

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Easter Sunday – 21 April 2019

*We wish all our Parishioners
and Visitors
A Very Happy
And Joyous Easter.*

Alleluia!



A Happy and joy-filled Easter to Everyone ... and a warm welcome to all visitors to our Churches today. It has been a moving and poignant week for all who've walked with Jesus the journey from Palm Sunday and the entry into Jerusalem to Holy Thursday and Mass of the Last Supper, and from there to Gethsemane and on to Calvary and Good Friday. Now we celebrate, today, the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – which we Christians believe to be the central event in the history of our world, and one that gives meaning and hope to life, and to each of our lives.
Remember, each day this week is part of the Easter Octave, a full feast day, requiring celebration...

A Message of Condolence from Imam Hassan Rabbani to our Local Churches in Response to last week's Fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris.

'Dear Friends,

I am deeply saddened about the fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral. I understand that this is a place of great importance; visited by millions from around the world. Many of you know the institution where I graduated from, Al-Azhar University, in Cairo. This is one of the oldest seats of learning in the Islamic World, and the current rector of the University is Ahmad Tayyeb, one of the leading Muslim personalities. Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, wrote on his Facebook: "Our hearts are with our brothers in France." I would re-iterate his words by stating our hearts are with all our brothers and sisters of the Christian faith. We hope that the beautiful Cathedral can be restored to its original grandeur.

I have attached pictures of the Grand Imam with His Holiness Pope Francis and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. [These can be seen on the parish Facebook Page].

P.S. To my friends from the Church of Scotland, perhaps we can arrange the Grand Imam to visit the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland :)

Hassan Rabbani - Muslim Chaplain at Heriot-Watt University'

A Date For Your Diary – Sunday 2 June

Three weeks ago, **Imam Hassan** met Fr Jock, Sophia Marriage from St Mark's Episcopal Church, and Stewart Weaver from Portobello and Joppa Parish Church for lunch. Since then, we have arranged together for Imam Hassan to come to **PJPC at 7.30pm on Sunday 2 June for 'An Evening of Conversation', hosted by PACT** (Portobello and Area Christians Together – ie all the local churches) when Imam Hassan will respond to any questions we wish to put to him.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens, Graham Sinclair and Peter Henstock (who's from St Ninian's) and our candidate, **Erin Crolla**, who were baptised/received and confirmed last night and for **Isaac and Elin Sivell** who made their first communion with them at the Easter Vigil last night. We pray also for **Holly Waite-Conroy** who will be baptised today - and for her family.

Many many thanks to all who have helped in any way in the liturgy and celebrations in our parishes – to the Pastoral Team, the musicians, the altar servers and their co-ordinators, the welcomers, the readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the Flower Team, the Fire Team, the Hospitality Group, those who've cleaned the churches, and to the parishes' Administrator, the photocopiers and helpers who produced the orders of service – and to all those who've helped in other ways so discreetly that they've not been noticed or remembered ... **to all who helped this to be a truly Holy Week, heartfelt thanks.**



St John's Church will be open each day for the next fortnight from 9am to 7pm – do pop in anytime.



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 to the homeless.



EASTER BONNET PARADE - Today, Easter Sunday, after the 11:15 St Mary Magdalene's Mass, the Children's Liturgy team 'are inviting all children to join in an Easter Bonnet Parade. There is of course no age limit!! Do get crafty and come along and show us all your creations!'



Please remember to return your SCIAF 'wee boxes as soon as possible.

Our next **Baptismal Preparation Course** will be on **Wednesday 24 April and Wednesday 1 May** at 7.30pm in the Parish House.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 24 April (and 1 May) – 7.30pm – Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Course

Friday 26 April - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm - The Guntrip Trust Lecture 2019 - £12.00. Dr David Fergusson - Craiglockhart War Hospital & its Poets. (See Noticeboard)

Saturday 27 April

10am - **PRO LIFE CHAIN** – 'This is a national event and pro lifers come from all over Scotland to peacefully witness for unborn children and their mothers. There are three parts to the day: 10am - Rosary with Archbishop Cushley - Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston; 11am - Pro Life Chain Lothian Road ; 1pm - Lunch at the Sheraton (soup and bread, no charge).'

