

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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24th Sunday of the Year – 17 September 2017

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. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



The Renewal of the St John's Legho Partnership – and the gift of a Processional Cross for the new Parish

Mike Knox writes: 'Legho becomes a Parish on 5 October and it was suggested that we could send them a Processional Cross as a gift. (The one they have presently is a luminous plastic one!). The Processional Cross used at St John's is a gift from Legho and is mounted on a stand made by Mgr Rae. This would mean that at the beginning of both our Sunday masses we would be reminded of each other's presence in a simple and unspoken way. It has been agreed that this weekend at the 2 St John's Masses, there will be a Leaving Collection to enable those who wish to contribute towards the cost of the gift – while a basket will also be left out a St Mary Maddalene's for anyone who wishes to contribute.'

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair 2017 Pilgrimage: The National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place today **Sunday 17 September at 2pm** (Mass 4.30pm: Preacher Fr Richard Reid CSSR) at St Patrick's Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ.

Many congratulations to Eddie White, our deacon-in-training, who (will have) received the ministry of lectorate from Archbishop Cushley at the Diaconate Ordination Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 16 September.

Eddie offers an update on his training below:

'This year I enter my third formation year in my journey towards the diaconate - or becoming a deacon. So far there has been 13 essays (approximately 40,000 words worth) and I am assured the essays don't only get harder, they get longer! One comment I often hear is, 'I couldn't ever do that level of study.' Whilst it isn't always fun (at deadline times especially) studying the work of the Church is deeply rewarding, fascinating and (don't tell my pupils – I'm a Maths teacher at Ross High) so much more meaningful than Mathematics!

The study is only one part of the journey. The work in the Parishes is at least as important as the academic study and both my wife, Tanya, and I have really enjoyed getting to be more involved across our two parishes. The welcome from parishioners in all ministries that either or both of us have been involved in really has helped. This year I have been involved in Eucharistic Ministry, including visiting a homebound parishioner, as well as reading at mass, writing bidding prayers, running Facebook and SoundCloud trials (more on the latter shortly.) It was great to meet so many people at the St John's Fayre, and even getting to meet some of your dogs, while I have just started recently attending the Parish Pastoral Council in St John's. The youth group – with St Mark's Episcopal Church - is also beginning to flourish well and this is another area Tanya and I get to work together in, and enjoy so much.

On Saturday 16th, I am due to watch two of my friends being ordained into the permanent diaconate and, at the same mass, I receive the ministry of Lector. This is one of what used to be called 'minor ordinations' on route to ordination as a deacon. Historically it would have given me the right to read the readings at mass. This time next year will be, God willing, my turn to receive the ministry of Acolyte (a kind of glorified altar server!).

And can I conclude by asking for your prayers – for myself, for Tanya, and for our three children, Fergus, Benedict and Eloise.'

Next Sunday, 24 September – at St Mark’s – our Inter-Church Youth Group meet between 6pm and 7.30pm – All (between P7 and S5) welcome - - for more information see Eddie, Tanya or Fr Jock .

THIS WEEK

Saturday 16 September – 9.45am – St Mary Magdalene’s - Mass with Fr Tabone and his Pilgrimage Group from Gozo.

1pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – Ordinations to the Diaconate – with Eddie White, our deacon-in-training receiving the Ministry of Lector.

Sunday 17 September – 2-6pm – St Patrick’s , Cowgate Edinburgh EH1 1NA – 2017 Annual Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage to Pray for her Beatification

Monday 18 September – 2.30pm – St John’s – Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick. All welcome.

Tuesday 19 September –2-3pm (and 10.30-11.30am on Wednesday 20 Sep) - St Ninian’s - Creation Time Conversations (see Notice Board below) ‘Our second session – Connectedness and Cry of the Earth’ - All welcome.’

Wednesday 20 September – 5-9pm – Franciscan Friary, 120 Niddrie Mains Rd – Friary Open Evening (an invitation by Fr Isidore and Fr Brian to visit them before they leave in October).

Thursday 21 September –

7.00- 8.30pm - Assembly Hall at Holy Rood High School, EH15 – ‘Visiting the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania - Looking backwards and forwards 1984 to 2020.’

Mike Knox writes: ‘An opportunity for anyone who has travelled out before to meet again and for anyone who would like to consider the possibility of coming across at some time over the next 3 years. There is also the opportunity for young adults to come out for a longer period and undertake voluntary work. September 21st is also the International Day of Peace and you can find out more about the work that has been done and is planned in schools and communities with partnerships. Wilfred Moshi is the first Tanzanian to climb Everest. He will share something of his experience and explain what is involved in climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. He will be leading our climbing groups in 2018 and 2109.

Twende Pamoja, an organisation that supports relationships between schools and communities in Scotland and Tanzania, is hosting this evening’. You are most welcome ...’

