

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

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**1st Sunday in Lent – 10 March 2019**

**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.



**There is a Pastoral Letter From Archbishop Cushley enclosed with this newsletter .....and also a Letter from an external audit team from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)/Children in Scotland, who will be conducting a Safeguarding Audit of our Archdiocese from 26 – 28 March 2019.** The audit team would like to hear from anyone who has disclosed abuse, shared concerns of unsafe people or practice and also from survivors of non-recent Church-related abuse, their families and friends. Contact details are available in the Letter.

**Our full Programme for Lent is now available - a copy is enclosed with this week's newsletter....There is also the three monthly Cluster Newsletter,** offering information on all that is – and will be - going in our five Cluster Parishes(St MM's, St J's, St Theresa's, St Ninian's, and St Mary's, Leith).

**Our prayers go with our RCIA catechumens, Peter Henstock (from St Ninian's) and Graham Sinclair, and candidate, Erin Crolla,** who will attend the Rite of Election with Archbishop Cushley at this Sunday's Midday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral - along with all those from all over the diocese who will be baptised or received and confirmed at this year's Easter Vigil.

**Our Cluster Lenten Retreat – this coming Saturday 16 March (Mass 09.30am followed by Retreat 10.30am-1pm)** at Richmond Hope Hall, 227 Niddrie Mains Road, Craigmillar (opposite St Teresa's). **Father John O'Connor OP,** Catholic Chaplain at Edinburgh University, will lead the Retreat.

You are warmly invited to share an enriching experience in the company of parishioners from our 5 Cluster Parishes. If you wish you can bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy in the Hall at the end of the Retreat.

Do sign up the list at the back of each church – and let us know if you need transport....

**There is no charge, but donations are welcome** to help us cover our costs.'

**Lenten Talks for Young Adults with Archbishop Leo Cushley - from 5pm to 7pm this Sunday 10 March,** (and also Sunday 24 March and Sunday 7 April) at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. 'Archbishop Leo Cushley would like to invite the young adults of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh to join him for a series of Lenten talks, to be given by himself, entitled "On the Way - Walking with Jesus and His Disciples towards Jerusalem". The evening will consist of a talk by the Archbishop, Q&A, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confession, and will conclude with social time and pizza. All are very welcome.'

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



**Lynda Kazimoglu writes:** 'Planning for our Portobello inter-church holiday club is in full swing and we'd love to let more of the St John's and St Mary Magdalene children get in on all the fun! Registrations open next week for this coming July. Early!!! Right?... Wrong! Last year our 100 places filled up within the first few days, so please don't miss out. Activities for the week include gardening, arts and crafts, fun with food, bible stories, mindfulness, team tasks, hall games, "hot pot" and more. Children are grouped by school year and it's a fantastic way for them to make friends from all over the area. To register children or volunteer to help

with anything from home baking and prepping snack to leading or supporting a group of children or assisting with an activity, contact Lynda (contact email below). No experience necessary. Please do consider offering a little or lots of your time for the week, it really is very rewarding. We're also keen to add volunteers to our planning team (3 meetings per year). For more details contact Lynda Kazimoglu on [lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk) or collect a registration form from the church office.

### Training Opportunities:

'Our churches have been offered slots for volunteers involved in church groups and activities...

1. **First Aid** (again for those undertaking work within the churches and through their various events and activities) **Saturday 16 March, 9am-12am, St Mark's Church, Portobello.** We have 2 more spaces available for this, please contact either Fr Jock or Lynda Kazimoglu to note interest - literally ASAP.
2. **Food Hygiene** (aimed at anyone using the church kitchens and helping host events) - **Saturday 27 April, Portobello** - location to be confirmed. We have 3 spaces available at this time. Please contact Fr Jock or Lynda Kazimoglu to note interest.'



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

**Des Brogan writes:** 'On this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landing in Normandy it is particularly appropriate that our Cluster Parish Pilgrimage will visit the sites which witnessed so much loss of life in 1944. As Christians we are keenly aware that on both sides men of the same faith fought and killed each other and both would justify their stances as fighting on behalf of their country. It is difficult to justify the use of warfare at any time as an instrument of national policy but visiting the battlegrounds of Normandy cannot but raise such difficult questions as what would have happened had the Allies lost? How would Europe have fared under Nazi control? Is there really such a thing as a 'just' war? Our visit to the beaches of Sword, Gold, Juno and Omaha will force us to think of these things. Our visits to the cemeteries of La Cambe, Bayeux and Coleville-sur-Mer cannot but evoke sadness and prayer.

