

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

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### Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (Cycle A) 19th October 2014

#### *T*IMES OF *M*ASSES and *M*ASS *I*NTENTIONS FOR THE *W*EEEK

Saturday Vigil	6.30pm	St. John's	Special Intention
Sunday	9.30am	St. John's	People of the Parish
	11.15am	St. Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention
Monday	10.00am	St. John's	Special Intention: Golden Jubilee of Sr Margaret Service
Tuesday	7.00pm	St Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	St John's	Requiem Mass for Fay Brown
Thursday	10.00am	St John's	Sam Kershaw
Friday	10.00am	St. Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00am	St. John's	Special Intention
Saturday Vigil	6.30pm	St. John's	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	St. John's	Roseanne Sangster
	11.15am	St. Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention

On Days when there is no Mass at St John's there will be a Communion Service at 10.00am.

#### 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.

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY: Memorial of St John of Capestrano  
FRIDAY: Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret  
SATURDAY: Feast of St Luke

**CONGRATULATIONS!! ... to the Thursday Club at St John's:** this week the Thursday Club celebrates 25 years of happy gatherings. Founded by Gena Gallagher & Bill Hughes, this much loved Club has provided a weekly meeting point for countless St John's parishioners and friends over the years, providing the opportunity to socialise, and be entertained, to celebrate and commiserate over a cup of tea (or something stronger!). Famous for finding something to celebrate each week (whether a birthday or a feast day), the Thursday Club also has a Burns Supper in January, a St Patrick's day dinner in March, as well as day trips in the summer. None of this could have been achieved without Gena's hard work and enthusiasm, supported by Alison & Stuart and a team of volunteers who have provided a warm welcome to its many members, past and present. **Meeting weekly in St John's Church Hall on a Thursday from 1.30 to 3.30pm the Thursday Club extends a warm welcome to new members over the age of sixty, either from the sister parishes or beyond. So why not come along on Thursday and find out what's on the menu for St Andrew's Day!**

#### Sacramental Initiation Preparation

This Sunday morning at the 9.30 am Mass at St John's, there will be a special focus on those children from Primary 3 & 4 in both parishes who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**SCIAF** catalogues and gift forms are available now and can be found at the back of both churches.

**THIS SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER IS MISSION SUNDAY AND THERE WILL BE  
A SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES.**

**Offertory Collection - 12th October 2014**

**St Mary Magdalene's - £290.77 St John's - £727.14**

*St John's and St. Mary Magdalene's are Parishes of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh  
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# PARISH INTERCESSIONS

**Please pray for those who have died recently, including:** Fay Brown

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Roseanne Sangster, Joseph Gracie, Hamilton Scott, Mary Breen, Thomas & Theresa McKenna, Jeanette Mulvey, Isabella Duffy, Elizabeth Durkin, Arthur Scott, Gerald Allan Strong, John Donnelly, Mary Theresa Kimber, Peter Herriot, Arthur Patterson, Francis Fusco, James Scott, Francis John Sweeney, John O'Brien, John Walsh, Jim McMartin, Vera Headspeath, Peter Ferrier, Sarah O'Connor, Franco Cupo, John Ginnelly, John Joyce, Jackie Cairns, Elsie Clarke, William Moir, and Euphemia Meenan.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jimmy Duke, Jane McGuire, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignan, Michael & Mamie Richards, Veronica McLauchlan, Pat Kershaw, Joan Howie, Roz Byers, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Ann Ward, Alf Macnamara, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Jane Murray, Paul Bainbridge, Mona Scoular, Gerry Houston, Lorraine Syme and Monsignor James Rae.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Dennis Walker, Isobel Phillips, baby Khalia Jabir, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Mary and James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Jude Ferguson, and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Margaret Davis, Christine Wilson, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Tory Bekker, Christian Parham, Alfred Baird, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

**'OPEN HOUSE'** For the last 20 years, 'Open House' magazine has been produced monthly to offer a kind of Scottish equivalent to 'The Tablet' - its shorter self-definition is 'a magazine reflecting faith issues in Scotland'.\* We have placed an order for the next 6 months of 5 copies a month. You can buy a copy at the back of either church for £2.50, if you would then like to order a copy monthly, please contact Pauline Connarty or Fr Jock.

\* The longer self-description is: 'Open House, which was founded in Dundee in 1990, is an independent journal of comment and debate on faith issues in Scotland. It is rooted in the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and committed to the dialogue which began at the Council—within the Catholic Church, in other churches, and with all those committed to issues of justice and peace. [www.openhousescotland.co.uk](http://www.openhousescotland.co.uk).'

## St. Mary Magdalene's

**Readers for this Sunday: Children's Mass**

... and for next Sunday: John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

**Bidding Prayers: Children's Mass**

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**St Mary Magdalene's Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday **21st October at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall. Please contact Kate Neilson or Fr Jock if you have any items for the Agenda.

## St. John's

**Welcome to the world ... Ailsa Fitzgerald**, born on October 1st, a daughter for Colm & Rhona, and a sister for Iona. (Ailsa will be in the Sick Children's hospital for the next three or four months., but is making good progress).

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place each Monday from 7pm to 9pm, and **Divine Mercy Devotions** take place each Friday from 3 - 4pm. Everybody very welcome at both....

**October Devotions:** The Rosary and the Litany of Loreto will be said after Mass or Communion Service from Monday to Friday during October.

