

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

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33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

15 NOVEMBER 2015

MARY'S MEALS will be visiting the parishes this weekend for their Annual Rags to Riches Clothing Collection. Their Van will make a collection after Mass at both churches on Sunday morning. They are appealing for TEXTILES in any condition (Clothes, Household Textiles, Shoes, Bags, etc.). Please leave bags clearly labelled for 'MARY'S MEALS'.

Next weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. There will be a Special Collection at all Masses for the Pastoral Formation Fund. Also, next weekend 'Nemetag Sunday' returns... linked this year with its first cousin 'SIAP'(Sit In Another Place) Sunday'.

THIS WEEK IS PRISONERS' WEEK: Fr Brian Gowans, Scottish Prison Service Chaplaincy Adviser, writes: '*Just Us*': Said quickly it sounds a little like *justice*! This year's theme challenges the notion of there being an 'us and them' and invites all of us to see the potential in every human being. Prisoners Week is 40 years old this year ... it is an initiative of the Churches which aims to stimulate discussion, highlight concerns and share hope, in prisons and communities across Scotland. You are warmly invited to the ecumenical National Launch Service for Prisoners Week in Stirling on Monday evening (see below). ... May I take this opportunity to ask for your prayers for all those affected by crime ... prisoner, victims, their families, and for the staff who work so diligently to care for those in custody.' Further details of this and other events can be found on the website www.prisonersweek.org.uk.

'LIFE IN CHRIST' - Our major Autumn/Winter initiative in the two parishes gives us a chance to reflect on our Community and grow deeper in our relationship with God. Covering such issues as 'Creation', 'Being Human', 'Jesus', and 'The Holy Spirit', this series of four Monday evenings will introduce some main themes from our Catholic faith, encouraging reflection, sharing and prayer. Starting on Monday 23rd November, the meetings will take place each week from 7.30pm to 9pm in St John's Church Hall.

FAITH FORMATION AUTUMN PROGRAMME

'LIFE IN CHRIST'

23 November:

Creation
Being Human

7 December:

Models of Church
One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

30 November:

Jesus
Holy Spirit

14 December:

Other Religions
Mary

Each evening will begin with prayer, a DVD presentation followed by reflection, sharing and closing with a prayer. All are welcome to take part in this Autumn programme which leads us into Advent. If you would like further information, please contact Alice Codling on 657 1862 or email alicecodling@btinternet.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR BOTH PARISHES

Friday 4th December 7.30pm to midnight.

Jewel Miners Club, 56 Duddingston Park South.

Welcome drink on arrival. Live music.

Tickets £7.50 available after all weekend Masses

or contact Bronagh Power (07748982675) and Kate Neilsen (669 2405).

(If you would like transport or if you are able to offer a lift to a fellow partygoer, please contact Pauline Connarty in the Parish Office on 669 5447 by Tuesday 1st December.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th November: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Mary da Silva**

4.30pm: **St Patrick's Church, Cowgate: Mass followed by praise and worship with the River of Life Mission Community:** 'From Slovakia comes this team of ordinary people with stories of hope from struggle and songs of life unlimited. Mass followed by praise, worship, healing prayer and adoration.'

Monday 16th November: 6.30pm: St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK9 4UA. **Ecumenical Service for National Launch for Prisoners Week.**

Wednesday 18th November: 7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns, EH3 9HH: Edinburgh Circle Newman Meeting: '**The Church Here and Now**'. Speaker: Archbishop Leo Cushley.

Friday 20 November: 7.30pm: St Mary's, Leith: Martin Aelred sings 'Around the World in 80 minutes' and 'Music of the Movies' - tickets are £5 (pay at the door) in aid of 'Let the Children Live'. Martin is a classically trained tenor who has performed around the world.

Saturday 21st November: 7.30pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **Capella Caeciliana.** Free Concert (with leaving collection!) for the Feast of St Cecilia featuring '**THE PRIESTS**' and the composer **Sir James McMillan.**

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd November (Feast of Christ the King): 'Nametag and SIAP Sunday...!'

Sunday 22nd November: 9.30am: St John's: Mass with '**Do This in Memory of Me**' for Primary 4 children.

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's: Children's Mass with **P3 Presentation of the Cross.**

1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus going to Nunraw, leaving St John's at 1pm returning at 7.30pm.' If you wish to go please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.

3pm to 8pm: 5 Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg: **St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council retreat.**

4pm to 6pm: St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh: **Diocesan Youth Mission** – 'Praise & Worship, Reconciliation, Mass and Ministry Stations, great music and inspiring witness. All welcome for pizza in the foyer afterwards.'

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 23rd November: 7.30pm: St John's Church Hall: '**Life in Christ**' Evening (1)

Wednesday 25th November: 2.30pm to 4.30pm & 5.30pm to 7.30pm: Portobello Town Hall: **BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.** (Please note change of time.) **New donors always needed!**

Friday 27th November: 11am: Edinburgh: **Scotland's Climate March.** 'Commencing with an ecumenical service at 11am at St Albert's University Chaplaincy, George Square. At 12 noon everyone will gather at the Middle – Meadow Walk, the Meadows for 'The March to Princes St Gardens' which begins at 12.30. You are asked to come wearing your brightest colours. You can also display banners from your parish or group. We are invited to take Pope Francis' climate call to the streets. SCIAF, Justice & Peace and many others will be marching in Edinburgh to call on world leaders to take tough action on climate change.' For more information, **contact Jim Roarty** (669 0896) who is co-ordinating our parishes' participation.

