

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (Cycle A) 7th September 2014

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

Saturday Vigil	6.30pm	St. John's	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	St. John's	Fr Michael Purcell
	11.15am	St. Mary Magdalene's	Fr George Rodgers
Monday	10.00am	St. John's	Sam Kershaw
Tuesday	10.00am	St Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	St John's	Margaret Meehan
Thursday	7.00pm	St. Mary Magdalene's	Special Intention
Friday	10.00am	St. John's	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00am	St. John's	Mary Quigley
Saturday Vigil	6.30pm	St. John's	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.30am	St. John's	Phyllis Doherty
	11.15am	St. Mary Magdalene's	Fr Joseph Logue

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

MONDAY:	OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY
TUESDAY	St Peter Claver
FRIDAY	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary
SATURDAY	St John Chrysostom

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS.

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR 2014/2015. Fr Jock writes:

'We are now almost ready to commence the First Eucharist and Confirmation Programme for 2014/15. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and guardians of children in Primary 4 to an Introductory Meeting to hear an outline of the Programme which will be followed throughout the year leading up to the celebrations in May and June 2015. This meeting will be held at **St Mary Magdalene's Church** on Tuesday 16th September at 7.00pm.

Letters of invitation to the meeting are being sent out this week to parents and guardians of children in P4 at St John's Primary School. If you would like your child to be included in the Programme and are not part of this cohort please take this as an invitation to come along to the meeting anyway. For further information please contact the Parish Office (669 5447) or Brid O'Brien, Co-ordinator of the Children's Sacramental Preparation Team (657 1773).'

A REMINDER ... a meeting for parents and guardians of children in Primary 3 who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in St John's Church Hall this Tuesday 9th September at 7.00pm.

Feedback on St Mary Magdalene's Parish Council Open Meeting. The minutes of the St Mary Magdalene's open meeting held on 29th June this year will be available for collection after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday morning. Una Gallagher, Chairman of St Mary Magdalene's Parish Council, will say a few words about this at Mass on Sunday morning.

Offertory Collection - 31st August 2014

St Mary Magdalene's - £209.65 St John's - £841.25

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PARISH INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Margaret Meehan, Jackie Ireland.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Phyllis Doherty, Tom Blore, Mary Ann Lynch, Dinah Spence, Giovanni Crolla, Ann McKay, John Deignan, Bridget Allen, David Docherty, Josef Kraska, Thomas Molloy, Jeannette Kempton, Mary Gilchrist, Kenneth Bevan, George Malcolm, Alexander Baird, James McGrory, Catherine Menzies, Margaret Gallagher, John McCann, Bridget Service, Theresa Morrison, William Morrison, Margaret Huntly, Neil Griffin, Annie Mouat, Margaret Hartnett, James Jones and Thomas McDonough.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Jimmy Duke, Jane McGuire, Mary Florence Crabbe, Jenny Wormald, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Michael & Mamie Richards, Veronica McLauchlan, Fay Dignan, Pat Kershaw, Joan Howie, Roz Byers, Helen Harrison, Fay Brown, Ann Ward, Paul Morgan, Cathy McGravie, 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: Isobel Phillips, baby Khalia Jabir, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Mary and James Muir, Jude Ferguson, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Freddie Cooper, Jane Morton, Christian Parham, Tory Bekker, Alfred Baird, Sue McDevitt, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, Vera Hawkes, Marie Crolla, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

Historical Safeguarding review: An Invitation from the McLennan Commission

At the beginning of Advent, the Bishops of Scotland announced an historical safeguarding review, known as the 'McLellan Commission.' Until 30 September 2014, the Commission welcomes submissions from all the faithful who have a view or experience of the Church's safeguarding procedures, whether positive or negative. This can be done securely and confidentially on the McLellan Commission website www.mclellancommission.co.uk or by writing to: The Secretary, The McLellan Commission, Centrum House, 38 Queen Street, GLASGOW, G1 3DX. Submissions can also be emailed to info@mclellancommission.co.uk.

Archbishop Leo Cushley writes: '... As part of its work, the Commission is keen to hear from those who have a view or experience of the Church's safeguarding protocols, whether positive or negative. The experience of survivors of abuse is of particular importance ... The Commission would like to take submissions from across the Church and at all levels of involvement and responsibility'.

St. Mary Magdalene's

Readers for this Sunday:
... and for next Sunday:

Children's Mass
John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

BiddingPrayers: Children's Mass
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200 Club: The Winner of the 200 Club for August is Number 18, E McKaillie who wins £20.
If anyone would like to join the 200 Club please contact Linda Brown (0131 665 1464).

COMING SOON ... St Mary Magdalene's Church Stall will be opening for business soon with the promise of a fine assortment of Christmas cards amongst other things.

AND FINALLY ... There are some unclaimed food containers in the Church Hall awaiting collection. If you can't find your own please contact Una Gallagher.

St. John's

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....

Fairtrade Weekend ... this weekend 6th & 7th September

A chance to fill your shopping bags with Fairtrade goods this weekend and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Hall after 9.30am Mass on Sunday.

Maria Igoe writes: 'The **Charity Coffee Morning in aid of SCIAF's work in Gaza** raised £225. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.'

This Week

SUNDAY 7th September: 3.00pm:

Carfin Grotto: National Pilgrimage

MONDAY 8th September: 7.30pm:

St John's Church Hall: Eucharistic Ministers' Training Night (2)

TUESDAY 9th September: 7.00pm:

St John's Church Hall: Meeting with parents of P3 children who wish to participate in the programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the Coming Weeks

SUNDAY 14th September: 11.15am:

St Mary Magdalene's: Mass with Baptism of Sophia O'Brien

1.15pm:

St John's: Baptisms of Gordon Calder, Samuel Eriyagama, and Joshua Bold.