These are some of the reasons why excursions to WW1 and WW2 battlefields are neither tours nor holidays. They really are pilgrimages. This year the Cluster Pilgrimage will leave Edinburgh on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Any enquiries for information or application should be directed to Des Brogan in St Ninian's Parish. T: 07710 720 774 [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com)'

**Des will speak briefly at the end of all our Masses next weekend about the pilgrimage.**

### THIS WEEK

#### Saturday 9 March

10am-4.15pm - Conforti Institute - **Pax Christi Scotland – Preparing For Peace**

10.30 – 3.30 - Portobello Town Hall. - **Edinburgh Fairtrade Festival** 'with Free Fair Trade Refreshments, Fair Trade Stalls, Speakers (including an international Fair Trade producer), Kids' Activities...Arts & Crafts...Choir'

12noon – 4 pm – Duddingston Kirk Hall – **Sale of Quality Nearly New Ladies Clothes**

'This sale will be held at Duddingston Kirk Hall (enter by car park gate on Duddingston Road West). Entrance £2 in aid of Dr Neil's garden. [www.drneilsgarden.co.uk](http://www.drneilsgarden.co.uk)

**Sunday 10 March (and 24 March) – 7-9pm – PJPC – Pastoral Visitors Course Evening**

### **Monday 11 March**

10.30am – St John’s Hall – **Coffee Morning** – (Proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need.)

**2.30pm – St John’ Hall – Ways of Praying 1 – Devotional Prayer** (Stations, Rosary, Divine Mercy).

7pm – Parish House – **St John’s Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Tuesday 12 March**

10am – St John’s – **Mass with P2 from St John’s Primary School**

7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **St Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council Meeting**

7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church – **Meeting of the Edinburgh Newman Society - ‘The caring that Jesus illustrates’ with Christine Dodd** of Creative Arts Retreat Movement (CARM) ‘All warmly welcome to come along. A donation is requested to cover costs.’

### **Wednesday 13 March**

11am – Baptist Church Café – **Holy Huddle**

**7.00pm – St John’ Hall – Ways of Praying 1 – Devotional Prayer** (Stations, Rosary, Divine Mercy).

7.00pm – Parish House - **Justice and Peace Group Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptism Preparation Course 2**

### **Thursday 14 March**

11.45am – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Cluster Meeting (Parish Priests and Pastoral Council Chairs)**

7.30pm – Lauriston Hall - **Remembering Romero** - An evening with Julian Filochowski (see noticeboard)

### **Saturday 16 March**

9.00am-12noon - St Mark’s Church – **First Aid Training** (see noticeboard)

10-1pm – St Teresa’s, Craigmillar – **Lenten Retreat for our Cluster Parishes with Fr John O’Connor OP**

1pm-7.30pm – **Trip to Nunraw** (see St John’s section)

### **Sunday 17 March**

9.30am - St John’s – **P3 and Children’s mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene - **P4 Do This Memory of Me Mass**

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

### **Tuesday 19 March**

12.45pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – **Mass for the First Anniversary of Cardinal Keith O’Brien:**

Archbishop Cushley writes: ‘This is the first anniversary of the death of Cardinal O’Brien. To mark the occasion, I will be offering Holy Mass in St Mary’s Metropolitan Cathedral at 12.45pm. I would ask you to invite people to pray then for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.’

**Saturday 23 March - 9.30am – St John’s Episcopal Church, Princes Street - Journey for Justice** (Ecumenical Romero Event) (see noticeboard)

### **Sunday 24 March**

**Masses with SCIAF Stations of the Cross**

10.45am Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston - **Consecration of the Romero Shrine** (see noticeboard)

3pm – St Catharine’s Convent, - **The Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady** (see St John’s section)

**Tuesday 26 March – St Mary Magdalene’s – 7.30pm – Reconciliation Service**

**Friday 29 March – 8pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Church Hall - Joint Parish Quiz Night**

**Saturday 31 March – 7.30pm – Portobello & Joppa Parish Church – Musical Evening** (see noticeboard)

## **Saturday 31 March/Sunday 1 April – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY**

**Sunday 31 March – Special Collection in aid of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

Saturday 4 May – 10am – Strathclyde Country Park – **SCIAF Wee box 6K** (see noticeboard)

Saturday 27 April – **Food Hygiene Event – Portobello** *location to be confirmed* (see noticeboard)

Saturday 11 May – 10.30am – Craiglockhart Campus – **Craiglockhart Centenary Reunion 2019** (see noticeboard)

20-29 June – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** (see noticeboard)

## **NOTICEBOARD**

### **Sancta Maria Abbey, Garvald, Haddington, East Lothian**

‘The Monks are pleased to announce the opening of a wing of their monastery as guest quarters. The guesthouse reflects the simplicity of the Cistercian way of life but is warm and comfortable with single rooms £65/£75: double £90/£100: triple £100/£120 per night depending on length of stay. The prices reflect the necessity of paying its own way as the Monastery income is limited and they cannot afford to subsidise it as was the case with the old guesthouse. However those who wish to come but feel they cannot afford to stay are encouraged to phone 01620 670096 to discuss other arrangements. To book email [ghr@nunrawabbey.com](mailto:ghr@nunrawabbey.com) or phone the above number.’

