

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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2nd Sunday of the year - Sunday 19 January 2020

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 Warmest of Welcomes and thanks to Fr Martin Moran, OMI, parish priest of our fellow cluster parish of St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, who is celebrating our Masses this weekend...and, similarly, to **Fr Jim Smith** and **Fr Gordon Brown** who are celebrating Masses with us during the week (covering for Fr Jock, away in Tanzania and Malawi with the group of pilgrims from our two parishes). We also look forward to welcoming **Fr Willy Slavin**, celebrating next weekend's Masses with and for us.

In the last two pages of this newsletter there is **an illustrated report** describing the pilgrims' first days in Tanzania...

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Please join Christians from all the churches of Portobello for short services of prayer followed by a lunch of soup and sandwiches and friendship - ALL welcome...and **please pray for an ever growing unity between our churches.**

Fr Jock writes: 'This week - and the opportunities for the sharing of prayer and friendship and food together in the gatherings each day - is one that can bear great fruit in the lives of our local churches and in our own individual lives too...please, if you are able, try to visit at least one of the other churches this one week for the midday prayer and the shared lunch that follows...'

At noon every day this week 20-24 January -



Monday 20 - St Mark's, 287 Portobello High Street -

Tuesday 21 - St John's, Brighton Place

Wednesday 22 - St Martin's Church, 4 Magdalene Drive

Thursday 23 - Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street

Friday 24 - Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Rd North

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Year - and the first **Sunday of the Word of God**, a new feast introduced this year by **Pope Francis**.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 18 January - 4.00pm - Old St Paul's Church, 63 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DH - Scottish Churches Housing Association 25th Anniversary Service

18-25 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Daily short service at 12 noon (c15 mins), followed by a simple lunch - see above -**All welcome**

(**And Wednesday 22 January** - 7.30pm - City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square Edinburgh EH8 9BX - 'Edinburgh Churches Together invite you to join an **Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Guest speaker: Rt Rev John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh (SEC). The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome!')

Tuesday 21 January

7.30pm – Parish House – **RCIA**

7.30pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Landings**

Thursday 23 January – 12 midday – St Mary’s, Leith – Requiem Mass for Des Farmer

Saturday 25 January

11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre - **Bioethics Day: ‘What’s the Catholic view of assisted suicide and how crucial is palliative care in resisting the culture of death? Dr David Jones, Director of Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, will discuss the major issues surrounding assisted suicide** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. He will be joined by **Evelyn Howie**, a retired Senior Palliative Care Nurse, who will reveal the impact of palliative care in combatting the culture of death. To register search ‘Bioethics Day’ on Eventbrite or visit the events section of the Archdiocesan Facebook Page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.’

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 27 January – 6pm – Stockbridge Church, Saxe Coburg EH 5BN - **Olivier Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time’ (marking Holocaust Memorial Day)** - Jean Johnson – clarinet Aisling O’Dea – violin Clea Friend – cello Alex Taylor – piano www.artisanensemble.com Suggested donation £20 Scottish Refugee Council All welcome

Thursday 30 January – 7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Gemma Simmonds, CJ** (Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge University) - **‘Women in the Church’**

Saturday 1 February – 10.00am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club – **Bingham + Magdalene 2020 Community Conference** (see St Mary Magdalene’s section)

Wednesday 5 February

7-9pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road - **Anti-Human Trafficking - Modern Slavery.** Registration and coffee from 6.30pm. Trainer: Alister Bull - *‘The evening will help participants identify signs of trafficking and exploitation and respond appropriately to help victims. Exploitation is happening in the Archdiocese and across Scotland and this is an excellent event to help people take practical steps to tackle it. Register for free from Tuesday 17th December on Eventbrite, the Archdiocesan Facebook, or by calling 0131 623 8900.’*

7.30pm (and Thursday 13 February) - Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Saturday 15 February – 6.30pm – St John’s – **P3 and Children’s Mass and P4 Do This in Memory Mass**

NOTICEBOARD

Early last Tuesday morning, 14 January, a group of parishioners/pilgrims set off for a two and a half week visit to Africa – to Tanzania and Malawi.