7.30pm–8.30pm - St John’s Hall - Free Taster Ballroom Dance Class - All welcome.

Friday 22 September

10am – St John’s – Opening Mass for the School Year – with St John’s Primary School.

7.30pm – St John’s Hall – Musicians’ Social Evening for St Mary Magdalene and St John’s musicians.

Saturday 23 September

10am – St John’s – Annual Mass celebrating St Vincent de Paul – and our St Vincent de Paul Society. (St Vincent de Paul’s feastday is on 27 September).

10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina/ ‘Praying the Gospel’ (probably the new name for the Group) – All Welcome.

Sunday 24 September

9.30am – St John’s – Children’s Mass with Enrolment for P4 ‘Do This in Memory of Me’ candidates

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – Children’s Mass (with a special invitation to p3 children celebrating Reconciliation for the first time next March).

6pm – St Mark’s – Inter-Church Youth Group. – P7 to S5 – all welcome.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 26. September - 7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall -The first Newman Society meeting of the year - "Towards a new ecclesial relationship with between ordained and lay people in the Roman Catholic

Church" Speaker - Dr. Mary Cullen, Editor of Open House Magazine ‘Small donation requested to cover expenses. All are warmly welcome to attend.’

Thursday 28 September – 7pm – **St Catharine’s Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Gardens Edinburgh EH3 9HH – Annual Catholic Community Mass.** ‘An Open invitation is extended to all staff past and present who have supported Catholic Education in Edinburgh. Please come along and take the opportunity to meet up with former colleagues and friends from our Catholic Community. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. Main Celebrant – Archbishop Leo Cushley.’

Saturday 30 September – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church – **Coffee Morning** – Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers.

Saturday/Sunday 30 September/1 October – **Annual Mission Appeal – this year from the Columban Fathers.**

Friday 3 November - 7.30pm – Jewel Miners Club – **Joint Parish Ceilidh**

NOTICEBOARD

This Year’s RCIA Enquiry Group will meet for the second time this Tuesday – 19 September – 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 gathering on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello.

Contacts : Fr Jock Dalrymple 0131 669 5447 or

Alice Codling 0131 657 1862 ✉ alicecoding@btinternet.com

(RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – ie the way adults are received or baptised into the Church...)

An Appeal from the Little Sisters



Veronica McLauchlan writes: **‘I would like to appeal to parishioners on behalf of The Little Sisters of the Poor for bone china cups etc.** Sister Ursula who looked after Monsignor Rae and Father Hennessy would like to serve her residents with nice China in the afternoon. I am happy to pick up at any time. My phone number is 0131 661 9516.’



FRESH START: Mark Robertson writes: ‘A big Thank You again to those in the parishes who have very kindly kept up donations of much needed household items. Please note the need for small electrical items in particular. Paul Bevan is still able to collect larger items from people's homes if they need this service, and shall continue to clear anything left at the back of St. John's to deliver to Fresh Start , as he works very close to their premises.

Appeals: We are in particular need of small electrical items: for instance, small lamps, toasters, kettles, hand blenders and radios. Thank you for your ongoing and continued support.’



A message from the J&P Group:

‘What to do with your old glasses - recycle. If you’ve worn glasses for a few years, you’ve probably got a few pairs that have an old prescription. Those glasses don’t need to be cluttering up your drawers – you can now recycle spectacles with Marie Curie who are supporting Lions Clubs International in recycling old glasses for people who need them in communities across Africa, India and Eastern Europe. All our shops will have boxes where spectacles can be dropped off for spectacle recycling. (Portobello shop on corner of High St and Bath Street)’

Creation Time Conversations at St Ninian’s

Rab Burnett writes: ‘Creation Time runs from 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Catholic Church, through to 4th October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a month-long prayerful observation of the state of the world, its beauty and the ecological crises that threaten it and all its inhabitants. In response to Pope Francis’ invitation in Laudato Si’ to an ‘ecological conversion’ we are hosting a series of ‘ecological faith conversations’. Our second session – Connectedness and Cry of the Earth is offered:-

Tuesday 19th September 2.00 – 3.00pm or 7.00 – 8.00pm or Wednesday 20th September 10.30 – 11.30am All welcome.’



There are libraries with books for anyone to borrow in both churches – and also another one in the meeting room in the Parish House – Fr Jock is also very keen that people feel free to borrow books from his own personal library – come and browse through it in the Parish House anytime (though best to ring first to check someone’s in..!)



Holy Rood RC High News

Joan Daly writes: ‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.’

- We were delighted to be joined by Archbishop Leo Cushley, Father Jock and Father Anthony to celebrate our Feast Day Mass with all pupils from S1 to S6 on Thursday 14th September.
- It was an honour to host Arun Gandhi (Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi) who visited Holy Rood and shared powerful messages about peace with our pupils.
- Our S3 Geography pupils spent the day in Loch Lomond investigating the impact of tourism on the environment.

