

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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3rd Sunday of the year - Sunday 26 January 2020

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 Sunday, the third Sunday of the Year, is the first 'Sunday of the Word of God', a new feast introduced last year by Pope Francis.

The Warmest of Welcomes and thanks to Fr Willy Slavin, who is celebrating our Masses this weekend...and, similarly, to **Fr Jim Smith** and **Fr Gordon Brown** who are celebrating Masses with us during the week (covering for Fr Jock, away in Tanzania and Malawi till 30 January with the group of pilgrims from our two parishes).

With this newsletter is **an illustrated report** describing the pilgrims' final days in Tanzania.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 25 January

11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre - **Bioethics Day**: 'What's the Catholic view of assisted suicide and how crucial is palliative care in resisting the culture of death? **Dr David Jones, Director of Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, will discuss the major issues surrounding assisted suicide** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. He will be joined by **Evelyn Howie**, a retired Senior Palliative Care Nurse, who will reveal the impact of palliative care in combatting the culture of death. To register search 'Bioethics Day' on Eventbrite or visit the events section of the Archdiocesan Facebook Page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.'

Sunday 26 January – 6pm-7.30pm – St Mark's – **Inter-Church Youth Group** (P7 to S5)

Monday 27 January – 6pm – Stockbridge Church, Saxe Coburg EH 5BN - **Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time' (marking Holocaust Memorial Day)** - Jean Johnson – clarinet Aisling O'Dea – violin Clea Friend – cello Alex Taylor – piano www.artisanensemble.com Suggested donation £20 Scottish Refugee Council All welcome

Thursday 30 January – 7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Gemma Simmonds, CJ** (Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge University) - '**Women in the Church.**'

Friday 31 January – 11am – St Catherine's Convent – **Edinburgh Clergy Deanery Meeting**

Saturday 1 February –

10.00am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club – **Bingham + Magdalene 2020 Community Conference** (see St Mary Magdalene's section)

10.00am – 1.00pm – St John's Hall - Pamoja Fashion Sale

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Wednesday 5 February

7.30pm (and Thursday 13 February) – Parish House – **Baptismal Course**

7-9pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road - **Anti-Human Trafficking - Modern Slavery**. Registration and coffee from 6.30pm. Trainer: Alister Bull - *'The evening will help participants identify signs of trafficking and exploitation and respond appropriately to help victims. Exploitation is happening in the Archdiocese and across Scotland and this is an excellent event to help people take practical steps to tackle it. Register for free from Tuesday 17th December on Eventbrite, the Archdiocesan Facebook, or by calling 0131 623 8900.'*

7.30pm (and Thursday 13 February) - Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Saturday 8 February – 10am – St John's – **Bereavement Mass**

Monday 10 February – 2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass**

Saturday 15 February – 6.30pm – St John's – **P3 and Children's Mass and P4 Do This in Memory Mass.**

NOTICEBOARD

OUR NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE will take place on Wednesday 5 February and Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like a child baptised, please contact Fr Jock or Kath Zoltie (kathzoltie@hotmail.co.uk).

BINGHAM + MAGDALENE 2020 COMMUNITY CONFERENCE – Saturday 1 February - 10am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club

'Local conversations is a People's Health Trust initiative which involves supporting residents to develop a shared vision for their community and take local action on issues that matter to them. ***New funds are available to invest in Bingham and Magdalene for 2020.*** How these funds are allocated is decided by local people through two Local Community Forums: **The Bingham Community Forum and The Magdalene Community Forum**. As we enter a new year, the Forums want to re-visit our priorities for the next two years. Now is your chance to get involved, influence these plans and have a say over how the money is spent. The day will be inter-active, engaging and meaningful. Refreshments, lunch and a creche will be provided (if creche facilities are needed, participants must advise number and ages of children).

Book your place on facebook at: 'Bingham + Magdalene 2020 – Community Conference' or contact: cris.thacker@communityrenewal.org.uk 0131 629 9858.'

Listening before Lent - Events at the Lauriston Jesuit centre in January and February:

'In 2020 The Lauriston Jesuit Centre will be hosting a series of talks exploring some of the more 'challenging' issues confronting the Church today. **Entry by donation.**

Thursday 30 January – 7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Gemma Simmonds, CJ** (Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge University) - **'Women in the Church'**

Thursday 6 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **David Birchall, SJ** (Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow) - **'LGBTQ+ and Catholic Tradition'**

Thursday 13 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Suzie Stark** (Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba's Hospice Edinburgh) - **'End of Life Care'**.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE ORGANISED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Saturday 8 February – 11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **'Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** . *'Father Jeremy Milne will be the main speaker and there will be a practical reflection followed by a Q&A session. The day concludes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions. Register on Eventbrite or on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.'*

Saturday 15 February - Married couples retreat: *'Together before the Lord - A Valentine's Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie.'* The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married couples at the Gillis Centre,

100 Strathearn Road. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats. Register on Eventbrite. No charge.'

Thursday 20 February – 6.30 for 7pm - Closed or Open Doors? 'This event, sponsored by the Caritas-Justice and Peace Commission, explores the refugee/migrant crisis in Europe. It will be presented by **John Dalhuisen**, a senior fellow at the Berlin-based European Stability Initiative and a leading thinker on human rights and migration policy. There is no simple Christian response. John's reflection, formed by his extensive experience, aims in helping us to think through this complex issue - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Register on Eventbrite. Entry by donation. (John Dalhuisen will be giving a similar talk on Saturday 22 February at 10am – organised by PACT in association with our Justice and Peace Group - at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – more details to follow).