Saturday 28th November: 7pm: St John's Church Hall: **Christmas Shopping Night.** (Details below.)

Sunday 29th November: 3pm: St Andrew's Sq Gdns, Edinburgh: **Blessing of the Edinburgh Nativity Scene** – by Archbishop Leo Cushley and other church leaders. **An invitation** to celebrate together at this popular event which brings together people from all denominations and will include carol singing led by the Exile Gospel Choir.

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock is away from Monday to Saturday, in solitude in a cottage in the countryside on a 'book-retreat' (i.e. trying to work on his book, and somehow combining it with a quiet retreat time) and would be grateful for your prayers ... **Fr John Robinson** will kindly be covering for him, celebrating the weekday Masses

JOB ADVERT. Café Manager, St Mary's Cathedral Café. (See poster at back of each church.) Closing date for applications Friday 20th November at 5.00pm. For further details and application form please contact: Mrs Helen Gardner-Swift at the Gillis Centre (0131 623 8901) or email Helen.Gardner-Swift@staned.org.uk

RUSSIAN CHOIR. **Anna Ryan writes:** 'The Russian Choir, led by choir master Vladimir Morozov, is looking for new members. We sing Russian liturgical pieces and sacred chants, and practice at **St John's Portobello on Monday evenings from 8pm.** Please phone Anna on 07788 2866 284 for further details.'

'**STRENGTH IN THE COMMUNITY**'. A new group is starting in Portobello for people affected by a family member's addiction. Meetings will take place on 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 6pm to 7.45pm at Portobello Library, commencing Monday 23rd November. For further details please go to www.strengthinthecommunity.org.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Owen Bonar.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Thomas Mcgreavie, Michael Clyne, George Cordery, Helen Shanley, Ferdinand McDevitt, William Henery, Agnes Rafferty, James Ward, Agnes Loftus, Hugh O'Rourke, Daniel O'Lone, William Cairn, Alexander Pyper, Winifred Thomson, Helen Flynn, George Hooper, Harry Lawler, James P Meehan, Thomas Gannon, John Hartnett, Annie Danial, Francis Flynn, Ella Flynn, John Bannon, Charles I Jamieson, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Durkin, Alice McAuley, Peter Rennie, Sally Stone, Patrick Ginnelly, Alfred Sivell, Andrew Stevenson, Hugh Campbell-O'Neill and Fr Gerry Jackson.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Liz Saddler, Etta Dewar, Mary Philipps, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, 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: Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Simon Benson, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Chuck Buchanan, Austen Tod, Cameron Hall, baby Marnie Josie-Sophia Cree, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Rupert Ridge.

... and a thank-you from Musselburgh parishioner, **Madaleine Sweeney-Baird**, to all those who agreed to be interviewed by her earlier this year when she was writing her dissertation. She obtained a 2:1 degree, and is now working with autistic children in the south of England.

'The desire to be loved as a person, as someone unique, is at the source of the person's development and at the source of all self-esteem.'

Jean Vanier, The Paradox of Disability, p20.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: Aileen Hall & Irene Duncan **Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson

... and next Sunday: **Children's Mass**

The Parish Council Retreat will be taking place next Sunday 22nd November between 3pm and 8pm at Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg, and will be led by Cath McManus. **It is open to all (since all our pastoral council meetings are open to all) - anyone interested in participating, please contact Fr Jock...**

FOOD PARCEL SERVICE: Remember that if you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, boxes are provided at the back of each Church. Tins of tuna, hotdogs and meatballs would be much appreciated, as would any toiletries you can donate. These will be distributed from St Teresa of Lisieux Parish who are helping 8 to 10 families per week.

A CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

An opportunity to buy unique gifts and artisan products and support local artists.

Friday 27th November 7pm to 9.30pm

St John's Church Hall. (Admission £5)

Complimentary glass of fizz!

In aid of TZ16

(A partnership between Holy Rood High School & Lombeta Secondary School, Tanzania.)

Offertory Collection on 7th & 8th November 2015

St Mary Magdalene's
£297.32 (inc Gift Aided: £139.50)

St John the Evangelist
£1034.81 (inc Gift Aided: £549.85)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 14th November	10.00am Mass: Thomas Mcgreavie 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 15th November <i>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass: Michael Clyne	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 16th November <i>FEAST OF ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND</i>	10.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Paterson family. 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 17th November <i>MEMORIAL OF ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass: Deceased members of the Scott and Walsh families.
Wednesday 18th November <i>Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul</i>	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach	
Thursday 19th November	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass:
Friday 20th November	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Sally Stone 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 21st November <i>MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 22nd November <i>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>	9.30am Mass:	11.15am Mass:

A COMMON HUMANITY

‘My vision is that belonging should be at the heart of a fundamental discovery: that we all belong to a common humanity, the human race. We may be rooted in a specific family and culture but we come to this earth to open up to others, to serve them and receive the gifts they bring to us, as well as to all humanity.’

Jean Vanier, Becoming Human, p36.