**WE ARE  
OPEN**

### **Fairtrade - Support the petition**



‘Salimata is a cocoa farmer in the Cote d’Ivoire. She earns 75p per day – less than half of what she needs for a decent standard of life – all the things we expect like food, education for her children, medical treatment, access to safe water. And plummeting world cocoa prices have only made things worse. Please take and sign a card to tell the prime minister that we don’t want this exploitation in our chocolate and to try to ensure that all trade deals with developing countries enshrine the principle of a living income. Cards available at the back of the church.’

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **St Oscar Romero Celebrations – 14-24 March**

**In preparation for the consecration of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston’s, Romero Shrine on 24 March a series of events have been planned:**

- **Remembering Romero – 7.30pm - Thursday 14 March – Lauriston Hall**  
An evening with Julian Filochowski, Chair of the Romero Trust and someone who knew Romero well - and Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst College curator, who has visited El Salvador several times to conserve Romero’s artefacts. They will talk about Romero and his legacy. Entry by Donation
- **Journey for Justice (Ecumenical Event) – 9.30am - Saturday 23 March.**  
‘Join us as we journey to local churches celebrating the life of St Oscar Romero. Starting at 9.30am at St John’s Episcopal Church (Princes Street), we will travel to different churches for a short time of prayer & reflection before reaching the Sacred Heart Church (Lauriston Street) for refreshments and a showing of the Romero film - 'The Claim'. Itinerary: - 9.30am: St John's Episcopal Church (Princes Street) - 10.00am: Augustine United Church (George IV Bridge) - 10.15am: Central Edinburgh Quakers (Victoria Terrace) - 10.30am: Sacred Heart Church (Lauriston Street)
- **Consecration of the Romero Shrine - 10.45am Mass - Sunday 24 March - Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston St** – ‘We welcome Archbishop Leo Cushley who will officially consecrate the Oscar Romero Shrine’.

**Sunday 17 March – Tragedy in Gaza, Britain's legacy, Scotland's role”** - the Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre, George Square, University of Edinburgh EH8 9LH - **An Initiative of the Balfour Project** (an initiative that aims to create a much greater public awareness of Britain’s historic and current responsibilities in the Middle East). ‘Gaza, an integral part of Palestine, is home to two million Palestinians, living in

intolerable conditions. By 2020, according to the UN, Gaza will be uninhabitable. We British have a historical responsibility for Palestine, and a duty to advance human rights for all in Israel and Palestine. **How do we do it? What is Scotland's role?** Panellists include: Jamie McGoldrick, UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Palestine, Dr Phillipa Whitford, MP Breast Cancer surgeon, Dr Imad Karam, Gazan film-maker, Rev Iain Cunningham, Church of Scotland, Iian Baruch, Israeli Ambassador to South Africa (retired), Dr Anthony Gorman, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh. Book through Eventbrite. FREE EVENT – Donations to cover expenses welcome. For further information visit : [www.balfourproject.org](http://www.balfourproject.org) ‘

### **Friday 29 March- St Mary Magdalene's. -Joint Parishes' Quiz Night – A Fundraiser For STEKA Children's Home in Malawi**



**Catherine McAnenny writes:** ‘As part of our fundraising efforts for STEKA, we are having a joint parish quiz night on Friday 29 March at 8pm in St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall. Tickets will be £5per person which includes nibbles. It's also BYOB (bring your own bottle) & we will shall have a small raffle on the night. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday masses from both Madge Moyes & myself.’

### **Sunday 31 March – 7.30pm – PJPC - Feast of Life Singers – A Musical Evening –**

David Simpson writes: ‘We will be doing a concert on Sunday 31 March at 7.30 pm in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. This will be lively, varied and admission is free. In our usual fashion, we will have a retiring collection in aid of the superb work of Christian Aid. (Yes, free to get in but after an hour you will probably be delighted to have the opportunity to pay to get out...) Refreshments and baking will be available. Music will include an eclectic selection of folk, gospel, jazz, popular and classical styles, including our life enhancing version of Bohemian Rhapsody!’



