

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

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11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

14th June 2015



WELCOME ... to our 23 young candidates making their First Communion at St John's Church at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday ... and thanks to their prayer partners who have supported them in their sacramental journey.

Candidates and prayer partners celebrating today are: Sean Brannen (Margaret Ritchie), Nicholas Carr (Kathy Gallagher), Chiara Crolla (Rosalind Mackay), Grant Daly (Anne Thomson), George Davie (Arlene Lauder), Tara Divito (Kitty Dykes), Peter Foo (Dorothy Dickson), James Gribben (Julie Collins), Keira Jamieson (Janet Flucker), Cyprian Kreft (Margaret Reilly), Aaron Kubasik (Mike Reilly), Danny Lewis (Gerry Gallagher), Emily Mckenzie (Mary McGovern), Conor McNamara (Eileen Gallagher), Finlay McWilliam (Sandra Watt), Julia Malcher (Jean Douglas), Kacper Malcher (Ann Dockrell), Mia Morrison (Isobel Forbes), Liam Murray (Maureen Newell), Alessandro Pacitti (John Wallace), Alex Roy (Kate Neilson), Lucy Stewart (Alice Neilson), Patrick Welsh (Sheila Dobson), and India Young (Charlotte Lauder).

Next Sunday there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for all the candidates and their prayers partners at St Mary Magdalene's 11.15am Mass. Kerry Gallagher will be celebrating her Confirmation and First Communion at this Mass.

ST JOHN'S OPEN PARISH MEETING takes place this Sunday 14th June at 7pm in the Church Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited – and encouraged! - to come along to one of the three open parish meetings in the year – to hear what's been happening, help form our future plans and enjoy a small refreshment and some lively discussion. The agenda will be handed out to St John's parishioners with this newsletter.

THIS WEEK & IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 14th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with celebration of First Communion.**

3pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **SCIAF'S 50th Anniversary Mass.** 'All are warmly invited to attend this Mass in celebration of SCIAF's life changing work over the last 50 years with the enthusiastic support of parishioners throughout Scotland. There will be the opportunity to hear Pope Francis' 50th Anniversary message to SCIAF and to enjoy refreshments in St Mary's Parish Hall after Mass.'

7pm: St John's Hall: **St John's Open Parish Meeting.**

Monday 15th June: 7pm: St Francis Xavier's, Carfin: **9th Anniversary of Cenacolo Community UK.** For more information visit the website at www.cenacoluk.org.

Wednesday 17th June: 6pm: Bingham Community Centre, 1a Bingham Avenue. **Annual General Meeting.** All welcome.

Sunday 21st June: 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass of Thanksgiving with the first communicants, and confirmation and first communion of Kerry Gallagher.**

Thursday 25th June: 7pm: Parish House: **Fabric Committee Meeting.**

Saturday 27th June: 3pm to 7pm: Tribe Porty, 19 Windsor Place, Portobello: **Fundraiser for Indreni Children's Home, Nepal.** Live music from Lorraine & the Borderlands, Various Moons & Fish to Fry, samosas, cake, chai (BYOB). Tickets (£6/£4) available at portyshindig.eventbrite.co.uk. or **contact Nick Bell at portyshindig@yahoo.co.uk.**

NOTICEBOARD

FRESH START. Jim Roarty writes: 'Do you work in the CREWE TOLL/GRANTON area and travel to work by car? Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have a steady flow of items for Fresh Start but our driver who delivered them is no longer available. If you can help, contact Jim Roarty 6690896 or jimroarty4@gmail.com'.

ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP Tuesday 16th June: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: A chance for pre-schoolers, siblings and parents to get crafting, playing, snacking, chatting and having fun. Craft materials and snacks provided for little ones. Tea and biscuits for parents. (£3 for 2 yrs + and £1 for under 2's.) For more information on events request to join our Facebook Group 'St John's Porty Toddler Group' or send your contact details to stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRIMARY ADVISOR

The opportunity has arisen for a Religious Education Primary Advisor to support curriculum development in primary schools. This is a new role that requires a proven track record in religious education. Further details posted at the back of both churches. For a full job description and application form please contact Helen.Gardner-Swift@staned.org.uk. Closing date Friday 19th June.

MARY'S MEALS. *'The Shed that Fed A Million Children'* by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and chief executive of Mary's Meals, reflects on the milestone of reaching one million of the world's poorest children with a life-changing meal in school. Available now from all good bookstores (ISBN: 9780008127640). See back of this week's Sunday Plus for an article about this inspiring book, written by its author.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

Geoff Dobson, the President and Treasurer writes:

'Just to say a big thank you from the St John's and St Mary Magdalene's Saint Vincent de Paul Society for the kind generosity of our parishioners over the past year (April 14 to end March 15).

