

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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14th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 5 July 2020

WELCOME....If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes – even if, sadly, for the moment we can't welcome you to our churches quite yet. If you are new to the parish or area, please make yourself known to Fr Jock by email or on the phone and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



Our Churches are Open

On Sunday 5 July both our Churches will be open for Private Prayer.



St Mary Magdalene's 1.30pm – 2.30pm
St John's 2.00pm – 4.00pm

During the week St John's will be open at the following times

Monday 6 July
11am – 12 noon

Tuesday 7 July
11am – 12 noon

Wednesday 8 July
11am – 12 noon

**including Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament 11am – 11.30am**

Thursday 9 July
2.30pm – 3.30pm
7pm – 8pm

Friday 10 July
2.30pm – 3.30pm

Saturday 11 July
2pm – 3pm

When you come into the church, you will be greeted by one of our volunteers who will guide you to your seat.

- Please wear a face covering (it's advisable to bring your own but we have a small supply).
- Please also sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church. Sanitiser will be available at the entrance/exit.

We hope you enjoy your visit and experience a time of peace and tranquility

To mark the re-opening, we are giving away copies of **Living Faith**, with a reflection for each day from 1 July to 30 September. Additional copies are on order and will be available during the week.

A very big thank you to all our Welcomers for enabling our churches to re-open and making it possible for people to visit for private prayer.

There have been over one hundred visits made this week.....

**THANK YOU
Volunteers!**
We couldn't do it without you

New volunteers are warmly invited to offer their services for this ministry

(now including people aged 70 and over who are in good health!) Please contact Fr Jock, a member of the Pastoral Team, or the Parish House for further details.

A NEW INITIATIVE – GOSPEL SHARING BY ZOOM

Monday 6 July – 7pm

Join us on Monday 7pm for reflection and sharing on this week's readings from our own homes.

The Zoom details (the same as Saturday's Mass details)

Meeting ID 71276 71276 Password – coffee

Fr Jock writes: *'Lots of new initiatives have been taken in different churches in the last three and a half months – and, thanks to Deacon Eddie, we have moved fairly confidently into the world of live-streamed services with all that they have to offer (which is a great deal).....however, the article below really caught my interest – and imagination – and, after discussion with our PEP group and others, we agreed to introduce the gospel sharing this week – not instead of our livestreamed Sunday and weekly Masses, but in addition to them.*

So, do join us on Monday night at 7pm – either directly, or if you'd like to be sent a link via email which you simply click on, just email Deacon Eddie – ewhite@outlook.com...the format will be very simple (and we'll try to learn the best way to do it as we go along) – the readings...a shortened version of the Sunday homily (!)...a time of sharing...and ending with prayer. For those who are shy of speaking out, there'll be a chance to type a thought instead...

An Unexpected Gift (adapted)

Andrew Downie, a parish priest in Durham, writing on 23 June, says the pandemic has connected him and his people in new and surprising ways

'In late March of this year, the British government imposed lockdown regulations to control the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. Churches were ordered to close, and public acts of worship were forbidden. Bishops directed their priests to continue celebrating daily Mass, alone in an empty church. The Catholic faithful were invited to join in prayer with the private Mass, and to make an act of Spiritual Communion. Some priests chose to live-stream their solitary celebration of the Eucharist on the internet as a way of keeping in contact with the people they serve.

The church where I minister, in the centre of the city of Durham in northeast England, lacks the equipment for live-streaming, and there seemed to be no shortage of online Masses for those who wished to watch them.

The "Online Gospel Reflection"

I soon learned that the parishioners were watching Masses from as far away as Rome and San Francisco. But it was important to find a way of sustaining the parish community while we could not gather in our own church. After a couple of weeks of lockdown, I came up with the idea of offering an "Online Gospel Reflection". And this has now become a regular Sunday morning event.

We use the video-conferencing platform Zoom, which presents each user with a screen full of the faces of all those taking part. Parishioners read the Scripture readings of that Sunday's Mass, I offer a homily and then everyone is invited to respond. We end by sharing Prayers of the Faithful.