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

‘The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund are organising at 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](http://www.sciaf.org.uk).’

### **Saturday 11 May - Craiglockhart Centenary Reunion:**

‘To celebrate the centenary of the founding of Craiglockhart College of Education in 1919, there will be a reunion rally for alumni on Saturday 11 May at the Craiglockhart Campus, now part of Napier University. The day will begin at 10.30am and will include Holy Mass at 11.30am and a three course lunch at 1.15pm to be followed by other events. The cost is £40. For further information and an application form please email [gripfast2019@gmail.com](mailto:gripfast2019@gmail.com) by 1 March 2019.’

### **20-29 June – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

‘If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage \*\*\*10 days for £1295\*\*\* please contact direct : Special Pilgrimages ‘Christian Tours’ 55-57 Queens Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 1LT Tel 01702 394000 [info@special-pilgrimages.co.uk](mailto:info@special-pilgrimages.co.uk) / [www.special-pilgrimages.co.uk](http://www.special-pilgrimages.co.uk)(Organised by Mr Alex Mosson, Former Lord Provost of Glasgow)’.

### **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.

- Thank you to Father Jock, Father Alex and Deacon John Smith for leading **Ash Wednesday Year Group Services**. Pupils voted for the **International Justice Mission** as this year's chosen Lenten Charity and fundraising will take place over the Lenten period.
- A contingent of **Norwegian senior leaders in education** visited our school to learn about aspects of Scottish education. The visitors praised the school and staff and highlighted how impressed they were with our pupils.
- Some feedback from the recent **Careers Fair** :-  
“from Edinburgh Napier University's point of view, our whole experience at this event was really excellent. All staff were so friendly, approachable and present, including senior management, which really makes a difference. It was well organised, the communication before the event was exemplary and the pupils were very well informed, asked good questions and were excellent in engaging with us. Overall, there was a nice ‘buzz’ about the whole school event and the pupil group which made Holy Rood stand out as an excellent school with a good school ethos.’

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



## Christian Meditation during Lent

Maciej Zurawski writes: ‘ Experience the joy of God’s transforming and healing presence during traditional Christian meditation. The Christian Meditation group leads meditation in Cathedral House at 63 York Place on Fridays at 7pm. Afterwards you are welcome for refreshments and to socialize. It sometimes also meets in Stockbridge during the week. The up-to-date schedule is here: <https://www.meetup.com/Christian-Meditation-Group/events/> Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>’.

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

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Jean Ingles, Margaret Jamieson, Grace Montgomery, Tracey Jennings, Mary Stainsby and Jean Simmonds**

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alf O’Brien, Alex Connelly, Rebecca Thomson, Lindsay Thomson. Joseph Gallagher**

### St John’s:

**Mar.9:-** Margaret McMillan (2011); James Docherty (2008); James A McGrory (1976); Michael Murphy (1975); Joseph F Gallagher (1966); **Mar.10:-** Alfred O’Brien (2009); Mary D’Arcy Hughes (2007); Edward Quin (2007); Michael D’Arcy; **Mar.11:-** Dorothy Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O’Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan **Mar.12:-** Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A MccGrory (1967); Wood family (1955); **Mar.13:-** Jessica Quinn (2000); Thomas Henderson (1984); Cecily Docherty (1972); Patrick G Hunt (1968); John T Clarke (1943) - killed in action; Roseanne D’Arcy; **Mar.14:-** Mary Kelly (2000); Elizabeth Binnie (1987); **Mar.15:-** Greta Clarke (2013); Canon Charles Brodie (1999); John Barber (1998); Alexander Connelly (1985); Rebecca M O’Kane (1981); James Waugh (1979);

### St. Mary Magdalene’s :-

**Mar.10:-** John McPhee (2004); Annie Dalgleish (1997); John Barrett (1995); **Mar.12:-** Jeannie Docherty (2010); **Mar.13:-** Helen Sibbald (2014); Gertie Urquhart (1980); **Mar.15:-** Robert Harris (1981);

**Sick Parishioners - St. John’s:** Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Penelope McLellan Hawkes, 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, Mary Glancy, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Helen Hanlon, 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, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syme.