Before they left, Tracy Burgess wrote:

‘A **pilgrimage** ‘is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about the self, others, nature, or a higher good, through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.’

Legho, Kilimanjaro:

The pilgrimage has its origin in the formation three years ago of the Legho Renewal Group. When we originally came together, our remit was to assess the relationship between St John’s parish (and also St Mary

Magdalene's because of the link through St John's Primary School) and to look at ways to strengthen existing relationships and build new friendships nearly forty years on from the first links between our two communities – and in response, sadly, to the deaths of most of those in the original partnership. Now, three years on, the intention of the eight of us pilgrims - from both our parishes: Michael Camilleri, myself, Fr Jock, Phyllis McLeay, Bernadette Campbell, Jeremy Devlin-Thorp, Catrina McGillvray and Colette Dempsey) - is to spend time with the people of Legho, giving us the opportunity to get to know each other. Legho has a vibrant young Christian community who are very keen to meet and talk with our group and learn about our young people. And Fr Sangawe is the relatively new parish priest – and of a relatively new parish! He and Fr Jock are looking forward to meeting each other and sharing their love of the liturgy... (Fr Jock will no doubt be taking notes on the length of the services.... he has been asked to concelebrate four Masses in Swahili - two hours each - next Sunday, beginning at 6am - ending at 2pm. The rest of us will have a lighter load – just one Mass...)

And we hope not just to observe but, aided by the programme Mike Knox has kindly arranged for us, to insert ourselves into Legho life: to take time, to sit and talk, to laugh and to make friends.

Then, after three days downtime in Zanzibar, we fly on to...

Blantyre, Malawi:

When we decided definitely to go to Tanzania, it was just after we had begun fundraising for the STEKA Skills Centres: we looked at a map and realised Malawi was not too far from Tanzania, and that it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit STEKA too. Encouraged by Godknows, Emma Wood and Gift (and Abigail since she joined us) we found out that it would be possible...and so we are going to be joined there by two other parishioners, Catherine McAnenny and Derek de Freitas – and by Gift too.

What a privilege it has been to walk along side by side with the STEKA family (even for a short time).

The skill centres that we were invited to finance will undoubtedly have a positive affect for the older children as they transition from school to a working life.

We are looking forward to spending time with Godknows, Helen and their family. Talking with the family and playing with the children (all 73 of them!)

Gift is also coming over with us and will be our guide while we visit.

Fr Jock has been invited to celebrate Mass on Sunday morning in the local parish.

This, for most of us will be a journey to an unknown foreign land. Hopefully we will get a chance to expand our understanding of ourselves, of others, of nature and of the 'higher good' that is our God within this experience. And perhaps a personal transformation... Please pray for us, and for the two communities which we will visit, that the pilgrimage will be a blessing for us all.'

OUR NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE will take place on Wednesday 5 February and Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like a child baptised, please contact Fr Jock or Kath Zoltie (kathzoltie@hotmail.co.uk).

BINGHAM + MAGDALENE 2020 COMMUNITY CONFERENCE – Saturday 1 February - 10am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club

'Local conversations is a People's Health Trust initiative which involves supporting residents to develop a shared vision for their community and take local action on issues that matter to them. *New funds are available to invest in Bingham and Magdalene for 2020.* How these funds are allocated is decided by local people through two Local Community Forums: **The Bingham Community Forum and The Magdalene Community Forum.** As we enter a new year, the Forums want to re-visit our priorities for the next two years. Now is your chance to get involved, influence these plans and have a say over how the money is spent. The day will be inter-active, engaging and meaningful. Refreshments, lunch and a creche will be provided (if creche facilities are needed, participants must advise number and ages of children).

Book your place on facebook at: 'Bingham + Magdalene 2020 – Community Conference' or contact: cris.thacker@communityrenewal.org.uk 0131 629 9858.'