MONDAY 15th September: 2.30pm:

St John's: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

TUESDAY 16th September: 7.00pm:

St Mary Magdalene's Church: Meeting with parents of P4 children who are ready to commence the First Eucharist & Confirmation Programme.

TUESDAY 16th September: 7.30pm:

Parish House: RCIA Enquiry Group Commences

Would you like to join the RCIA ENQUIRY GROUP (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*)?

'What does it mean to be a Catholic?' Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic? Do you know anyone who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again? All would be warmly welcome at our informal gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on Tuesday 16th September, in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please speak to Fr Jock or Alice Codling (0131 657 1862) or email alicecodling@btinternet.com.

SUNDAY 21st September: 1.30pm: CYSS 1st National Youth Pilgrimage: St Margaret's, Dunfermline.

(CYSS - Catholic Youth Services Scotland) A bus will be arranged if there are sufficient numbers known in advance. For more information and to sign up for the day, please contact: anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or call 0131 623 8917.

MONDAY 22nd September: 2pm to 4pm: St Christopher's Church Hall, Craigentenny Road, Edinburgh.

'COME & JOIN US!' The Singing Group at Craigentenny for People with Dementia and their Carers

Starting on **Monday 22nd September**, 2 to 4pm (2nd & 4th Mondays of the month) at St Christopher's Church Hall, 77-79 Craigentenny Road, Edinburgh. Volunteers warmly welcomed, particularly to lead the singing and to play music. A training course for volunteers will be held on Monday, 1 September, 2 to 4pm at the venue. Leaflets giving details can be found at the back of both churches. If you can help please contact Sheila Hardie (551 1229), Kate Walker (554 4940) or speak to Una Gallagher.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP invite you to SINGALONGA 'MAMMA MIA' ...

A message from Jim Roarty: 'The Justice & Peace Group are planning a fundraiser on **Friday 3rd October** so, as well as looking out your 1970's gear, it would be appreciated if you would donate some prizes for a tombola we are planning to have that evening. All donations gratefully received and can be left in the designated boxes at the back of both churches.'

CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT ... Saturday 20th December 2014, 7pm—1am.

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

PORTOBELLO BASICS FOODBANK would like to thank those who have donated food. Anyone wishing to contribute should leave tins or packet food and toiletries at the back of the church. The Justice & Peace Group will arrange transport to the Foodbank.

'Steer the ship of my life, good Lord, to your quiet harbour, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can always see the right direction in which I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that through enduring hardship and danger we shall find comfort and peace.'

Saint Basil of Caesarea

This prayer is taken from 'The Glenstal Book of Prayer', a Benedictine prayer book, one of the many interesting books available from the new lending library at the back of St John's Church and in the parish house.



LEGHO: 30 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP: A CELEBRATION WEEK-END: 26-8 SEPTEMBER

Mike Knox writes: ‘ It is 30 years since St John’s Parish and then St John’s Primary School began the partnership with Legho Village in Tanzania. From these beginnings there are now many schools and other parish communities with partnerships. To mark this anniversary and to begin to look forward to the future there will be a number of events:

Friday 26 September 7.30pm A Tanzanian Evening in St John’s Church Hall from 7.30pm.

There will be Tanzanian snacks, a short film (30 Years in 30 Minutes), music and some visitors for Legho. BYOB.

Saturday 27 September 11.00am 'From Kilimanajro to Mount Everest'.

A 60 minute documentary of Wilfred Moshi’s climb at 11.00am in St John’s Church Hall.

Sunday 28 September 9.30am An African Liturgy in St John’s Church.

Celebrating in spirit with the people of Legho and in thanksgiving for all that has happened.

There will be 6 teachers here around this time who are coming to visit their partner schools. Sr Conjestá, Boniface Kyara, Martina Meney and Triphonia Mbuya come from Legho and are being funded by the British Council. Triphonia Mbuya will be in Legho Primary School for the week. Monsignor Paul hopes also to be here at this time. As always we are waiting on visas.

Everyone in St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s Parish are welcome to any of the celebrations.’

Sr May Lewis, originally a parishioner of St Mary Magdalene’s, recently celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Daughter of Wisdom. On Sunday 23rd August she attended Mass at St Mary Magdalene’s and spoke at the end of Mass about her experiences in the early days of the parish before she ‘joined up’. Recently, during her Golden Jubilee Mass at Holy Cross, she renewed her vows in the following way:

“I wish to continue to respond to Wisdom’s call and affirm my vowed life,
lived in community as a source of blessing on our world.
Captivated by Wisdom’s love, I commit myself to:
Discerning what God desires of me,
Loving tenderly and widely,
Walking justly, simply and lightly
In right relationship with God and all of creation.
According to the constitutions of The Daughters of Wisdom.”

To be compassionate as Mary was compassionate

‘Mary’s first perception of Jesus was not as a strong leader and prophet but as a tiny baby in her womb; then as a child in her arms, a child who needed to be nourished, bathed and held, a child who needed to be loved.

Like every other child, Jesus, God-made-flesh, needed to be loved, so that his human heart could grow in love. Mary was able to give him the unconditional love he needed because she herself was “full of grace”, transparent with love, pure of heart.

She loved him out of the fullness of her heart, and the grace within her, not out of her own needs or inner void, or because she had suffered a lack of love herself.’

Jean Vanier, ‘Befriending the Stranger’, P.94