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

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***PALM SUNDAY – 9 APRIL 2017***

**This Sunday is ‘Palm Sunday’ … and our Lenten journey culminates in the services during Holy Week.** It is the most important week in the year for every Christian and you will find details of services during it – and the background to them - summarised in an insert enclosed with this newsletter. Please continue to pray for our **RCIA catechumen Xiaojing Wang,** **and our candidates** **Maggie Tam, Lesley O’Donnell and George Young, who will be baptised/received, confirmed and make their first communion at the Easter Vigil this Saturday 15thApril**; and also for our catechumen, **Colin Murphy,** who will be baptised during the Easter Octave.

**Please remember to return your SCIAF ‘wee boxes’ during the Easter Triduum – ideally before Holy Thursday so they can be included in that day’s Offertory Procession.**

**St John’s Church will be open each day of Holy Week from** **9.30am-6.30pm** - for quiet time and prayer…for parishioners of both parishes but also for passers-by and anyone who would like to pop in.

**Once again, this Easter we are collecting donations of Easter eggs at both Masses on Easter Sunday**. These will be distributed to those in need and via the food parcel service at St Teresa of Lisieux, Craigmillar.

**Children’s Stations: (Good Friday – St John’s) – We are looking for children to read different stations – please contact a children’s liturgy leader or Father Jock if interested…**

**CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER:**

**Siobhan Sellar writes**:- ‘The Cluster Planning Group has now compiled the final report and will submit it today, Palm Sunday, to the Archbishop. A copy of this will be shared with all Parishioners after Easter along with the initial plan for the areas that have been prioritised to enable us to continue to work together.’

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 9 April (Palm Sunday) - 13.30-17.30 - St Mary’s Monastery, Kinnoul, (**Hatton Road, Perth PH2 7BP).

**Lenten Youth Event for Ages 11-25.**

**Monday 10 April - 7.30pm –** St John’s **-** **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

**7.30pm** - St. Joseph's Home, 43 Gilmore Place – **Mass for Vocations – ‘**Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention.’

**Tuesday 11April – 10.00am -**St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Tom Thornton.**

**1.00pm –** Warriston Crematorium **– Funeral service for Eileen McCann**

**3pm-9pm –** St Mark’s **– Labyrinth-** ‘a chance of peace and walk for all faiths and none, come and go as you please’.

**7pm** – St Mary’s Cathedral **- Chrism Mass – with Archbishop Cushley and the priests of the diocese.**

**Wednesday 12April – 7.00pm** – St Mark’s Episcopal Church, Portobello - **Service of the Shadows** (**'Tenebrae') – for all the Churches….**

**7.00pm** – St Mary Magdalene’s - **Crime Prevention Event – Jennifer Morris writes ‘**There have been some house break-ins in the area recently. Our Community Police Officer and the Preventions Team will give a presentation and answer questions you may have about security. This event is open to the local community as well as parishioners. We expect the event to last about an hour.’

**HOLY THURSDAY – EASTER SUNDAY – THE ‘TRIDUUM’ – see separate page.**

**Saturday 15April – 10.30am –** St John’s **- Rehearsal for Easter Vigil – with RCIA catechumen and candidates.**

**Sunday 16 April – 9.30am –** St John’s **– Easter Sunday Children’s Mass with baptisms of Sandie Iannarelli, David and Brooke Mouat and Nicholas Krzewinski.**

**IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Saturday 22 April** – 1pm –St John’s - Baptism of Eeva McLeish

**Sunday 23 April** – 6-7.30pm – St Mark’s – Ecumenical Youth Group (for P7 to S5). All welcome. For more information, see Fr Jock.