10.30am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina – Resurrection**

11am-3.30pm - Gillis Centre – **'How to Grow your Parish'**

Archbishop Cushley writes: ‘As we know, there are now many great support and training programmes on offer to help Catholic parishes evangelise, grow and flourish. I’m pleased that the directors of two such programmes will visit the Archdiocese later this month to explain what their initiatives can offer your parish. This Information Day on Adult Formation Courses and Resources will be held on Saturday 27 April at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. There will be two presentations:

Registration will start at 11am. First Presentation at 11.30am. The day will conclude with Holy Mass at 2:30pm. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. I would urge each parish send, at least, one parishioner, perhaps a member of the pastoral council, along to this event. To book please contact Joan Forster at email: catecheticscommissionbooking@gmail.com or call 0131 623 8900. Spaces are limited to 90.’ **If you are interested in going, please contact Fr Jock....**

12.30pm – St John’s – **Baptism of Finlay McLaughlin**

3pm – Our Lady of Loretto, Musselburgh – ‘**The Thistle and the Rose “Entwined Through Song”**’ – An uplifting afternoon of song and music from Clark Community Choir (Musselburgh) and Steeton Male Voice choir (Yorkshire Dales) – Ticket £7 from choir members.

Sunday 28 April - 6pm – St Mark’s – Inter-Church Youth Group

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 30 April - Parish House - Justice & Peace Group - All welcome.

Wednesday 1 May – 7.30pm - St Mary’s Cathedral – **A Celebration of Marriage – Mass with Archbishop Cushley and Reception (see Noticeboard)**

Saturday 4 May

10am – Strathclyde Country Park – **SCIAF Wee box 6K (see noticeboard)**

1pm - leaving St John’s Church - **Trip to Nunraw**

Sunday 5 May - 9.30am – St John’s – **Do This In Memory P4 and P3 Children’s Mass**

Monday 6 May – 10.30am - St John’s Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** - ‘Donations will be given to the Apostleship of the Sea and Lifeboats.’

Tuesday 7 May – 6.30pm – Parish House – **Follow-up meeting for the co-ordinators of our Lenten Ways of Praying Course**

Saturday 11 May – 10.30am – Craiglockhart Campus – **Craiglockhart Centenary Reunion 2019**

Sunday 12 May – 7pm – St John’s Hall – **St John’s Open Parish Meeting**

Monday 13 May (and each Monday till 10 June) – 7-9pm – Healthlink 360, Elphinstone Wing, Musselburgh - **Ways of Praying Course** (see Noticeboard below)

Friday 17 May - Bellfield Church Hall - **Joint Parish Race Night** (tickets on sale now)

Sunday 19 May – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **St Mary Magdalene’s Open Parish Meeting**

Saturday 25 May - 10am - 1pm - St John’s Church Hall – **STEKA Home Baking Sale with Tea & Coffee**

Sunday 26 May – 9.30am – St John’s - **Mass with Archbishop Cushley with Rite of Candidacy for Eddie White**

Sunday 2 June – **7.30pm** – PJPC (Portobello and Joppa Parish Church) – **A Question and Response Evening with Imam Hassan Rabbani – A PACT initiative.** (see earlier in Newsletter)

Sunday 23 June - 3pm – **STEKA Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat**

NOTICEBOARD

With this newsletter, there is a handout giving an update on Syrian Refugees in Edinburgh

Fr Jock will be away midweek from Wednesday to Friday on a short post Easter break. Fr Jim Smith will kindly be covering for him.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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THE FINAL THREE JOINT PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF STEKA SKILLS

1. **Friday 17 May, Race night at Bellfield Community Hall.** Tickets £5 per person available from Madge Moyes & Catherine McAnenny (mob 07968970159)
2. **Saturday 25 May - Home Baking Sale with tea & coffee available** - from 10am-1pm in St John's Church Hall.
3. **Sunday 23 June - Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat** with a small celebration in St John's Church hall afterwards. More details to follow on this in the coming weeks but please save the date!