Listening before Lent - Events at the Lauriston Jesuit centre in January and February:

'In 2020 The Lauriston Jesuit Centre will be hosting a series of talks exploring some of the more 'challenging' issues confronting the Church today. Our first speaker will be Gemma Simmonds, CJ, Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge & regular broadcaster for the BBC, who will discuss

the role of women in the Church. Then, David Birchall, SJ Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow will explore LGBTQ+ and Catholic Tradition. Finally Suzie Stark, Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba's Hospice will discuss End of Life Care. **Entry by donation.**

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Thursday 13 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Suzie Stark** (Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba's Hospice Edinburgh) - **'End of Life Care'**.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE ORGANISED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Saturday 8 February – 11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **'Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion'**: This event takes place on Saturday 8th February at 11am-2:30pm. *'Father Jeremy Milne will be the main speaker and there will be a practical reflection followed by a Q&A session. The day concludes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions. Register on Eventbrite or on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.'*

Saturday 15 February - Married couples retreat: *'Together before the Lord - A Valentine's Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie.'* The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married couples at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats. Register on Eventbrite. No charge.'

Thursday 20 February – 6.30 for 7pm - Closed or Open Doors? *'This event, sponsored by the Caritas-Justice and Peace Commission, explores the refugee/migrant crisis in Europe. It will be presented by John Dalhuisen, a senior fellow at the Berlin-based European Stability Initiative and a leading thinker on human rights and migration policy. There is no simple Christian response. John's reflection, formed by his extensive experience, aims in helping us to think through this complex issue - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Register on Eventbrite. Entry by donation.'*

(John Dalhuisen will be giving a similar talk on Saturday 22 February at 10am – organised by PACT in association with our Justice and Peace Group - at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – more details to follow).

Friday 28 February and Saturday 29 February - Gender mini-symposium:

'The Marriage & Family Commission has organised a mini-symposium on the issue of gender, entitled 'Male and Female He Created Them'. It will take place at 7-9pm on Friday 28 February at Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn, and at 2-5pm on Saturday 29 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The speakers are Dr Adrian Treloar of the Catholic Medical Association and Sr Andrea Fraile of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. Booking details to follow.'

....and at St Mary's Cathedral - Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March – Two Concerts

'One Concert is with **Barbara Dickson**, who is an ever popular and internationally acclaimed Scottish singer and musician. She will perform alongside her partner musician Nick Holland on **Saturday 7 March** at 7.30pm.

Additionally, on **Friday 6 March**, also at 7.30pm, we are hosting the **legendary folk duo Phil Cunningham and Ally Bain**, as ever playing the accordion and fiddle.

Both concerts will have concluded by 9.45pm latest.

Tickets are priced at £25 – but if anyone would like to organise a group and make it a "parish outing" we are happy to offer parishes a group price with a saving of £5 per ticket.

Of course, individual tickets for both concerts can be easily booked directly through www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'Concerts in the Cathedral'

If you would like to arrange for a parish group ticket – please contact Sr. Mary Simone at the Cathedral Office 0131 5561798 or email me on ursulagreen@icloud.com'

Holy Rood RC High News

Joan Daly writes:

'Here is the update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- Welcome back..... Happy New Year and Happy New Decade!
- A huge thank you to all for Advent **fundraising efforts** which took place during Advent, including the grand finale on the last day of term - **Holy Rood's Got Talent**. The S6 pupils who ran the event were fantastic and a special thank you also to Mrs Jackson who was a huge support to the pupils and also appeared on the panel of four teacher judges. The winner was Trang Nguyen who dazzled us all with her dance skills. The overall fundraising grand total of £1350 will go to the **Scottish Association of Mental Health**.
- As S5/6 pupils began their **Prelims** on Tuesday 14 January, I ask you to remember them in your prayers.
- This week we welcomed S2 parents and pupils to the first of our **S2 Parents' Meetings**.

Dates for your diary:-

- **S2 Information Evening** - 24 February- 6.30pm-7.30pm / **Faculty Fair** 5.30pm-6.30pm.
- **Careers Fair 5 February – 5pm – 6pm** – S3-6 parents and carers are invited to meet employers and representatives from colleges and all the universities in the central belt and also learn about the Senior Course Choice Process.

