

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Keeping
a Holy Lent

2nd Sunday in Lent – 17 March 2019

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.



We warmly welcome **Des Brogan** from our fellow cluster parish of St Ninian's (and formerly from the staff of Holy Rood HS) who will be speaking at all Masses about the **(25-30 August) Cluster Group D Day Landings Battlefields Visit/Pilgrimage 2019.....and, in the coming week, Fr Jim Smith**, who will kindly be covering for Fr Jock (see Noticeboard).

LENT IN ST JOHN'S AND ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

A Ways of Praying Course – different parishioners offering their wisdom and experience in their preferred way of praying – on Mondays at 2.30pm and Wednesdays at 7pm – **Presentation /Witness/ Experience.**

❖ **This Week - Week 2 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessory Prayer – 2.30pm on Monday and 7pm on Wednesday in St Mary Magdalene's Hall/Side Chapel**

❖ **Week 3 - Lectio Divina/Praying with Scripture – at St John's**

❖ **Week 4 - The Breviary/the Prayer of the Church, and Praying Online – at St Mary Magdalene's**

❖ **Week 5 - Ignatian Prayer/Praying with the Imagination – at St John's**

Question Time with Fr Jock – 3 Monday Evenings (25 March, 1 April and 8 April) at 7.30pm in St John's Hall – a chance to ask those questions that have been gnawing away at you – about Scripture, the Church's Moral Teaching, the History of the Church, Church Dogmas, the Abuse scandal, whatever you wish to ask...and Fr Jock will do his best to respond (and open up a discussion).

Our Reconciliation Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent – 30/31 March, when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament before Mass begins.

Many people appreciate the opportunity this way of celebrating offers, but it's good to look at other ways of celebrating the sacrament which offer an opportunity for a longer chat with a priest, so this year, like last year, we will also offer...**a Communal Celebration of Reconciliation at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at St Mary Magdalene's.**

There is also the chance to celebrate the sacrament - as always - after the 10am mass on Saturdays, ...and, of course, at any time simply by making an appointment with Fr Jock.

LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF's WEE BOXES: (which this year focuses on the story of Lydia, a Ugandan orphan, whose life has been transformed by support from SCIAF).

This year also, there is an additional focus for your generosity....for the last few months we have been seeking to support **the STEKA Children's Home in Malawi** since Octoberand so Fr Jock will be 'undergoing' a sponsored slim (in an attempt, as one kind person put it, to 'renew his waistline') – **and is inviting other parishioners to join him in doing so!** Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches....

ALSO....

- ❖ Each weekday (from Monday to Friday) there is the **Morning Prayer of the Church** at 9.30am in the St John's Hall/Parish House.
- ❖ On Wednesday mornings, there are **Stations of the Cross** in the Prayer Room in the Parish House after the 10am Eucharistic Service.

.....and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week throughout the year:

- ❖ each day there is **Mass** in either St Mary Magdalene's or St John's (in church or hall), normally at 10am.
- ❖ each week there is **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** normally on Wednesdays from 9.25am to 9.55am at St Mary Magdalene's, and on Saturdays from 9am to 9.55am at St John's.
- ❖ On Fridays there are **Divine Mercy Devotions** from 3-4pm in the Prayer Room in the Parish House.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 16 March

10-1pm – St Teresa's, Craigmillar – **Lenten Retreat for our Cluster Parishes with Fr John O'Connor OP**
1pm-7.30pm – **Trip to Nunraw** (see St John's section)

Sunday 17 March

9.30am - St John's – **P3 and Children's Mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene - **P4 Do This Memory of Me Mass**

4pm – The Robin Chapel, Thistle Foundation, Niddrie Mains Rd, Craigmillar – **Sunday Service (Guest Preacher – Fr Jock)**

Tuesday 19 March

12.45pm – St Mary's Cathedral – **Mass for the First Anniversary of Cardinal Keith O'Brien:**

Archbishop Cushley writes: 'This is the first anniversary of the death of Cardinal O'Brien. To mark the occasion, I will be offering Holy Mass in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral at 12.45pm. I would ask you to invite people to pray then for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.'