Friday 26 April - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm - The Guntrip Trust Lecture 2019 - £12.00

Craiglockhart War Hospital & its Poets

'The Rev Professor David Fergusson OBE will deliver the Lecture on the subject of Craiglockhart War Hospital and its Poets 1916 – 1919. He writes: 'From 1916-1919 in the south of Edinburgh, Craiglockhart War Hospital provided treatment for 'shell shocked' officers. Siegfried Sassoon's encounter at Craiglockhart with fellow poet Wilfred Owen and his treatment by W. H. Rivers, his psychiatrist, have been fictionalised in Pat Barker's prize-winning novel Regeneration. While discussing these three celebrated figures, this lecture will also explore more broadly the work of the hospital and its physicians, noting their contested methods and assessing the outcomes for those traumatised by the experience of war.'

David Fergusson OBE is Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh. A distinguished theologian and lecturer with broad research interests, he participated in a cross-disciplinary project on theology and therapy within the University of Edinburgh from 2010-13. Drawn from theology, religious studies and counselling, the research team explored ways in which psychotherapy developed holistically in Scotland during the second half of the twentieth century. Much of the background to these initiatives can be traced to the experience of the Great War.

Wednesday 1 May - A Celebration of Marriage – St Mary's Cathedral:

'Are you married? Archbishop Leo Cushley cordially invites you and your spouse to join him on 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, to celebrate the gift of marriage at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7.30pm. The Archbishop will offer Holy Mass during which he will impart his blessing upon those married couples present. A celebratory reception will follow. All who wish to celebrate the gift of marriage are very welcome, especially couples celebrating significant anniversaries this year.'

Saturday 4 May - SCIAF Wee Box 6k Family Fun Run:

'The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund are organising a 6k Family Fun Run to take place on 4 May 2019 at Strathclyde Country Park, Lanarkshire. 10am for an 11am start. Sign up online at www.sciaf.org.uk.'

Monday 13 May-10 June - Ways of Praying Course – Musselburgh

'This short course explores prayer for anyone seeking a prayer life that touches the inner core based on an awareness of self in relationship with God. We meet weekly 7pm-9pm at Healthlink360, Elphinstone Wing, Musselburgh EH21 8PW from Monday 13 May to 10 June.

A suggested donation for the course would be £100 but we would not want cost to be a barrier to anyone taking part. Numbers are limited so please sign up as soon as you can. For further details and to book: dghughessc@gmail.com'

Friday 17 May - St John's & St Mary Magdalene's Race Night

A Race Night in aid of STEKAskills Charity Fund will be held on Friday 17 May 2019 in Bellfield Church Hall from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets are £5 per person. There will be a cash bar on the night. Tickets are available to purchase from Catherine McAnenny and Madge Moyes.



Mon 22 July - Fri 26 July - 9am-12.30pm - Portobello Churches' Summer Holiday Club for Primary Children - £2 per session (includes snack)

ALL PLACES FILLED - to go on the waiting list, contact Lynda Kazimoglu on kazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk or collect a registration form from the church office.

Sunday 25 - Friday 30 August - Cluster Group D Day Landings Battlefields Visit/Pilgrimage 2019 -

Any enquiries for information or application should be directed to Des Brogan in St Ninian's Parish. T: 07710 720 774 des@mercattours.com

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours) : ☎0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Dykes Main, William Sellar, Ina McNama, Bartholomew and Helen Dignan

St John's :-

Apr.20:- Elizabeth Holligan (2000); Betty Ferguson (1998); Elizabeth Gaynor; Apr.21:- Alice Mitchell (1995); Apr.22:- Ina McNama (2017); Mary Quigley (2014); Helen Dignan (1998); Kathleen Dykes Main (1991); Apr.23:- James McMillan (2010); Margaret Gilhooley (2005); Charles McLauchlan (1972); Frank Irvine; Apr.24:- Harry McGroarty (2005); Helen Loftus (1972); John Bell; Apr.25:- Beatrice Lawler (1993); Alice Ashburner; Peggie Desmond; Apr.26:- Margaret Connelly (2003)