The initiative has succeeded beyond my hopes. More than 30 people take part each week, including current parishioners, students joining us from their family homes and friends from abroad.

But the sharing of the lived experience of faith is powerful, no matter who is speaking.

In fact, the virtual format seems sometimes to act as an equalizer, enabling those to speak who might feel less confident in a room full of people.

"Glimpsing the wisdom of the people I serve"

Those who work in the secular world speak of the challenge of witnessing to colleagues and friends.

Students bring the perspective – sometimes unsettling – of a younger generation.

For me, the experience has been both fruitful and humbling, as I have **glimpsed the wisdom held by the members of the community that I serve.** Our shared reflection usually lasts more than an hour.

The Gospel Reflection is not so much an alternative to a live-streamed Mass, as an answer to a different question. It's not "What can substitute for Sunday Mass?" but "What will sustain and energize our community in the absence of Sunday Mass?"

Our online gathering seems to have unleashed the power of the Word of God, alive and active among us. It is a virtual, rather than a physical space. But the Holy Spirit is really at work there.

When we are unable, for good reasons, to celebrate the Eucharist together, the Holy Spirit, infinitely creative, will find other ways to act. A live-streamed Mass leaves the lay faithful as passive spectators, or even consumers who can "shop around" for a celebration that suits them. A shared reflection on the Scriptures, on the other hand, allows the people to engage actively with the Word, to bring its wisdom to bear on their own lives and to learn from one another.

"Something too precious to lose"

Within the constraints of this time of pandemic, it helps to sustain community, rather than adding to our isolation. Our online reflection has challenged me to develop a style of "preaching" appropriate to this format. What works in the pulpit may not work on the screen. Hosting a shared meditation calls for different skills.

Several people have already said to me, "We have to find a way of keeping this going after lockdown is over." **It feels too precious to lose. The Church has reserved the task of preaching to her ordained ministers. But what resources might we discover if we were to open a space for lay women and men to be heard too?** Of course, faith without works is dead (James 2, 17). I have been equally encouraged by the parishioners' practical response to the pandemic – volunteering at food banks, shopping for self-isolating neighbours and keeping in regular touch with those who might be vulnerable.

This, too, is the work of the Holy Spirit. This, too, is Church.

As we begin to move out of lockdown, the Church will face, not a return to old ways, but a "new normal". The challenges will be many. Reopening our church buildings safely will be a huge logistical task. Older and vulnerable parishioners may be compelled, or may choose, to continue for some time with their online participation in the Church's life.

Some in our communities will have experienced an attraction to, or a reawakening of Christian faith during the pandemic. Others will have found their faith tested, perhaps to destruction, by the suffering they have witnessed. All of this will call for a response from people and clergy, and an appropriate response requires us to reflect on and learn from our lockdown experiences. **My own experience of sharing the Scriptures with an online community has been an unexpected and priceless gift.'**

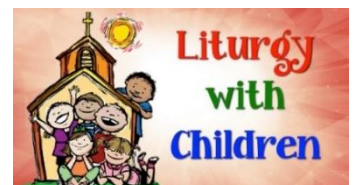
SUNDAY - Sunday Mass this Sunday online at 11am - live-streamed from the Prayer Room in the Parish House. The web address will appear as the top post on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes
and also as the top post on www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news

The Mass will then be available as a recording on both addresses and on the St Mary Magdalene's website. For details and livestream links for all our Masses, please see (on the hard copy) the back of the *Sunday Plus*. DVDs and CDs are also available upon request – just ring the parish house.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

Arlene Lauder writes:

'It may be the end of the school term but Zoom **Children's Liturgy sessions are continuing.** Why not join us this Sunday 5 July where we will be starting around 11:15 am? To be included, please send your email address to Arlene at Lauder.82@btinternet.com by 4pm on Saturday 4 July. Please tell us your full name, your child/children's names and which mass you would normally attend, this information is for our register to keep all involved safe. ****Please note that we will automatically send the Zoom link by email to everyone who has joined us before'.****



After Mass Teas and Coffees @ both St John's and St Mary Magdalene's - on Sunday During Lockdown via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining in one of these calls (even if you've never experienced Zoom before) and to have a tea/coffee and a chat with whoever else wishes to join us, **please access the link** on the Masses for St Peter and St Paul

Benediction from St Mary Magdalene's Church - Wednesday 8 July - 7pm

The link for this is [Link for this is https://youtu.be/uCBCC7Z7vZ4](https://youtu.be/uCBCC7Z7vZ4)

It will also be on Facebook Live.

