

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT – 26 MARCH 2017

Warm birthday greetings to Ina McNama, who will be **102** on Tuesday....

This weekend there will be a special collection in aid of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities at all Masses.

This Thursday at 7pm at St John's, there is Stations of the Cross.

Next Sunday is our Lenten 'Reconciliation Sunday' – with several priests available to celebrate Reconciliation at the normal starting time for Mass. On the Sunday Plus, there is a traditional 'Examination of Conscience' to help you to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament, while accompanying the newsletter, there is a new and more free flowing and creative one, composed specially for us for this week, if you feel like a change...

LENTEN YOUTH EVENT FOR AGES 12 -25

On Palm Sunday (9th April - 13.30 – 17.30) at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, (Hatton Road, Perth PH2 7BP).

This is an event organised by Catholic Youth Service which will consist of talks by various Catholic speakers and will end with Mass. All are very welcome. Transport to and from Edinburgh is available. Please contact Fr Nick Welsh at St Mary's Cathedral on frnick@stmaryscathedral.co.uk for more information.

DO MARK IN YOUR DIARIES – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - 9-16 APRIL – the celebration for which Lent is a preparation

THIS WEEK St John's church is open every day from 9.30pm-6.30pm (nb change of closing time)

Sunday 26 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothers' Day.

Monday 27 March

2.30pm – St John's Church - **Healing Mass.** 'The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm. Reconciliation will be available after Mass. Everyone is invited to the Hall for tea and cakes afterwards.'

6.15--8.15pm – St Margaret's House, 151 London Road EH7 6AE – **Care for Carers – 'Caring and Coping with Loss in Dementia'** - First evening of a 6 week course. 'The course will be facilitated and supported by Gwenne McIntosh, Lecturer in Mental Health, Jill Wallis, Community Occupational Therapist, and Janey Scott, Short Breaks Co-ordinator, Care for Carers. This course is open to any carer looking after a person with Dementia, the person may live at home, be in hospital or in long term care. Application forms are available from the back of both churches.

7.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Parish Pastoral Council meeting.**

Wednesday 29 March – 1.15pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Carral**

Thursday 30 March

7pm – St John's – **Stations of the Cross.**

7.45pm – Parish House – **Holy Week Liturgy Planning Meeting**

Friday 31 March – 10.45am – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

Saturday 1 April

10am – 1pm - St John's Hall – **Twende Pamoja Fashion Sale**

10.30am – 1.00pm – St John's – **OPEN CHURCH** – with welcomers needed to host visitors....to sign up, see list at back of church.

1pm – St John’s – **Baptism of Kelsey Gajda**

Saturday/Sunday 1/2 April – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY.

Sunday 2 April – 2.30pm – St John’s Church Hall - Lenten SCIAF Stations:

‘The Justice & Peace Group are running SCIAF Stations of the Cross. After the Stations there will be a short talk from Siobhan Wright of SCIAF and time to chat over a cup of tea.’

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 3rd April- 10.30am - St John’s Hall - Charity Coffee Morning – ‘Donations will be given to 'Let the Children Live', which helps 'street children' in Colombia. Please come along.’

Tuesday 11th April (and each Tuesday till 16th May) – Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall, Musselburgh - New Beginnings Group.

‘New Beginnings is a six week coping skills support group for those struggling with bereavement, separation or divorce and who would like to find positive ways to move forward. Please contact Catherine Wallace 07591097732 for further details.’

NOTICEBOARD

Karen Blair, our Parish(es) Administrator, is away on a well-deserved break for three weeks. In her absence, **Maureen Brogan** is kindly filling in for her in the Parish Office.

Jennifer Morris (the new secretary of the joint parish Justice and Peace Group) writes: ‘**Fairtrade Easter Eggs will be available for purchase at both churches after Mass on the w/e of 1 and 2 April. Fairtrade Easter Cards will also be on sale at St John’s.**

Cluster Group WW1 Battlefields Visit 2018

‘The Cluster Group visit to the battlefields of World War 1 is now confirmed and will take place between Monday 16th and Friday 20th April 2018. The cost will be £460 per person with a £40 single person supplement. There are still places available and should you wish to participate please contact Des Brogan as soon as possible on 0131 661 9191 or des@mercattours.com for further details and an itinerary.’

40 Days for Life

Prayer Vigil every day from 8am - 8pm until April 9th (Palm Sunday). ‘Please join us and sign up for any hour you could come, stand and pray outside the Royal Infirmary - Little France on Old Dalkeith Road. For more information please contact Patricia MacLennan - 0131 441 3262 or pnmacclennan@yahoo.co.uk.’

Learn more at 40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

The Singing Group for people with dementia and their carers meets from 2.15pm to 4.15pm on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Willowbrae Church Hall, 1a Willowbrae Road, Edinburgh EH8 7EZ. ‘For further details please contact Helen Fraser 0131 661 2344, Kate Crumlish 0131 554 0214 or email SingingGroup@cma17fsnet.co.uk’

Holy Rood RC High News:

Joan Daly writes ‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.’