Wednesday 20 March

11am – Lauder Lodge – Service for Residents (led by our Pastoral Assistants, Alice Codling and Chris Vinestock)

7pm – Parish House – **Fabric Committee meeting**

Saturday 23 March - 9.30am – St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street - Journey for Justice
(Ecumenical Romero Event) (see noticeboard)

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 24 March

Masses with SCIAF Stations of the Cross

10.45am Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston - **Consecration of the Romero Shrine** (see noticeboard)

3pm – St Catharine’s Convent, - **The Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady** (see St John’s section)

6pm – St Mark’s – **Inter-Church Youth Group**

7-9pm – Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – **Final Evening of the Pastoral Visitor’s Course**

Tuesday 26 March – St Mary Magdalene’s – 7.30pm – **Reconciliation Service**

Friday 29 March – 8pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Church Hall - **Joint Parish Quiz Night**

Saturday 30 March –

10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina – Prayer in time of Trial

7.30pm – Portobello & Joppa Parish Church – **Musical Evening** (see noticeboard)

Saturday 30 March/Sunday 31 March – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

Sunday 31 March – Special Collection in aid of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities (4th Sunday in Lent)

Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) – 11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s - P4 DTIM and Children’s Mass

Sunday 21 April – **EASTER SUNDAY**

Saturday 4 May – 10am – Strathclyde Country Park – **SCIAF Wee box 6K** (see noticeboard)

Saturday 27 April – **Food Hygiene Event – Portobello** *location to be confirmed* (see noticeboard)

Saturday 11 May – 10.30am – Craiglockhart Campus – **Craiglockhart Centenary Reunion 2019**

Friday 17 May - Bellfield Church Hall - **Joint Parish Race Night** (tickets on sale soon)

NOTICEBOARD

25-30 August - Cluster Group D Day Landings Battlefields Visit/Pilgrimage 2019

Des Brogan writes: ‘On this 75th anniversary of the D Day landing in Normandy it is particularly appropriate that our Cluster Parish Pilgrimage will visit the sites which witnessed so much loss of life in 1944. As Christians we are keenly aware that on both sides men of the same faith fought and killed each other and both would justify their stances as fighting on behalf of their country. It is difficult to justify the use of warfare at any time as an instrument of national policy but visiting the battlegrounds of Normandy cannot but raise such difficult questions as what would have happened had the Allies lost? How would Europe have fared under Nazi control? Is there really such a thing as a ‘just’ war? Our visit to the beaches of Sword, Gold, Juno and Omaha will force us to think of these things. Our visits to the cemeteries of La Cambe, Bayeux and Coleville-sur-Mer cannot but evoke sadness and prayer.

These are some of the reasons why excursions to WW1 and WW2 battlefields are neither tours nor holidays. They really are pilgrimages. This year the Cluster Pilgrimage will leave Edinburgh on Sunday 25th and return on Friday 30th August. Any enquiries for information or application should be directed to Des Brogan in St Ninian’s Parish. T: 07710 720 774 des@mercattours.com’

A Visit to Pema and Mega, two remarkable Tibetan Refugees in Northern India

Fr Jock writes: ‘During the year I spent teaching in India in 1979-80, I made friends with a remarkable Tibetan Refugee couple, Pema, a Christian, and Mega, a Buddhist, both of whom in 1959 had fled Tibet over the Himalayas into India – Mega, as a 16 year old having fought in an unsuccessful uprising against the Chinese oppressors. Soon after I returned home, Pema wrote asking for help with the Children’s Home for Tibetan orphans and parentless children – the Tibetans’ used to living in the mountains found life on Indian plains very hard on their health – that she had started, and so in 1982, a friend, Mark, and I formed a charity, ‘The Friends of the Noe Tibetan Children’s Home,’ and with a group of other friends committed ourselves to supporting Pema’s initiative.

Between then and 2017, over 200 children passed through the Home – though never more than thirty at any one time. Pema, a woman of great exuberance and energy, although still a refugee also founded a school (now 800 strong) for the local Indian children.

Since 1981 I have gone out to India every four years or so (the last time in 2015), normally with Mark who co-ordinated the running of the charity for over three decades, to ensure the personal link of friendship, central to the whole project, was maintained (while Pema herself came over to Scotland in 1997). However, two years ago, Mega, now in his eighties, fell seriously ill and Pema was forced to close the Home in order to look after him (while finding a home for each child still with them). Mega has made a slow recovery but is still frail so Mark and I felt that it was important to try and visit them both and ensure they knew they were still cherished and loved and supported by their friends in the UK (they have no relatives nearby – their two children have made their homes in Canada, since Tibetans still have to apply each year for a year’s extension to their residency visa.)

It will all be rather frenetic but diaries dictated when we could go: we fly out on Monday and back on Saturday, and will have three nights - from Tuesday to Thursday - with Pema and Mega in the little town of Herbertpur (in the State of Uttar Khand, near Dehra Dun on the Doon plain beneath the Himalayas), about 120 miles north of Delhi. Please pray for a safe and happy and fruitful visit.

A visit to Pema and Mega always extends one’s horizons: once I asked Mega growing up in Greater Tibet how far it was to the nearest large town, he paused and said ‘12 hours by horseback’....’