Saturday Morning 'Zoom' Mass

Deacon Eddie writes: 'Please do join us on YouTube as usual for Mass on a Saturday morning, both this week and next week. **Or would you like to join us by Zoom?**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7127671276?pwd=dWYyRkJ4bFVxMnhGWkV5N1ZkQlhxdz09>

Meeting ID: 712 767 1276 Password: coffee

Or, if you prefer a link to press and not have to remember any of access codes, email me on ewhite@outlook.com and I will help.'

Food for Thought

*The secret of a good sermon
is to have a good beginning
and a good ending:
and to have the two
as close together as possible.*

(George Burns – with thanks to the PJPC e-newsletter)

True story - did you hear about the Primary 3 pupil preparing for her First Confession who was very worried about her vanilla sins? (ie venial....)

THIS WEEK

Monday 6 July

5pm – Parish House/Zoom – **Parishes Emergency Planning (PEP!) Group Meeting**

7pm - 8pm – Gospel Sharing (via Zoom)

Wednesday 8 July

7pm – St Mary Magdalene's/Youtube/Facebook – **Benediction**

7.45pm – **St John's Pastoral Council Meeting** – via Zoom

Friday 10 July

9.20am – Youtube - **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

11am – Zoom – **Rosary**

Saturday 11 July – 10.15am - Zoom – Scottish Laity Network Assembly (see below)

NOTICEBOARD

Bethany update

Jim Roarty writes: 'Our parishes' commitment to providing meals for the homeless using the Bethany night shelter has now finished for the season, which started last September. We initially volunteered for twelve evenings and subsequently, because Bethany kept the night shelter going longer than was planned, we did a further three nights.

For most of the period, the night shelter was based in a converted church in Gorgie but with seventy-five beds crammed in a small space; this became impractical during the covid pandemic so, with the assistance of Edinburgh City Council, the night shelter moved into the Old Waverley Hotel in Princes Street, enabling each individual to have a single room.

Another effect of the pandemic was that a large number of our volunteers had to stand down because of age or underlying health reasons but we have managed to fulfil not only our original commitment but three extra nights as well. A big thanks to all our volunteers over the whole period but particular mention should be made of Seton Steele and his company, *Apetito*; through Seton, the company has donated the food for the night shelter on six of our evenings, with Seton and his wife Tracy doing the cooking and serving – very much appreciated.

Another spin-off of the pandemic was that a number of teams from other churches around the city had to withdraw with the result that Bethany had to source and pay for the food themselves. An appeal in our newsletter produced a brilliant response from our parishioners - £770 has been received by the J&P Group to be sent on to Bethany along with a number of people donating directly by bank transfer – a big thank you to all who donated!

And finally, Bethany has a Care Van which goes out most lunchtimes and evenings distributing sandwiches to homeless people. We had a small number of volunteers doing this only one Sunday lunchtime every month but thanks to a small influx of new volunteers, we have offered to do it monthly. For the future, who knows how and when the restrictions will ease but anyone interested in volunteering for either the Night Shelter or the Care Van should contact me. (tel: 0771 995 2472. email jimroarty4@gmail.com).

A message from Mary's Meals

‘A beautiful new Mary’s Meals film featuring Gerard Butler is now available on our website, marysmeals.org. *Love Reaches Everywhere* takes you on a heart-warming journey to Liberia and Haiti with the Hollywood star and our founder Magnus. This 30-minute film was released on our website on Thursday 25 June. In these uncertain times, it is more important than ever that we keep our promise to the little ones who eat Mary’s Meals. *Love Reaches Everywhere* (filmed before the Covid-19 pandemic) shows exactly the difference our nutritious meals make to hungry children. And remember - it costs on average £15.90 for us to feed a child for a whole year!’