Follow the link to read our summer newsletter :- <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk/?p=913>

Please tell your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Gerry Wynne, Caroline McTighe, Elizabeth McGuinness, Alexander Lynn, Daphne de Freitas

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Cammach, Phyllis Doherty

St John's :

Sept.16 :- Agnes Cassidy (2000); Marian Craik (1994); Kitty De Marco; Sept.17 :- William Brown (1996); Alexander Nicholson (1985); Charles Tunley (1983); Margaret Griffin (1967); Sept.18 :- Nicole D DiBiasi (1999); James Robertson (1999); Norrie Lamb (1996); Leonardo Politi (1989); Mary Reading (1979); Robert Harrop (1976); John Adair; Annie Hanlon; Sept.19 :- Peter Murray (2015); Catherine Tesoro (2012); Williamina Brockman (1997); Mary Elizabeth Bryant; John Quigley; Sept.20 :- Charles Doherty (2008); Thomas Walker (2000); Robert Forbes (1997); Greta Davies (1996); Sam Cunningham (1993); Thomas D'Arcy (1985); Joe Davies (1974); Sophia Gollogly (1968); Sept.21 :- Helen Parry (1992); Eileen McCarthy (1989); James Tunley (1943); Roseanna & Patrick Lynch (1917); Mary Phair; James Syme; Sept.22 :- Joseph Phair (2010); Rena Quigley (1992); John P Laydon (1988); Josephine Kempton (1984); Rena Fusco (1982);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Sept.19 :- Sarah Davidson (2004); George Grieve (1993); Sept.21 :- Margaret Gray (2005); Barbara Greenan (1969);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Denise O'Donnell, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Mary Phair, Michael & Maimie Richards, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Cathy McGravie, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Barbara Cawley, Charles Malcolm, 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: Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Ian Petrie, John Moore, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, baby Summer Martin, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Philys Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Thomas Welsh, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, 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, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, young Ray Donovan Syme

Offertory Collections for
10 September

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£243.83 (inc £76.50 gift aid)

£953.76 (inc £461.90 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

17 September

Willie Montgomery & Catrina McGillivray

Bidding Prayers

Jim Gallagher

24 September

Children's Mass



Thank you to all who attended the Fun Quiz Night at St Mary Magdalene Church last Friday 8 September. A grand total of £61.60 was raised – Well done to all who participated...and especially to Jane Marin and the organising team.



Saturday 30 September – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church – **Coffee Morning** – Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers.



If you are interested in joining the 200 Club, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Special Collection – The next special collection for the AICF will be taken **next Sunday 24 September**: if you wish to gift aid your donation,

special collection envelopes will be available at the back of both churches. ‘Following the generous response to the additional collections taken last year and earlier this year, as well as these donations supporting the current needs of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund we will use some of the donations received to create a new investment fund. This fund will be added to each year and will be used to build a larger fund over the next 20-30 years. In due course the income from this fund will support the cost of retirement benefits that will need to be provided to priests that are ordained over the coming years, when they retire. Many thanks for your continuing support.’



Catherine McAnenny writes: ‘The Joint Parish Ceilidh is fast approaching on Friday 3rd November – 7.30pm @ the Jewel Miners’ club, music by the fantastic Flaming Nora band. Tickets are now on sale at £10 per ticket & this includes supper. Tickets can be bought from the Parish House Tues-Fri, 10am- 3pm. They will also be sold after all Sunday masses by Madge Moyes at St Mary Magdalene’s & Catherine McAnenny at St John’s. You can also contact Catherine on 07968970159. Numbers are limited to 200 & the tickets are already selling fast so get your ticket early so as not to be disappointed!!’

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Vigil 23 September J Roarty, M Mackenzie, V Knowles **Sunday 24 September** T Burgess, E Clark, M Slight, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy

Many congratulations to John and Maura Spencer who celebrate their Golden Wedding next Saturday, 23 September.



Warm birthday greetings to Davie Robertson, 80 last Sunday, 10 September.



The Autumn Fair organisers, Chris Vinestock and Gena Gallagher write: ‘We would like to thank all who made the Autumn Fair a great success. To all the volunteers who gave up their time and done a wonderful job – A Big Thank You.

To all our parishoners and friends who made the big effort to come along on the day and spend their pennies, also to all the individuals and businesses who donated goods and prizes. Thank You.

To our children with their faces tattooed, hair coloured, nails polished and who spent their pocket money buying from the stalls. Thank you.

The happy atmosphere on the day was great. Helped along with Mike Kinane and his friends playing music. Thank you. Gold Bless you all.’

congratulations
To All Our Winners!