‘Royal Literacy Foundation - 12 of our S6 pupils enjoyed the very rich experience of Academic Workshops delivered by Doug Johnstone, the crime writer.

Scottish Space School 2017 - Congratulations to Conall Loftus in S5 who was successful in his application to the Scottish Space School. This is an amazing achievement and we wish Conall good luck. Houston – we have an opportunity!

Pi Day - Holy Rood pupils and staff joined a world community to celebrate “Pi Day”, when mathematicians around the globe stopped to ponder this non-recurring decimal phenomenon. We celebrated by having a Pi Dingbats competition for S1/2, S3/4, S5/6 and staff. To add more fun to the day, staff enjoyed pies (Scotch, Apple and Rhubarb) and coffee, and basked in the glory of the number - £140 was raised towards Lenten Charity. *Please use the link to have a look at our website <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk> and follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh*

LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES -.

In the sister parishes we offer different ways of preparation for you to choose from. Lenten initiatives include

- Each weekday (from Monday to Thursday) there is the Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am at St John’s
- On Wednesday mornings, there is Stations of the Cross at St John’s after the 10am Mass/Eucharistic Service. There will also be one more evening celebration of the Stations before Holy Week – this **Thursday 30 March at 7pm at St John’s.**

And there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week:

- each day there is Mass in either St Mary Magdalene’s or St John’s, normally at 10am but a 7pm Mass one evening a week at

St Mary Magdalene's

- each week there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays at St John's from 7pm to 8pm, on the day Morning Mass is celebrated at St Mary Magdalene's (this week – Saturday) from 9.25 to 9.55pm at St Mary Magdalene's, and on Fridays at the same time at St John's.
- On Fridays there are Divine Mercy Devotions from 3-4pm at St John's
- Every other Saturday, there is Lectio Divina at 10.45am in the Parish House.

PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Mary Theresa Carral, Heather Duncan, Anne O'Donnell, Jackie Kay and Sadie Rooney***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: **Liz Davis, Ellie Meagher, Josie Valentine**
St John's :

Mar.25:- Margaret McCartney (2012); Frank Connelly (1992); John Allen (1964); Maurice Brosnan ; Natalie Valente;
Mar.26:- Mary Brown Fusco (2005); Angelo Young (1995); **Mar.27:-** James Lacey Jun. (1991); Alice Baron (1970); Dorothy K Lynch (1964); Sarah Ferrier ; **Mar.28:-** Bridie Hughes (1994); Charles Marrins ; Edward Baxter (Killed in action) (1943);
Mar.29:- Constance Miller (2013); Robert Duffy (2011); Charles Herriott (1998); John Ogilvie : **Mar.30:-** John Harkin (2003); Giuseppina Nicora (1947); Jean Joyce ; **Mar.31:-** Elizabeth Kelly (2008); Peter Sheridan (2003); Anthony John (2002); Margaret Thackery (2002); Agnes Clyne (1956); Alison Stewart (1994);

St. Mary Magdalene's

Mar.25 :- Stephen Archibald (1998); James Donoghue (1983); Kathleen Edwards (1981);
Mar.28:- Irene Valentine (2013); **Mar.30:-** Christina Renton (1980);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Bill Hunter, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Mary Phillips, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, David Thom, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Michael & Maimie Richards, Cathy McGravie,, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Pat Marin, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Ella Ayers, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Fr John Robinson, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, Poppy Smith (aged 6), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Lesley Lemarchand.

Offertory Collections for 19March	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£284.61(inc £62.00.00 gift aid)	£869.97 (inc £285.67 gift aid)
Thank you for your generosity		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

2 April
9 April

Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick
Children

Bidding Prayers

Peggy Ferguson
Children

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 1 April

C Vinestock, J Kemp,
V Knowles

Sunday 2 April

L Moran, A Dixon, J Rynn, A Tanzi,
E White

Each **Wednesday in Lent** Stations of the Cross will be said after Mass.



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The new Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you are not currently a member of this Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Karen, our Parish Administrator who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25 March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am: - Roy McGillivray 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass Isobel O'Neill	
Sunday 26 March 4th Sunday of Lent	9.30am: Mass – John Dalrymple	11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 27 March	2.30pm Mass – Healing Mass - Heather Duncan	
Tuesday 28 March	10.00am: – Mass with St. John's P6 - Linda Wisbach	
Wednesday 29 March	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	1.15pm Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Carral
Thursday 30 March	10.00am: – Mass with St. John's P5 Jane Murray	
Friday 31 March	10.00am: Mass – Josie Valentine	
Saturday 1 April	10.00am – Eucharistic Service 10.40am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> NB CHANGE OF TIME 6.30pm: Mass – John Kidd	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: - Liz Davis
Sunday 2 April 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30 am: Mass – Ellie Meagher	11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish

Belonging

‘To belong. It is important that we support each other, that we pray for each other, that we come together as people who have the same face. We need to love each other and then, as we learn to work together in a place of belonging and togetherness, we begin to see that it is important to listen to each other. You have ideas much better than mine, I may have some that are better than yours. We don't have to be powerful; we don't have to be right.’

Jean Vanier, Address to the Business Community, April 05