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

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Anne Pancott, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Colette Woods, Emilia Iheji, Maureen Henderson, Peter Hanley, Jean Vanier, Margaret Walker, Ellen Kelly, Joanna Lamb, Jimmy Loughran, 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, Roksana 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               |
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| <b>Offertory Collections</b>         |                                      |                                      |
| 3 March 2019                         | £424.88 (including £203.88 gift aid) | £857.79 (including £367.40 gift aid) |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> |                                      |                                      |

| <b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> |                              |                        |
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|                          | <b>Readers for Sunday</b>    | <b>Bidding Prayers</b> |
| 10 March                 | Robert Moyes & Laura Tweedie | Aileen Hall            |
| 17 March                 | Children                     |                        |

Many Congratulations to Sarah Gallagher (daughter of Una and Jim) and Chris Watterson, married this Saturday in Sledmere, Yorkshire



**Help is required for counting the Offertory Collection.** If you are willing to help with this, please contact Fr Jock or Jane Marin (07801 072453) for further information.

**If you are not currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Jean McNally who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.**

**Kathy Barclay, administrator at St Mary, Star of the Sea,** writes: ‘A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Race Night in aid of Sr Aelred’s Project for the homeless, we raised a fantastic £2255.00.’

| <b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b> |                                |                        |   |
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| <b>Saturday 16 March</b>      | J Roarty, M Gorrie,<br>J Plews | <b>Sunday 17 March</b> | E Buckley, P Connarty,<br>G Gallagher, E Veitch, P McLeay |

**Lighting Project** – Chris Vinestock writes: ‘We are very pleased with progress thus far and some of the new lighting will be in operation this weekend. We are still looking for people to help us clean and prepare the Church for our weekend Masses. The cleaning will commence at 3pm on Fridays. A Volunteers Sign Up list will be at the back of the Church.’

**A message of Thanks from Twende Pamoja** – ‘Well done to all involved, the Pamoja fashion sale held last weekend raised £340.00.’

**Maria Igoe writes:**

- **‘The next Charity Coffee Morning** will be held in the Hall this **Monday 11 March** after Mass. Donations will be given to Aid to the Church in Need. Please come along.
- The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be after the Lenten Retreat on Saturday 16 March. We will leave the Richmond Church at 1.30pm. If you wish to go, please let me know - 669 0247 Thanks.
- Legion of Mary. - The Acies Ceremony of consecration to Our Lady will be held in St Catharine’s Convent, Lauriston Gardens, on Sunday 24 March at 3 pm. For further information, please phone me - 669 0247
- Please consider donating to Mary’s Meals Backpacks. The box will be at the back of the Church on Saturdays and Sundays. Toiletries required are hand towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush. Stationery items required are notebooks, pencils, pens, pencil cases, rulers etc.’



**If you are not currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to start,** please do get in touch with Karen, our Parish Administrator who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

## *A New Idea for Lent*

*Declutter one item a day for 40 days.....Every day for 40 days, place an item of clothing, accessories, ornaments, books etc you don’t use any more (or have never used!) in a bag or box. . Place them in a bag or box, then after Easter, give to charity...What do you think?*

## Masses, Devotions and Services

|  | St John the Evangelist  | St Mary Magdalene  |
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| <b>Saturday 9 March</b>  | <b>9.00am–9.50am: - (Church)</b><br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br><b>10.00am – Mass – SI</b><br><b>10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><br><b>6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) –</b><br>SI/ People of the Parish |  |
| <b>Sunday 10 March</b><br><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>          | <b>9.30am:- Mass – (Church) –</b><br>Vera Hegarty   | <b>11.15am:- Mass - Alf O’Brien</b>  |
| <b>Monday 11 March</b>   | <b>10.00am – Mass – (Hall) –</b><br>Rebecca Thomson   |  |
| <b>Tuesday 12 March</b>  | <b>10.00am:- Mass - (Hall) –</b><br>SI (Christmastide)  |  |
| <b>Wednesday 13 March</b>                                      | <b>10.00am:- - Eucharistic Service</b><br>(Parish House)  | <b>10.00am:- Mass –Eileen Mandal</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 14 March</b>                                       | <b>10.00am:- - Eucharistic Service -</b><br>(Hall)  | <b>9.25-55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br><b>10.00am:- Mass – Lindsay Thomson</b> |
| <b>Friday 15 March</b>   | <b>10.00am – Mass – (Hall) –</b><br>Alex Connelly<br><b>3.00pm: - (Parish House) –</b><br>Divine Mercy Devotions  |  |
| <b>Saturday 16 March</b>                                       | No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9.30am St Teresa’s, Craigmillar</b><br>10am - Eucharistic Service<br><br><b>6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) –</b><br>Hew Dalrymple<br><b>7.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>    | <b>Mass – SI</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 17 March</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> | <b>9.30am:- Mass – (Church) –</b><br>Joan Howie   | <b>11.15am:- Mass - People of the Parish</b>   |

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