"500 Miles: Portobello to Portobello" - A Fundraising Request

‘My name is Tamsin McGlone and I am working with "Portobello to Portobello" in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. On Sunday 24th March Councillor Ian Henderson (Labour - Kensington and Chelsea) will be launching a charity cycle ride from Portobello, Edinburgh to Portobello, London. Beyond connecting these two thriving communities across the nation, proceeds will go towards the Doddie Weir Foundation and Clarrie, an MND sufferer who lost two relatives in the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Those who wish to support the cause can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/portobello-to-portobello>. Early risers please join us at Portobello Baths at 8am!’

Portobello Churches’ Summer Holiday Club for Primary Children - Mon 22 July - Fri 26 July 9am-12.30pm - £2 per session (includes snack)



Lynda Kazimoglu writes: ‘Planning for our Portobello inter-church holiday club is in full swing and we’d love to let more of the St John’s and St Mary Magdalene children get in on all the fun! Registrations open next week for this coming July. Early!!! Right?... Wrong! Last year our 100 places filled up within the first few days, so please don’t miss out. Activities for the week include gardening, arts and crafts, fun with food, bible stories, mindfulness, team tasks, hall games, "hot pot" and more. Children are grouped by school year and it’s a fantastic way for them to make friends from all over the area. To register children or volunteer to help

with anything from home baking and prepping snack to leading or supporting a group of children or assisting with an activity, contact Lynda (contact email below). No experience necessary. Please do consider offering a little or lots of your time for the week, it really is very rewarding. We’re also keen to add volunteers to our planning team (3 meetings per year). For more details contact Lynda Kazimoglu on lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk or collect a registration form from the church office.

Training Opportunity - Food Hygiene (aimed at anyone using the church kitchens and helping host events) - **Saturday 27 April**, Portobello - location to be confirmed. We have 3 spaces available at this time. Please contact Fr Jock or Lynda Kazimoglu to note interest.'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Oscar Romero Celebrations – In preparation for the consecration of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston's, Romero Shrine on 24 March a series of events have been planned:

- **Journey for Justice (Ecumenical Event) – 9.30am - Saturday 23 March.**
'Join us as we journey to local churches celebrating the life of St Oscar Romero. Starting at 9.30am at St John's Episcopal Church (Princes Street), we will travel to different churches for a short time of prayer & reflection before reaching the Sacred Heart Church (Lauriston Street) for refreshments and a showing of the Romero film - 'The Claim'. Itinerary: - 9.30am: St John's Episcopal Church (Princes Street) - 10.00am: Augustine United Church (George IV Bridge) - 10.15am: Central Edinburgh Quakers (Victoria Terrace) - 10.30am: Sacred Heart Church (Lauriston Street)
- **Consecration of the Romero Shrine - 10.45am Mass - Sunday 24 March - Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston St** – 'We welcome Archbishop Leo Cushley who will officially consecrate the Oscar Romero Shrine'.

Friday 29 March- St Mary Magdalene's -Joint Parishes' Quiz Night – A Fundraiser For STEKA Children's Home in Malawi



Catherine McAnenny writes: 'As part of our fundraising efforts for STEKA, we are having a joint parish quiz night on Friday 29 March at 8pm in St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall. Tickets will be £5per person which includes nibbles. It's also BYOB (bring your own bottle) & we will shall have a small raffle on the night. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday masses from both Madge Moyes & myself.'

Sunday 31 March – 7.30pm – PJPC - Feast of Life Singers – A Musical Evening –

David Simpson writes: 'We will be doing a concert on Sunday 31 March at 7.30 pm in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. This will be lively, varied and admission is free. In our usual fashion, we will have a retiring collection in aid of the superb work of Christian Aid. (Yes, free to get in but after an hour you will probably be delighted to have the opportunity to pay to get out...) Refreshments and baking will be available. Music will include an eclectic selection of folk, gospel, jazz, popular and classical styles, including our life enhancing version of Bohemian Rhapsody!'



Saturday 4 May - SCIAF Wee Box 6k Family Fun Run:

'The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund are organising at 6k Family Fun Run to take place on 4 May 2019 at Strathclyde Country Park, Lanarkshire. 10am for an 11am start. Sign up online at www.sciaf.org.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.

- STEM Study Weekend : 40 S4 pupils had a very fruitful time at a 2 night residential at Aberfoyle with Maths, Science and DET staff. With drop in study clinics, Masterclasses in Maths, DET and Science as well as a Treasure Hunt under the stars – it was an enriching experience for all.
- S5/6 Hospitality pupils have worked really hard and achieved the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate. Pupils are now able to apply for a job in a reputable food establishment.
- S2 French pupils practised their speaking skills while enjoying a petit déjeuner français.
- S6 pupils attended a very useful Finance Education talk led by Stewart Ivory. Thanks to Mrs Forbes for organising this opportunity.

Please tell your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

Christian Meditation during Lent

Maciej Zurawski writes: ' Experience the joy of God's transforming and healing presence during traditional Christian meditation. The Christian Meditation group leads meditation in Cathedral House at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7pm. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. It sometimes also meets in Stockbridge during the week. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/> Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>.'