St. Mary Magdalene's :-

Apr.20:- James Marlow (1994)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Dolores Jones, Mike Noonan, Alan Blyth, Paul Tansey, Mary Slight, Jean McCraw, David Thom snr, Mary Glancy, Marie White, David Robertson, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Marie Angela Crolla, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Catrina McGillivray, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhillips, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Ella Ayers, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Celine Dinis, Sr Margaret Mary O'Meara, Savannah McDonald, Anne Pancott, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Colette Woods, Emilia Iheji, Maureen Henderson, Peter Hanley, Jean Vanier, Margaret Walker, Ellen Kelly, Joanna Lamb, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Joseph Jordan, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, James Sangster, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Joanne Cooper, Rokszana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Philys Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Offertory Collections		
14 April 2019	£308.80 (including £86.10 gift aid)	£952.50 (including £337.40 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
21 April	Children's Mass	Peggy Ferguson
28 April	Laura Tweedie & Olaf Pusch	Aileen Hall

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Easter Vigil (9pm)	C Vinestock, T Burgess, J Martin, + 2 from St MM		
Sunday 21 April (9.30am)	E Clark, P MacInnes, E Fertini, T Spence, E Veitch, G Gallagher, P MacLellan Hawkes, E Buckley		
Saturday 27 April	J Roarty, P Shannon, M Reilly	Sunday 28 April	E Buckley, P Connarty, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight

A Message of Thanks from Theresa McMurtry: ‘Since my husband, Rob, told one parishioner in St John’s that my father had a terminal illness, I have been overwhelmed by the constant remembrance of my Dad, James (Jimmy) Loughran at St John’s Masses. My Dad would have gone to mass as a child, but stopped when he was older, however he was clearly always touched when I told him that my priest on the other side of the world was mentioning him in Mass. He said he still believed God was always present. Dad eventually was given a diagnosis that he wouldn’t live past Christmas, however he went on to live until 26 March. When he did pass, his doctor was amazed, that in his late stage of illness, he wasn’t on a morphine drip, actually that he wasn’t on morphine at all and that he was still lucid right up to the end. I know that your prayers have contributed to God’s grace over his health and my husband and I believe also because of prayer, we can look forward to seeing Dad again according to God’s grace in time. Thank you for very much easing our loss of a much-loved father.’

Many congratulations to Paul and Bojena Tansey, who celebrated their Silver Wedding last Tuesday, 16 April.



Pauline MacInnes writes:

‘We have Fairtrade Easter Eggs for £3.99 each and included is a 24-page Easter Story Activity Book. The packaging on the egg is completely plastic free, and the egg is super thick milk chocolate (150g). Buy or order from Pauline at the back of the church.’



Jim Roarty writes: ‘The Eucharistic Minister Rota for May to July - is now available for collection from the back of the Church.’

Maria Igoe writes:

- ❖ **The next trip to Nunraw** will be on Saturday 4 May leaving St John’s at 1pm and return at approximately 7.30pm. This is the Feast of Divine Mercy and we will say the Chaplet and Devotions at 3pm. The Divine Mercy Stations will be said at 5.30pm, before Vespers. Please contact Maria on 07981 333 219 if you would like to go along.
- ❖ **The next Charity Coffee Morning** will be on Monday 6 May after Mass in the Hall. Donations will be given to the Apostleship of the Sea and Lifeboats. Please come along.
- ❖ **Mary’s Meals Backpack Project** - you may have a backpack in your house which you know longer use. Please think of donating it to this Project. It means so much to the children to receive practical aid like this. Also required are shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress. These items are very suitable for the children wearing to school.’

For Sale – All profits to SCIAF – 30 Beautiful Cards of the Resurrection Window at St Gabriel’s RC Church – (minimum) price £2 – see Fr Jock, or Madge Moyes at St Mary Magdalene’s, or the Shop at St John’s.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 20 April Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ	10.00am – Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings 9.00pm – EASTER VIGIL – People of the Parish	
Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am:- EASTER CHILDREN'S MASS – Moira Gibrill (Keating)	11.15am:- EASTER CHILDREN'S MASS - Ina McNama
Monday 22 April EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am – Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday 23 April EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am:- Mass – Bartholomew & Helen Dignan	
Wednesday 24 April EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (95 th birthday)
Thursday 25 April EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – SI (for healing)
Friday 26 April EASTER OCTAVE	10.00am:- Mass – SI – Thanksgiving	
Saturday 27 April EASTER OCTAVE	9.00am–9.50am: - (Church) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – Mass – 10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – William Sellar	
Sunday 28 April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Kathleen Dykes Main	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes

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