

LENT

2019

at

**St John's and
St Mary Magdalene's**



In the sister parishes we offer
different ways of preparation for
Holy Week and Easter
for you to choose from.

LENTEN INITIATIVES

A Ways of Praying Course – different parishioners offering their wisdom and experience in their preferred way of praying – on Mondays at 2.30pm and Wednesdays at 7pm – Presentation/Witness/Experience.

- ❖ **Week 1** – 2.30pm, Monday 11 March and 7pm Wednesday 13 March - **Devotional Prayer** (the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy) – in St John’s Hall
- ❖ **Week 2** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Intercessory Prayer – in St Mary Magdalene’s Hall
- ❖ **Week 3** - Lectio Divina/Praying with Scripture – at St John’s
- ❖ **Week 4** - The Breviary/the Prayer of the Church, and Praying Online – at St Mary Magdalene’s
- ❖ **Week 5** - Ignatian Prayer/Praying with the Imagination – at St John’s

OUR CLUSTER RETREAT – Saturday 16 March - Mass 09.30am followed by Retreat 10.30am-1pm at Richmond Hope Hall, 227 Niddrie Mains Road, Craigmillar – **with Fr John O’Connor OP**

Question Time with Fr Jock –

3 Monday Evenings (25 March, 1 April and 8 April) at 7.30pm in St John’s Hall – a chance to ask those questions that have been gnawing away at you – about Scripture, the Church’s Moral Teaching, the History of the Church, Church Dogmas, the Abuse scandal, whatever you wish to ask...and Fr Jock will do his best to respond (and open up a discussion).



Our Reconciliation Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent – 30/31 March,

when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament before Mass begins.



Many people appreciate the opportunity this way of celebrating offers, but it's good to look at other ways of celebrating the sacrament which offer an opportunity for a longer chat with a priest, so this year, like last year, we will also offer...a **Communal Celebration of Reconciliation at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at St Mary Magdalene's**

There is also the chance to celebrate the sacrament - as always - after the 10am mass on Saturdays, ...and, of course, at

any time simply by making an appointment with Fr Jock.

LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING

...AND FOR SCIAF's WEE BOXES: (which this year focuses on the story of Lydia, a Ugandan orphan, whose life has been transformed by support from SCIAF)

This year also, there is an additional focus for your generosity....for the last few months we have been seeking to support the **STEKA Children's Home in Malawi** since Octoberand so **Fr Jock will be 'undergoing' a sponsored slim** (in an attempt, as one kind person put it, to 'renew his waistline') – and is inviting other parishioners to join him in doing so! Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches....

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ALSO....

- ❖ Each weekday (from Monday to Friday) there is the **Morning Prayer of the Church** at 9.30am in the St John's Hall/Parish House
- ❖ On Wednesday mornings, there is **Stations of the Cross** in the Prayer Room in the Parish House after the 10am Eucharistic Service.

.....and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week throughout the year:

- ❖ each day there is **Mass** in either St Mary Magdalene's or St John's (in church or hall), normally at 10am.
- ❖ each week there is **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**: normally on Wednesdays from 9.25am to 9.55am at St Mary Magdalene's, and on Saturdays from 9am to 9.55am at St John's.
- ❖ On Fridays there are **Divine Mercy Devotions** from 3-4pm in the Prayer Room in the Parish House.