See below the winners of the Raffle and Treasure Hunt prizes. Any unclaimed prizes can be collected from the Parish House.

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| 1 st Fr Jock - Hamper | 10 th Helen Allan – Female toiletries |
| 2 nd Grant McClory - £100 | 11 th Paul McPherson – Wallet |
| 3 rd Kiera – Hand painted picture | 12 th Kitty Dykes - £20 voucher Giovanni’s |
| 4 th Chris Vinestock – Malt whisky | 13 th John Keith - £10 voucher Williams Fishmonger |
| 5 th Gary Zoltie – Drambuie | 14 th Maureen Brogan – Box of chocs |
| 6 th Michael O’Neill - Box of chocs | 15 th Gary Zoltie – Prosecco |
| 7 th Irene Cafferkey – Toy bear | 16 th Bernice Lunt – Bottle of wine |
| 8 th Janet Flucker - Male toiletries | 17 th Kitty Dykes – Andre Rieu CD |
| 9 th Maureen Watson – Perfume | |



1st Pat Shields 2nd Martha O’Hanlon 3rd Paul Hunter 4th Frankie Kelegher 5th Clare Hopper 6th Callan Nisbet
7th Susan



A purse has recently been handed in which was left in the church on either Saturday 26 or Sunday 27 August. If this belongs to you please contact the Office.

A Request for Help Recording the Mass CD’s for the Housebound: We are still looking for someone - or several people - to take over the recording, editing and CD production of the weekly Sunday Mass to enable distribution to sick and housebound parishioners. To take on this role you need access to a PC or laptop with a CD/DVD drive. The full end to end process will take around 30 minutes – and if we manage to put together a rota of four volunteers that would only be once a month. Full training will be provided – it’s also a great opportunity to learn new skills! If interested, please contact Father Jock or Chris Vinestock. Many thanks to the first volunteer.....





Well done to Albert Caballero who cycled last Sunday from Glasgow to Edinburgh (45 miles). in aid of Bethany Night Shelters. Please see Albert if you wish to make a donation for this worthy cause

A Request for Prayers from the parish of St John the Divine, West Worthing, Sussex:

St John's is a small Anglican parish who are having a 'Fan the Flame' Mission from today, Sunday 17 September, to Thursday 21 September. Since St John's has a similar dedication and patron, they wrote to us asking for us to pray for them during their Mission – 'for the Coordinating Team, clergy, our missionaries and all who will be touched by the evening meetings' - and, if possible, to pray the Mission Prayer each day:

Almighty God our Heavenly Father,
we ask you to bless the Parish of St John the Divine
during the Fan the Flame Mission.

May all who take part in it be inspired to
know, love and follow Jesus, that our whole
community may be filled with your Spirit,
to know the joy of faith in You, and share
your love with one another.

We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and
reigns for ever.

AMEN

Maria Igoe writes:

- 'The Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be held on Monday 18 September at 2.30pm in St John's. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass. Please feel welcome to come to the Hall for tea and cakes afterwards. If you require a lift, please phone Maria Igoe 669 0247.
- **Mary's Meals**, as most will know, feeds children in schools so that they can receive an education there. This has made a massive difference in countries where parents do not have food to give their children a meal every day. We can also support their education by giving each child a backpack with supplies they require. Each month an item will be suggested which you may wish to contribute. These things are small to us but make a huge difference in helping the pupils with their studies. For our first month you are asked to offer a backpack, which you may have and no longer need. For those who do not have a backpack, please consider donating a notebook, which will be invaluable for their studies. A small box will be placed at the back of the Church for your offerings. The box will be emptied most days. Phyllis McLeay will convey what we give, to helpers in Dundee, who make up the backpacks for distribution to needy children.'

Fr Matthew Pittam – The pressure to be excellent

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16 September Feast of St Ninian	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service 6.30pm:- Mass - People of the Parish	9.45am:- Mass – Daphne de Freitas (NB time of Mass – Fr Tabone will be celebrating the Mass, with Fr Jock concelebrating)
Sunday 17 September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Phyllis Doherty	11.15am: Mass – Bernard Ayers
Monday 18 September	2.30pm:- Mass – with the sacrament of the sick– Avril McGillivray 7-8pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 19 September	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25 -9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Elizabeth McGuinness
Wednesday 20 September Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Companions	10.00am:- Mass – Alex Lynn	
Thursday 21 September Feast of St Matthew	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	7.00pm:- Mass
Friday 22 September	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - with St John’s Primary School	
Saturday 23 September Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	10.00am: - Mass - Sheila Cammach (with the parishes’ St Vincent de Paul Society) 6.30pm:- Mass - Mary Cafferkey	
Sunday 24 September 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Children’s Mass – with enrolment of P4 ‘Do This in Memory of Me’ children - People of the Parish	11.15am: Children’s Mass – People of the Parish

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