunday after Mass or the following Monday.'

If you might be able to help please contact any member of the Parish Finance Council – Jean McNally, Monica Gorman, Aileen Hall, Jennifer Morris or myself. We will be happy to provide further information.'

## St. John's

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**VIGIL:** P Hunter, B Kelly, J Kemp. **SUNDAY:** E Buckley, M McDiarmid, C Volpe, A Dixon, A Tanzi.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Canon John Gearty	<b>11.15am Mass</b> Fr Colman McGrath
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.0am Mass</b> Maureen Leitch  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.15-7pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>  <b>7pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>Memorial of St Justin</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> James & Catherine O'Brien	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> Maria Crolla	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	<b>9.15am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Fr John Muldoon	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Margaret Wagenbichler	<b>11.15am Mass</b> People of the Parish

### *Beginning*

‘I think we all begin with an open heart but then it becomes a wounded heart. And consequently, we are all people protecting ourselves. But fundamentally, we were born and conceived for communion.’

*(Jean Vanier: Man Alive: CBC, March 1992)*

**A message from Pope Francis for Migrants and Refugees.**

‘Never lose hope that on your journey you will encounter an outstretched hand and that you can experience fraternal solidarity and the warmth of friendship! To all of you, and to those who have devoted their efforts to helping you, I give the assurance of my prayers.’