**Liturgy Readers' Meeting:** Siobhan Sellar writes: 'All liturgy readers from weekday, Vigil and Sunday Masses are warmly invited to a meeting in the Parish House on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

**A Request for Readers and Bidding Prayers:** Following on from the discussions at the Parish Open Meeting, anyone interested in offering themselves to read at either Mass is warmly invited to speak to Fr Jock, Siobhan Sellar (657 3805) or David Connarty (669 1408). Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

**HURRY! ... along to your local church stall where you will find a wide selection of Christmas cards and Advent calendars at affordable prices. SHOP NOW WHILE STOCKS LAST!**

## This Week

**MONDAY 20th October: 3.00pm:** **St John's Church:** Baptism of Moreno di Vetta.

**TUESDAY 21st October: 7.30pm:** **St Mary Magdalene Hall:** St Mary Magdalene Parish Council Meeting

**7.30pm:** **Parish House: RCIA ENQUIRY GROUP.** For further details please speak to Fr Jock or Alice Codling (0131 657 1862) or email [alicecodling@btinternet.com](mailto:alicecodling@btinternet.com).

**WEDNESDAY 22nd October: 10.00am:** **St John's Church:** Requiem Mass for Fay Brown.

**THURSDAY 23rd October: 7.30pm:** **St John's Parish House:** St John's Fabric Committee Meeting.

**7.30pm:** **St John's Hall:** Meeting for Sunday and weekday readers.

**SATURDAY 25th October: 2 to 5pm:** **Wash House (Community Centre), Adelphi Grove, Portobello.**

'Living with Dementia in Portobello—Let's Talk About It'. The Dementia Friendly Portobello Steering Group invites us to take part in the conversation about how we can work together to 'increase understanding, reduce stigma and explore what Portobello can do to help people with dementia to live well in the community.' This is an opportunity to have your say over tea and cakes, share experiences, and perhaps pick up some hints and tips. For further details contact Teresa Straczynski, Dementia Adviser, Alzheimer Scotland, on 0131 662 1204, or at [tstraczynski@alzscot.org](mailto:tstraczynski@alzscot.org).

**6.30pm Vigil Mass:** Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers

**SUNDAY 26th October: 9.30am & 11.15am Masses:** Commissioning of New Eucharistic Ministers

**1.15pm:** **St John's Church.** Baptism of Paton Smith.

**1pm to 7.30pm: Visit to Nunraw**

(A reminder from Maria Igoe to please check that Maria has put your name on the list if you want to go on the minibus to Nunraw (669 2960). The bus leaves St John's at 1pm, returning by 7.30pm, and costs £7. Tea will be provided but bring a snack.)

## In the Coming Weeks

**FRIDAY 31st October:** A message from Geraldine Mackie: '... Just to let everyone know who has paid a deposit for the Christmas night out at the George Hotel, that the balance is due on 31st October.'

**WEDNESDAY 12th November (and 19th and 26th): Lauriston Centre:** 'CONVERSATIONS IN FAITH'.

'In an attempt to foster understanding and respect among people of faith, as a contribution towards world peace and to creating an international community of faith, Dr Anthony Allison on behalf of the Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue and in partnership with the Lauriston Jesuit Centre and the Archdiocese Commission on Ecumenism, will facilitate a series of conversations with people from the major faith traditions: Hinduism, Islam, Bahai, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism. The first three will be this term with more to follow in the new year.'

### Dates and Topics

	Faith Tradition	Speaker/Event
Wednesday 12th November: 7.30pm	Sikhism	Trishna Singh
Wednesday 19th November: 7.30pm	Judaism	Fiona & Howard Brodie
Wednesday 26th November: 7.30pm	Islam	Janice Oliver

For further details contact 0131 229 9821.

**SUNDAY 16th November: 7.00pm:** **St Andrew's & St George's West Church, George Street, Edinburgh.**

'**SING OUT!** Come and sing out for homeless people. Featuring Brighton's Praise Group, and with Organist Robin Gardiner. Refreshments will be served in the Undercroft Café following the Sing Out. A retiring collection will be taken for the work of Scottish Churches Housing Action.'

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER ...** 'is being offered by the Edinburgh City Mission and Bethany Christian Trust Care Van project. This vital project is looking to expand the current service they provide in feeding the poor and hungry in Edinburgh. As a volunteer you would join a team of 5 people who go out with the Care Van. The Lunchtime Care Van currently goes out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between 12noon and 3pm, while the Evening Care Van goes out every night of the year from 9 to 10.30pm, serving hot soup and rolls and providing warm clothes. Your commitment would be to join the team once a month for either service. For further details of how you can offer much needed support visit [carevan@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:carevan@bethanychristiantrust.com) or phone 0131 561 8930.'

***I said to the almond tree: "Speak to me of God."  
And the almond tree blossomed. (Anon)***



## **SACRAMENTAL**

*While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.'*

... Mark 14:22 - 5 ...

There are moments when  
Heaven breaks into the world,  
And we glimpse you, God,  
Through water, bread and wine.

Water, Baptism  
A time of welcome  
Acting out Your love for every human being,  
Washing clean all that has been.  
We start life over again  
Chosen by You to be one of your disciples.

Bread, wine  
Holy Communion  
A time for nourishment  
Gathering around a table  
And in that breaking bread moment  
We say this is how we would like the world to be  
Where everyone is fed and shares together.

These are the signs of  
Your renewal God,  
Your ever present Grace  
That speaks to us

Of longing for justice  
Sustaining us and feeding us,

Of being in the right relationship  
Healing us and bringing us to wholeness,

Of creation and re creating  
Restoring the image of you, God, in us.

These are the moments when  
Heaven breaks into the world,  
And we glimpse you, God,  
Reminding us that  
This is how we should be,  
Not just for this one moment  
But for every moment  
In every time, in every place.