THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Second Sunday of the Year 17th January, 2016

This week is The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each weekday there will be a short lunchtime service at one of 5 local venues (details below). Services will last 15 minutes and will be followed by tea & coffee (feel free to bring sandwiches too!). The week

concludes next Sunday 24th January with a Pot Luck Supper in St John's Church Hall. All welcome – and feel free to bring along a party piece…!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY			
Monday 18 th January	12noon	St Mark's, 287 Portobello High Street.	
Tuesday 19 th January	12noon Portobello & Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Philips, Abercorn Place.)		
Wednesday 20 th January	12noon	Duddingston Kirk	
Thursday 21st January	12noon	Portobello Baptist Church,	
		Portobello High Street.	
Friday 22 nd January	12noon	Salvation Army, Bath Street.	
Sunday 24 th January	6pm	St John the Evangelist Church.	

... and an important date for your diary. Archbishop Cushley will visit our Cluster of Parishes (St. John's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Teresa's, St Ninian's and St. Mary's Star of the Sea) on <u>Saturday</u>, 13th February, 11am to 12.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church. All most welcome.

Our course for Eucharistic Ministers continues over the next two weeks on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in St John's Church Hall. This course is aimed at newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers, but is also open to those who would like to refresh their understanding of how parishioners can serve the community through this important ministry.

'Lectio Divina' ('Sacred Reading'), is a well-established way of praying with the scriptures. A group, led by St John's parishioner **Mairi Clunas**, will meet fortnightly in the parish house for 45 minutes at 11am on Saturday mornings to pray with, and reflect on, the scriptures for the following Sunday. This group met for the first time last Saturday and will meet again on **Saturday 16th January**, **2016**.

... and a reminder to families with children in Primary 4 that next Sunday's 9.30am Mass at St John's Church is a 'Do This in Memory Mass'. (Please remember to bring your candles.) There will be a Mass for Primary 3 and other children at St Mary Magdalene's next Sunday at 11.15am.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th January: 1.15pm: St. John's: Baptism of Maksymilian Michalski

1.00pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus going to Nunraw on Sunday 17th January. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and arrive back at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich or snack.' Please contact me for further details (669 0247 or 07981333219).

Monday 18th January: 10am: St John's: Mass in honour of St John the Evangelist with the Primary School

6pm to 7.45pm: Portobello Library (upstairs): Strength in the Community. Group resource for people affected by a family member or partner's drinking, drug use and/or gambling. (See posters at the back of both churches.)

7.30pm to 9.15pm: Eucharistic Ministers' Training Night 2

Monday 18th January - Sunday 25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- Lunch time prayer: Monday to Friday: 12 midday – 12.20 in different venues. (Details above).

Sunday 25th January: 6.00pm St. John's Hall: Pot Luck Supper for Christians from the different churches.

Tuesday 19th January: 7.30pm: St Catharine's Convent: **Newman Society Meeting**. A talk by Father Jock on 'The Eucharist: Breaking the Bread' Open to all. Please see poster at back of the church.

Wednesday 20th January: 7.30pm: St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh Ecumenical Evening Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Paddy Ferry writes: 'I am writing on behalf of the Ecumenical Core Group to invite you to this service which we now host each year to mark **the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. It will be held this year, as in previous years, in St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh on Wednesday evening, January 21st at 7.30pm.

Each year, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, who together have ultimate responsibility for the Church Unity Octave, invite a national church to choose a theme and prepare worship materials for the week. For 2016 the Christian Church in Latvia chose a theme based on 1 Peter 2: 9-10. "But you a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you"

The guest preacher on January 20th will be **Fr. Gero McLoughlin SJ**. There will be a reception following the service to which everyone is invited.'

Thursday 21st January: 7pm: Parish House: Baptism Preparation Meeting II.

Friday 22nd January: 3pm to 4pm: St John's: Divine Mercy Group.

'The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

St. John's Divine Mercy Group meets on a **Friday afternoon from 3 to 4,** as this is the hour of Great Mercy.

Form of the Divine Mercy Devotion: we pray the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross and complete our hour of shared prayer with the Rosary.

Can you come and join us, to help to celebrate this Year of Divine Mercy'

Saturday 23rd January: 12 midday: St John's: Baptism of Finn & Jack Christie.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 24th January: 9.30am: St John's Church: **'Do this in Memory' Mass for Primary 4s** ... and a reminder to the children to please remember to bring your candles.

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Primary 3 & Children's Mass.