Friday 28 February and Saturday 29 February - Gender mini-symposium:

'The Marriage & Family Commission has organised a mini-symposium on the issue of gender, entitled 'Male and Female He Created Them'. It will take place at 7-9pm on Friday 28 February at Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn, and at 2-5pm on Saturday 29 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The speakers are Dr Adrian Treloar of the Catholic Medical Association and Sr Andrea Fraile of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. Booking details to follow.'

....and at St Mary's Cathedral - Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March – Two Concerts

'One Concert is with **Barbara Dickson**, who is an ever popular and internationally acclaimed Scottish singer and musician. She will perform alongside her partner musician Nick Holland on **Saturday 7 March** at 7.30pm. Additionally, on **Friday 6 March**, also at 7.30pm, we are hosting **the legendary folk duo Phil Cunningham and Ally Bain**, as ever playing the accordion and fiddle. Both concerts will have concluded by 9.45pm latest. Tickets are priced at £25 – but if anyone would like to organise a group and make it a "parish outing" we are happy to offer parishes a group price with a saving of £5 per ticket. Of course, individual tickets for both concerts can be easily booked directly through www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'Concerts in the Cathedral' If you would like to arrange for a parish group ticket – please contact Sr. Mary Simone at the Cathedral Office 0131 5561798 or email me on ursulagreen@icloud.com'

Holy Rood RC High News

Joan Daly writes: 'Here is the update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- **Languages Work Event** - We were once again delighted to host representatives from JP Morgan, Scottish Engineering and Mercat Tours who came to talk to our S2 pupils about the importance of being able to speak a language within their field of work. The aim was to show pupils that being able to speak and understand a foreign language is an important asset as they prepare to enter the world of work. The speakers from each company were extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and level of engagement from our pupils.
- Thank you to all our S2 parents who came along with their child to the S2 Parents' Meeting. S2 pupils are very much looking forward to the immersive Edinburgh Experience Excursion with Mercat Tours.
- S5/6 pupils have returned to school after the prelim diet and are now focused on SQA examination preparation as well as making choices for next session
- The Supported Study Programme is well underway. Please encourage your child to attend.
- Dates for your diary:-
S2 Information Evening - 24 February- 6.30-7.30 /Faculty Fair 5.30-6.30
Careers Fair 5 Feb – 5pm – 6pm – S3-6 parents and carers are invited to meet employers and representatives from colleges and all the universities in the central belt and also learn about the Senior Course Choice Process

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

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Catherine Paterson and Kathleen McConnell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Paul Bainbridge and Jakob Rekowski

St John's

Jan.26:- Elizabeth Gillies (2004); Veronica Wallace (2002); Teresa Fusco (1998); James Halpenny (1982); Mollie Walsh (1979);
Jan.27:- Paul Bainbridge (2015); Andrew Gilhooly (2000); Graham Scott; **Jan.28:-** Edward Grady (2011); Catherine M Gray (2007); **Jan.29:-** Alexander Notman (2018); Patrick J Bannon (1992); Peter Kelly (1948); **Jan.30:-** James McGuire (1991); Elizabeth Keogh (1986); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Edward Stone (1975); Alice Boyle; **Jan.31:-** Beryl Donegan (2010); Jamesina Laidlaw (2006); Alex. Begg (1974); John Ward (1920); **Feb.1:-** Umberto Tesoro (2013); Fr Daniel McGuinness (1997)

St Mary Magdalene's

Jan.27:- William Skey (2009); **Jan.28:-** William McCarteney (2004); Charlotte Foggo (2002); **Feb.1:-** Isabella Connor (1999); Frank Risi (1972)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Molly and Alan Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Jimmy Scoular, Mary Glancy, Betty Dougal, Alison Thompson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Sam Burns, Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhilipps, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Frances Green, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Maureen Henderson, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Celine Dinis, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Peter Hanley, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksan Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
19 January 2020	£298.86 (including £125.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £421.15	£780.25 (including £372.50 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £403.50) – overall figure: £ 1183.75
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
26 January	Eileen Igoe & Ania Rekowska	Anne Jabir
2 February	Lexvi Sanchez & Emma Dewar	Jim Gallagher

Do please support the new community initiative in Bingham – each Monday from 10.30am to midday in St Mary Magdalene's Hall - a Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat) – all most welcome.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 1 February	Pauline MacInnes, Bozena Tansey, Jackie Plews	Sunday 2 February	Eliza Veitch, Anne Dixon, Pat Whyte, Anna Tanzi, Phyllis McLeay
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A lady's coat has been left in the parish house after a meeting. If this is yours please get in touch with Karen or Chris at the parish house to arrange collection.

Maria Igoe writes: 'There are a few calendars left in the Stall. They will now be sold at half price. So it is a good opportunity to buy a calendar, which gives the Feast Days throughout the year.'

**DON'T
MISS OUT!**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

We are all conscious about climate change and are always looking to improve in ways we can help the environment! Would you consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail? Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save 'wear and tear' of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to receive your newsletter electronically all you have to do is send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. The bonus is you receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites and Facebook Page.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL - FEAST	10.00am:- Mass – Elizabeth Ferguson 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Brian Nangle	
Sunday 26 January 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass –Jakob Rekowski
Monday 27 January	10.00am - Mass – Theresa Conaghan	
Tuesday 28 January St Thomas of Aquinas - Memorial	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass: –SI
Wednesday 29 January	10.00am:- Mass – Shaun Henderson	
Thursday 30 January	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI
Friday 31 January St John Bosco - Memorial	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Jean McCraw 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 1 February	9.15am:- Mass – Margaret Malcolm NB CHANGE OF TIME No Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Fr Anthony McCarthy	
Sunday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEAST	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Fr Colin Morris