**PARISH REGISTER**

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| *Please pray for those who have died recently:* ***Pascal Paul Weir****Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:* ***Jimmy Igoe, Jim McGovern*** |
| **St John’s :****Apr.8:-** John Haddow (2006); Elizabeth Gibson (1999); Aaron Duffus (1997); Catherine McAllister (1986); Elizabeth Dyer (1926); **Apr.9:-** Bob Grierson (1997); Agnes Christie (1995); Hugh Lynch; **Apr.10:-** Patrick Cafferkie (2014); Anna Maria Nicholson (1999); George Lawler (1994); Gino Nicora (1981); Mary (Hazlett) Thorburn (1979); William Finn (1945); **Apr.11:-** George Peddeson (1998); **Apr.12:-** Janet Clark (1990); Mary Quadbeck (2006); Alexander Holligan (1998); Elizabeth Meagher (1998); **Apr.13:-** John Heron (2000); Michael Gilmartin (1994); John Burns (1945); **Apr.14:-** Bunny Scoular (2016); Charles McCann (1998); Edmund Francis Flannigan (1992); Kathleen Scott (1986); **St. Mary Magdalene’s :****Apr.8:-** Jean King (1993); **Apr.10:-** Elizabeth Moohan (1983); **Apr.12:-** Jean Newlands (1972); **Apr.13:-** Janet Christie (1998); **Apr.14:-** Teresa Vivien (1980);  |
| *Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including:*  |
| ***Sick Parishioners - St. John’s****:* ,Bill Hunter, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Mary Phillips, Patrick McCafferty, TriciaDavies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, David Thom, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie,Mary Grady,Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Michael & Maimie Richards, Cathy McGravie,, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme. |
| ***Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene’s*:** Bernard and Ella Ayers**,** Pat Marin**,** Margaret Ryan**,** Jacqueline Hannan**,** Chris English**,** Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail**,** Betty McEwing,Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O’Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir*.* |
| ***Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including***: Fr John Robinson, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, Poppy Smith (aged 6), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O’Donnell**,** Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme,  |
| **Offertory Collections for 2nd April** | **St Mary Magdalene** | **St John the Evangelist** |
|  | £320.61(inc £141.10 gift aid) | £997.45 (inc £447.00 gift aid) |
|  |  ***Thank you for your generosity*** |   |
|  **ST MARY MAGDALENE** |
| **Readers for Sunday**  |  | **Bidding** **Prayers** |  |
| **9 April****16 April** | Children ChildrenChildren Children  |  |
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| **A message of gratitude from the Rupert Ridge’s family**: ‘A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone in these wonderful parishes who so kindly prayed for Rupert Ridge, throughout his long illness. He felt so buoyed up by all your prayers and we his family feel the same. We are very very grateful to all of you. Blanche, Tom, Mian, Ted and Addie Ridge and all his grandchildren.’  |
| ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST |
| **Easter Vigil** |  | **Easter Sunday** |  |
| Each **Wednesday in Lent** Stations of the Cross will be said after Mass |

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|  **Masses, Devotions and Services** |
|  | **St John the Evangelist** | **St Mary Magdalene** |
| **Saturday 8 April** | **10.00am – Mass –** John Connolly**10.30am***: Sacrament of Reconciliation***6.30pm: Mass –** People of the Parish |  |
| **Sunday 9 April****PALM SUNDAY** | **9.30 am: Mass (with procession)**  **-** David Young | **11.15am: Mass (with procession) -**  - Helen Budge |
| **Monday 10 April**  | **10.00am:** – Sr Margaret Hainey**7.30pm:-** **Ecumenical Stations of the**  **Cross** |  |
| **Tuesday 11 April** | **10.00am:** – **Requiem Mass for Tom**  **Thornton** |  |
| **Wednesday 12 April** | **10.00am: - Eucharistic Service**  | **9.25 – 55am:** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**10.00am: Mass –** SI – Sick Person |
| **Thursday 13 April****HOLY THURSDAY**  | **7.30pm**: **Mass of the Lord’s Supper –** SI – Golden Wedding**Followed from 9-11pm by watching with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (the Church Hall).** |  |
| **Friday 14 April****GOOD FRIDAY**  | **10am:** **Children’s Stations of the Cross**  **7.30pm: Stations of the Cross** | **3pm:** **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.** |
| **Saturday 15 April****HOLY SATURDAY** | **10am**:   **Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings**.**8.30pm**: **EASTER VIGIL with Baptism & Confirmation of RCIA catechumens and candidates.   –** Jimmy Igoe |  |
| **Sunday 16 April****EASTER SUNDAY** | **9.30am**: **Easter Children’s Mass with**   **Baptisms. –** People of the Parish  | **11.15am**: **Easter Children’s Mass**  **-** Elvira and John Thanchuk |

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