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours) : ☎0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary Glancy (of Lauder Lodge not Stanley St), David Franklin, Martin Kane

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:, Canon Joseph Dunlevy (Parish Priest at St John's from 1890 to 1924!), Margaret Reid, Jean Creamer, Bernard Vinestock, Sheila Devlin, Anne Kinane, Cardinal O'Brien

St John's :-

Mar.16:- May Mackay (1997); Edward Molloy (1961); **Mar.17:-** Sheila Devlin (2005); Patrick Duff (1981); Chris Lynch (1975); Mary Hunt (1966); Margaret Burns (1937); Esther Keating; **Mar.18:-** Eva Nolans (2002); Annie Cockburn (1993); Anne Kinane (1985); Mary Loftus (1946); **Mar.19:-** Margaret Reid (2015); Bernard Vinestock (2011); Gertrude Forsyth (1986); David Philp (1984); Peter Kelly (1952); **Mar.20:-** Mary Kelly (2007); Sabatino Andreucci (2006); Joseph Ufnowski (2006); Daniel Ferguson (2000); Neil Reid (1992); Josephine Lawler (1966); Canon Joseph Donlevy (1924); **Mar.21:-** Kathleen Main (1991); Jean Ward (1986); Patrick Coll (1985);

St. Mary Magdalene's :-

Mar.18:- Joseph Patrick Foster (1969)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Penelope McLellan Hawkes, Jean McCraw, David Thom snr, Mary Glancy, Marie White, David Robertson, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Helen Hanlon, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhilipps, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Ella Ayers, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, 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: Savannah McDonald, Anne Pancott, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Colette Woods, Emilia Iheji, Maureen Henderson, Peter Hanley, Jean Vanier, Margaret Walker, Ellen Kelly, Joanna Lamb, Jimmy Loughran, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Joseph Jordan, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, James Sangster, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Joanne Cooper, Rokšana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Philys Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Offertory Collections		
10 March 2019	£221.80 (including £81.00 gift aid)	£924.29 (including £314.18 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
17 March	Children	
24 March	Mary Fenwick & Willie Montgomery	Anne Jabir

Help is required for counting the Offertory Collection. If you are willing to offer your services with this, please contact Fr Jock or Jane Marin (07801 072453) for further information.

If you are not currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Jean McInally who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 23 March

C Vinestock, J Lawler,
J Martin

Sunday 24 March

E Clark, M Iannarelli, E Fertini,
T Spence, P Whyte



Warm birthday greetings to Marie Volpe, 50 on Monday 19 March

Lighting Project – Chris Vinestock writes: ‘We are very pleased with progress thus far and some of the new lighting will be in operation this weekend. We are still looking for people to help us clean and prepare the Church for our weekend Masses. The cleaning will commence at 3pm on Fridays. A Volunteers Sign Up list will be at the back of the Church.’

Maria Igoe writes:

- ‘The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be after the Lenten Retreat this Saturday 16 March. We will leave the Richmond Church at 1.30pm. If you wish to go, please let me know - 669 0247 Thanks.
- Legion of Mary. - The Acies Ceremony of consecration to Our Lady will be held in St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, on Sunday 24 March at 3 pm. For further information, please phone me - 669 0247
- Please consider donating to Mary's Meals Backpacks. The box will be at the back of the Church on Saturdays and Sundays. Toiletries required are hand towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush. Stationery items required are notebooks, pencils, pens, pencil cases, rulers etc.’

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A Lenten Reflection

Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ looks compassion into the world.
Yours are the feet
with which Christ walks to do good.
Yours are the hands
with which Christ blesses the world.

St Teresa of Avila

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16 March	<p>No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am St Teresa's, Craigmillar 10am - Eucharistic Service</p> <p>6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – Hew Dalrymple 7.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>	Mass – SI
Sunday 17 March 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – (Church) – Joan Howie	11.15am:- Mass - People of the Parish
Monday 18 March	10.00am – Mass – (Hall) – Fr John Robinson	
Tuesday 19 March ST JOSEPH – Solemnity	10.00am:- Mass - (Hall) – Jean Creamer	
Wednesday 20 March	10.00am:- - Eucharistic Service (Prayer Room - Parish House)	10.00am:- Mass – Isabel O'Neill
Thursday 21 March	10.00am:- - Eucharistic Service - (Hall)	9.25-55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI
Friday 22 March	10.00am – Mass – (Hall) – Isobel Kelly 3.00pm: - (Prayer Room, Parish House) – Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 23 March	9.00am-9.50am : - (Church) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am - Eucharistic Service – Elizabeth Keogh 6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – Linda Wisbach 7.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 24 March 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – (Church) – Bill Hunter	11.15am:- Mass - People of the Parish

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