Income

In particular, thanks to the Faith and Light Group who donated £500
Monday Mass Coffee Morning St John's £ 87
The Family of Margaret Reid whose funeral raised £270
Café Quench at the Baptist Church which raised £215

An anonymous donation via the National Office of the SVP **which kept us "in the blue"**.

(I personally thanked the donor indirectly via the National office. The donor wishes the exact amount and their identity not to be disclosed.)

Collections at Mass at both churches **£6034 (£116 per week)**

Outgoings

£10,207 (**£196 per week**) to client families re **food, heating, rent and caravan holidays**. Of this £1460 was distributed to families at Christmas via the schools.

£300 to St John's school to enable relevant children to attend Benmore Outdoor Centre.

£350 to National and International Disaster Appeals.

£500 to the Portobello Dementia Monday club and our Church social clubs.

We wish to become involved with the Bethany Trust and many churches feeding homeless people at five sites in the city (occasional four hour evening shifts involved). We cannot do this with only five members under seventy years old. Please consider joining us. For Info phone Geoff Dobson on 669 1699.

We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their generous giving. In these difficult times for the marginalised please consider digging deeper for the SVP boxes at the back of the church on Sundays. **Thank you.'**

Geoff will be speaking briefly at all masses next week-end about the St Vincent de Paul.

A prayer from the Iona Community office to be said at the beginning of each day:

With the whole church

We affirm that we are made in God's image,
Befriended by Christ,
Empowered by the spirit.

With people everywhere

We affirm God's goodness
At the heart of humanity,
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
The unfolding purposes of God,
Forever at work in ourselves
And the world.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Samuel Wright.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John Kelly, Christopher Laurie, May Durkin, Annie Rae, John Fusco (sen), Susan Purcell (Magee), Lily Sandham, Josephine Heaney, Winnie Torrance, Jessie McGuire, Anthony Fusco, Ona McArthur, Amelia Murphy (Garvie), Violet Macnamara, Joseph Rooney, Annette Donivar, Bridget McCole, Roland Ogilvie, Betty McLean, Mary Eardley, Thomas Quinn, Mario Boni, Norah Gallagher, Rose Ann Rooney, Euphemia Dickson, Anne and George Sibbald, John Currie, Mary Baird, Catherine Conway, Mario Boni, Thomas McNama, Mary Eardley, Thomas Quinn, Annie Quinlan, Frank Meehan, Denis O'Donnell, Anne Lawler, Roseanne Rooney, Fr John Fusco, and Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: John Creegan, Theresa Spence, Mgr James Rae, Anne-Marie Aitken, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Jimi Boyle, Michele Grandone, Gerry Gallagher, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Mona Scoular, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Sheila Alexander, Roz Byers, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Alf Macnamara, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Madge Moyes, Elizabeth Mackail, Pat Gilmartin, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: William Mcgeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Jeanette Amos, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Marie Crolla, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: John Cunningham & Anne Jabir
... and for next Sunday: Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher
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St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 15th June after 10am Mass. Donations will be given to **Mary's Meals**. Please come along.'

... and a message from **Maria Igoe** for those who recently visited **Medjugorje**: 'A minibus is booked for Carfin on 21st June to meet up with Jean Neilson, who came twice with us to Medjugorje, and was received into the Church at Easter. Jean would like to celebrate with those, who were part of her faith journey. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247. We will leave St John's at 12 noon and return at 6.30pm.' NB Google 'Mary TV' – 'Fruit of Medjugorje' for a moving interview with Maria, recorded during her recent pilgrimage.

... and finally, a reminder that **this Sunday 14th June at 7pm there will be an Open Parish Meeting** in St John's Hall.

Offertory Collection on 6th & 7th June 2015

St Mary Magdalene's

St John the Evangelist

£178.90 (inc Envelopes: £67)

£910.43 (inc Envelopes: £448.90)

MANY THANKS

St Columba's prayer.

Be a bright flame before me, O God, a guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight, and for ever.

This prayer can be found in the June edition of 'Open House' magazine.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 13th June <i>MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	10.00am Mass: Thanksgiving & rejoicing
Sunday 14th June ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass with Celebration of First Communion: Louis Valente	11.15am Mass: SI – sick person
Monday 15th June	10.00am Mass: Angus McIsaac 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 16th June	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Mark Harkins
Wednesday 17th June	10.00am Mass: Margot Stewart	
Thursday 18th June	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: SI – sick person
Friday 19th June <i>Memorial of St Romuald</i>	9.30am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: SI – Brian Roarty & Nicola Berry on their wedding day. 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 20th June	10.00am Mass: Maria Crolla 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 21st June TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Christopher Laurie	11.15am Mass of Thanksgiving with First Communicants: May Durkin

‘Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.’

Winston Churchill