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

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: John Clark and Nan Reilly

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Vincent McDevitt, Marie Ramsey and Jakob Rekowski

St John's

Jan.19:- Francis Meehan (1994); Roseanne Hunter (1991); Vincent McDevitt (1991); Annie Young (1984); Neil Hanlon (1937);

Jan.20:- Mary Greenan (2000); Jack Shaw; **Jan.21:-** Barbara Devlin (1988); Mary McGuire (1969); Joan Knox; **Jan.22:-** Antonio Pacitti (1997); Andrew Donoghue (1966); **Jan.23:-** Liz Saddler (2016); Irene C C Wheatley (1999); Catherine Gilroy (1997); **Jan.24:-** Mary Conner (1997); Adolf Haller (1974); Thomas & Mary Kyle; **Jan.25:-** Elizabeth Hooper (2007); Patrick Murray (2000); Margaret Kelly (1991); Winifred Roper (1985); Annie Brown (1972); Helen Dykes (1959); Teresa Gaffney

St Mary Magdalene's

Jan.19:- James N Morrison (1981); **Jan.20:-** John Keating (1976); Mary Wilson (1976); Pearl O'Gorman (1972); **Jan.21:-** Martin Forbes (2005); **Jan.22:-** Jane Graham (2000)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Molly and Alan Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Jimmy Scoular, Mary Glancy, Betty Dougal, Alison Thompson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

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

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Kathleen Paterson, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Frances Green, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Maureen Henderson, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Celine Dinis, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Peter Hanley, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
12 January 2020	£381.15 (including £189.50 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £421.15	£994.08 (including £508.40 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £403.50) – overall figure: £1397.58
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
19 January	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Peggy Ferguson
26 January	Eileen Igoe & Ania Rekowska	Anne Jabir

Do please support the new community initiative in Bingham – each Monday from 10.30am to midday in St Mary Magdalene’s Hall - a **Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat) – all most welcome.**

THANKS FROM UNICEF FOR THE DONATION FOR THEIR YEMEN APPEAL – given from the proceeds of the Joint Parishes Raffle last October

Mike Flynn, UNICEF writes: ‘I would like to say a huge thank you for the generous donation of £825. This



will support UNICEF’s vital work for children, so please pass on our thanks to all those who contributed to this wonderful gift.

Right now, millions of children are in danger. They’re facing violence, disease, hunger and the chaos of war and disaster. But together, we have the power to change that.

Thanks to your support, we are on the ground right now delivering lifesaving supplies to keep children safe. It’s through your generosity that we are able to make sure more of the

world’s children are fed, vaccinated, educated and protected than any other organisation.

For more support about our work, please visit our website www.unicef.org.uk or contact our Supporter Care team by email supportercare@unicef.org.uk or phone 0300 330 5580. On behalf of the children, and all of us at Unicef UK, thank you so much for your valuable support.’

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 25 January	John Lawler, Patrick Shannon, Joyce Martin	Sunday 26 January	Evelyn Buckley, Penelope MacLellan Hawkes, Colette Dempsey, Gena Gallagher, Cathy Volpe
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A lady’s coat has been left in the parish house after a meeting. If this is yours please get in touch with Karen or Chris at the parish house to arrange collection.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

We are all conscious about climate change and are always looking to improve in ways we can help the environment! Would you consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail? Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save ‘wear and tear’ of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to receive your newsletter electronically all you have to do is send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. The bonus is you receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites and Facebook Page.

Contemplation

The more we become people of action and responsibility in our community, the more we must become people of contemplation. If we do not nurture our deep emotional life in prayer hidden in God, if we do not spend time in silence, and if we do not know how to take time to live from the presence and gentleness of our brothers and sisters, we risk becoming embittered.

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p.139

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 18 January	10.00am:- Mass - George Lugton 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 19 January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Felicita Pelosi	11.15am:- Mass – Paschal McCaul
Monday 20 January	10.00am - Mass – Vincent McDevitt	
Tuesday 21 January St Agnes - Memorial	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass: – Alfonsus Stregauskas
Wednesday 22 January	10.00am:- Mass – SI	
Thursday 23 January	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service 	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (Lynch family)
Friday 24 January St Francis de Sales - Memorial	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (Walsh family) 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL - FEAST	10.00am:- Mass – Elizabeth Ferguson 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Brian Nangle	
Sunday 26 January 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass –Jakob Rekowski