Monday 25th January: 2.30pm: St John's Church: **Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass)** - followed by the sacrament of reconciliation for those who wish. The Rosary will be recited at 2.15pm. All are invited to the Hall for tea and home baking after Mass. If you require transport, please phone Maria Igoe 0131 669 0247.

Tuesday 26th January: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: St John's Porty Toddler Group.

Saturday 30th January: 11am: Parish House: 'Lectio Divina' Group Meeting

NOTICEBOARD

<u>DVDs of Mgr Rae's Requiem Mass</u> will be available in the coming weeks, price £5. LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A COPY - please sign the list at the back of either church or ring Fr Jock.

Pamoja Fashion: Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? Why not donate them to Pamoja Fashion? Please leave them in the box at the back of the church so that they can be sold to support our partnership with Legho Village and Legho Primary School. Next sale of Quality Clothing will be held on Saturday 6th February.

Thursday Club: Gena Gallagher writes: 'The Thursday Club meet in St. John's Church Hall from 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Thursdays. New members - from both parishes - are always welcome.'

St John's Porty Toddler Group. The toddler group meets on alternate Tuesday mornings in St John's Church Hall. This small friendly group offers 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.) Next meeting on <u>Tuesday 26th January</u>. For more information on events request to join our Facebook Group 'St John's Porty Toddler Group' or send your contact details to <u>stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com</u>

PARISH REGISTER

<u>Please pray for those whose have died recently including:</u> Annie Harris, Marie Strain, Rev. Andrew Morton, Debra Allen, and Greta Mullan.

<u>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:</u> Fr Harry Stocks, Mary Service, Barbara Devlin, Vincent McDevitt, Margaret McGuire, Elizabeth McGrory, Annie Young, Roseanne Hunter, Francis Meehan, Neil Hanlon, Jack Shaw, Mary Greenan, Mary McGuire, Joan Knox, Antonio Pacitti, Andrew Donoghue, Catherine Gilroy, Irene Cameron Crawford Wheatley, Adolf Haller, Mary Conner, Thomas and Mary Kyle.

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

<u>Sick Parishioners - St. John's:</u>, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, Liz Saddler, Lorna Dickson, Etta Dewar, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme. <u>Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:</u> Sam Burns, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

<u>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including</u>: Canon Ned Glackin, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Simon Benson, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, 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, Rupert Ridge, and Noel Flanagan.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: Catriona McGillivray & Mary Fenwick ... and next Sunday: Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas

200 Club: A reminder that it is time to pay £12 for membership to the 200 Club for this year. If you would like to join please contact Madge Moyes 0131 665 1464 for St. Mary Magdalene's and Linda Brown 0131 665 1464 for St John's

Why not visit our parishes' new Facebook page where there is a welcome message from Archbishop Leo to be viewed www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes



Maria Igoe writes: 'The January Charity Coffee Morning raised £90 for 'Chance for Childhood', which works in East Africa, Brazil and Nepal,- helping child-headed households, street children, child soldiers, those traumatised by violence & conflict, and children born into trafficking and prostitution. Life on the streets is a dangerous existence. Many children do whatever they can to survive – begging or petty crime. Girls can be forced into prostitution as a means of survival. Thank you for your generosity.'

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: L Brown, H Brown, P MacInnes.

SUNDAY: E Clark, E Buckley, T Burgess, P Connarty, C Dempsey.

Minutes of St. John's Open Meeting held on 8th November, 2015 are included in this week's newsletter.

Offertory Collections for 8th and 9th January

St Mary Magdalene's £445.70 (inc: £172.20 Gift Aided) St John the Evangelist £1070.15 (inc: £575.78 Gift Aided)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16 th January	10.00am Mass: Vincent McGlinchey 10.30am to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI - Xmas	
Sunday 17 th January SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Debra Allen	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 18 th January PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	10.00am Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School: Fr Harry Stocks	
12noon at St Mark's	7.00pm to 8.00pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 19 th January PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 12noon at Portobello & Joppa Parish Church	10.00am Mass: Vincent McDevitt	
Wednesday 20 th January PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	10.00am Eucharistic Service	9.25am to 9.55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon at Duddingston Kirk		10.00am Mass: SI - Xmas
Thursday 21st January Memorial of St. Agnes PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: John & James Moyes
12noon at Portobello Baptist		
Friday 22 nd January PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	9.25am to 9.55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass: Mary Service & Barbara Devlin	
12noon at Salvation Army	3.00pm to 4.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 23 rd January	10.00am Mass: Iris Murphy 10.30 to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 24 th January THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	9.30am Mass: Greta Mullan	11.15am Mass: Special Intention
6pm at St John the Evangelist		