St Teresa Craigmillar’s Food Bank – ‘Many thanks from St Teresa’s for the donations of money and food which have helped the Food Bank continue its vital role during lockdown.’

The Scottish Laity Network – A Journey of Discernment Leading to Our Assembly this Saturday 11 July – 10.15am

Rab Burnett writes: ‘The Scottish Laity Network seeks to enable Scottish laity to come together as disciples of Jesus, and through prayer, dialogue and discernment find ‘new ways’ of being Church in Scotland in the 21st Century.’ During the time of lockdown we began reflecting on ‘*the Future of the Church After a Time of Pandemic*’ and how that related to our core vision. Our journey of discernment began on Thursday 28 May and so far we have had presentations from **Fr Jim Martin, Massimo Faggoli, Austen Ivereigh, Mary McAleese, Lorna Gold and Jim Wallis**. Each speaker has highlighted for us ways to discern the ‘signs of the times’ and we are profoundly grateful for not only their presentations but also their willingness to engage fully in the Q&A session. Recordings of their Presentations and the Q&A are available on our Facebook page or by email slaitynetwork@gmail.com

We invite you to register for our SLN Assembly on Saturday 11 July at which we will seek to the Respond to the Promptings of the Spirit that have arisen through our journey.

The opening presentation at our Assembly will be from **Fr Ougusto Zampini**, the Co-lead of the Vatican COVID-19 Commission that was created by Pope Francis with the aim of Embracing Hope and Embracing the Human Family. After Fr Ougusto’s presentation there will be a Q&A session.

Then we will focus on the key challenges of our Assembly: **How do we continue to journey together, as disciples of Jesus, and authentic witnesses of hope?** If you want to be involved in how we continue our journey please let us know by emailing us at slaitynetwork@gmail.com with the heading SLN Assembly.’

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

☎ 0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Dennis MacKay

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eddie Davies, Isabel Gearty, Audrey Reid, Geraldine Irvine, Peter Cosgrove, William Sellar, Fr Noel Fitzpatrick, Josie Martin, Wyn Brogan, Derek Millar, Josephine Gemmell and Mary Florence Crabbe

St John's - July 5 :- Josie Martin (2017); Audrey Reid (1998); **July 6 :-** Elizabeth Hutton (2001); Elizabeth Cossar (1997); Michael Iannarelli (1980); Matilda O'Lone (1978); Peter Cosgrove (1957); Irene McMartin (1941); **July 7 :-** Mollie O'Brien (2004); John Barrins (2003); Rose Paterson (1997); **July 8 :-** Mary Florence Crabbe (2016); James Douglas (2003); Laura M M Dignan (2002); Lawrence O'Brien (1995); James Hutton (1994); Emily Stone (1915); **July 9 :-** Cecilia Sharkey (2016); Mary (Barrins) Clarke (1941); Isabella Mathieson; **July 10 :-** Jimmy Curran (2019); Dorothy Hyde (1982); Jessie Kelly (1979); **July 11 :-** Francis Egan (1997); Vincent Boyd

St Mary Magdalene's - July 10 :- Charles McKenna (1998); **July 11:** Eddie Davies (2017)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Saoirse Golden, Margaret Bell, Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, Susan O'Hara, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, 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: Clive Davis, Elizabeth Mackail, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhillips, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Max Middleton (aged 9), Gloria Crolla, Catriona Mackinnon, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Rose Paxton, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Emilia Iheji, Jan Meise, Seval Kazimoglu, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Carla Zanetti, Peter Hanley, Fr Christopher Delaney, Jennifer Kay, Janie Low, Ranier Carpo, William Young, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Gerry Mulvenna, Frank Palmer, Mairi Wilson, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Celine Diniz, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Audrey Burgess, Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Roksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jorden and young Ray Donovan Syme.



Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
28 June 2020	Gift Aid of £35.00 and £124.00 Direct Debits – ie £159.00	£977.38 (including Gift Aid of £72.38) and £609.00 Direct Debits – ie £1586.38

