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## *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Sunday 14 June 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.



**If you're awake reasonably early this Sunday morning, 14 June, why not turn on your radio at 7.30am, when Radio Scotland broadcast their weekly Service, 'New Every Sunday', with, this week, Fr Jock as the celebrant and preacher.....**

### **A Reflection by Mairi Clunas for Sunday's Feast of Corpus Christi**

'On the feast of Corpus Christi we celebrate the Eucharistic presence of Jesus which nourishes, accompanies and transforms us on our journey through life – and we give thanks. Yet, this is not the only way in which he reveals his presence among us. Each baptised person bears something of his likeness, his 'image' even though this may not always be easy to perceive. At this time when we are unable to come together in our bodies to celebrate the Eucharist sacramentally we are invited to find Him always close at hand – in prayer and in the mystery of the persons with whom we share our lives, and we give thanks.'

### **This Friday – 19 June - is the Feast of the Sacred Heart**

Pope Francis recalls that the month of June is dedicated in a special way to the Heart of Christ. He said, it is "a devotion that unites the great spiritual teachers and the simple among the people of God."

'Indeed', he continued, "the human and divine Heart of Jesus is the wellspring where we can always draw upon God's mercy, forgiveness and tenderness. We can do so by focusing on a passage from the Gospel, feeling that at the centre of every gesture, of every word of Jesus there is love, the love of the Father."

We can also do so, Pope Francis said, "by adoring the Eucharist, where this love is present in the Sacrament. Then our heart too, little by little, will become more patient, more generous, more merciful."

### **Plans for Opening our Churches for Private Prayer**

**Jennifer Morris and Chis Vinestock write: 'At present we think we may be allowed to open for private prayer from around Sunday 21 June.** And - good news for those in the 65 to 69 age group - the latest guidance says we can now also accept volunteers from that group to welcome visitors, clean and sanitise the church. **Opening for private prayer will depend on the number and availability of volunteers.** We are producing a training video for volunteers and a guidance note. Both volunteers and visitors to the church must wear face coverings at all times within the church and the 2 metre social distancing rule must be observed. Hand sanitiser will be available. Current guidance is that parishioners who are shielding according to Scottish Government guidance should not come to church until Scottish Government advice advises them it is safe to do so. Parishioners aged 70 or over, pregnant women, and those receiving the flu jab for medical reasons are currently able to leave their homes for essential purposes. In making the decision to come to church they are asked to follow Scottish Government advice.' *If you are available and willing to assist, please contact the Parish House.'*

*(NB The opening of both churches is dependent on enough people volunteering to help...)*

# 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](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)

*and also as the top post on*

[www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news](http://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.*

### Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

**Arlene Lauder writes:** 'Please join us this Sunday 14 June for a Zoom children's liturgy session which will be starting around 11:15 am. To join in please send your email address to me, Arlene, at [Lauder.82@btinternet.com](mailto:Lauder.82@btinternet.com) by 6pm on Saturday 13 June. 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 [Corpus Christi](#).

### Benediction from St John's Church - Wednesday 17 June - 7pm

The link for this is <https://youtu.be/tgLFGEoymaE>

It will also be on Facebook Live.'

**On Friday 19 June** between 9.20 and 9.55am there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (livestreamed) and at 11am there will be a **Rosary Meeting** on Zoom. If you would like to join the latter, please contact Maria Igoe (0798 1333219). 'For those who do not have the internet, we can phone them at that time and they can pray with us that way.'

### 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?** We are continuing our trial using Zoom alongside YouTube so that you can actively participate in the Mass, and even have a little chat and goodbye at the end like would normally happen at the back of the Church on the way out.

We realise there were teething problems last week – many thanks for the feedback – and we hope to have sorted out some of the initial problems – though we'll only find out on Saturday morning if we have!

**<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](mailto:ewhite@outlook.com) and I will help.'*

## THE PARISHES IN A TIME OF CRISIS - Caring for Each Other

### *A Message from our Parishes' St Vincent de Paul Conference*

'Have you been financially hammered by the Covid 19 crisis? Have you lost your job or your business and have no financial reserves left? Are you unable to feed your family? The SVP might be able to help.

Please **either text 07752 682 213** or **email** the parish house office on

[stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) with your **phone number, name and address** and a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul will get back to you within 48 hrs.'

**Our PEP (Parish Emergency Planning) Group** is meeting regularly to develop and put into practice plans for pastoral, spiritual and liturgical care in these very new circumstances..... **We would be so grateful if people were willing to put forward ideas for us to implement in the weeks ahead**

### **Our Covid Pastoral Care Group**

is wondering if you know of anyone inadvertently missed out who would like

*Regular phone contact      Buying and delivering shopping*

*Collection and delivery of medication      Delivery of the weekly newsletter*

**If so, please do not hesitate to pass their details** to Father Jock or to our co-ordinator, Gary Zoltie (email: [garyzoltie@hotmail.com](mailto:garyzoltie@hotmail.com) or phone 07768647923).

### *ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GOES ONLINE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC*

‘Alcoholics Anonymous members are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic by taking their meetings online. In Edinburgh & Midlothian there are currently 45 online aa meetings. these can be accessed via our local website at: <https://aa-edinburgh.org.uk/online-meetings/>

For help contact [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk) or call our 24 hour helpline on 0800 9177 650.’

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Monday 15 June**

1pm – Livingston Crematorium – **Funeral Service of Sandra Elgey**

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

**Wednesday 17 June** - 7pm – St John’s/Youtube/Facebook – **Benediction**

### **Friday 20 June**

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

11am – Zoom – **Rosary**

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**PRAY AS YOU GO - Available on our Facebook Page each morning from 8.30am**

**‘Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, lasting between ten and thirteen minutes and combining music, scripture and some questions for reflection.**

It’s designed to go with us wherever we go, to help us pray whenever we find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc – or when under lockdown!

A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week – with one session for the weekend. **It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for our own prayer.**

The aim is to help us to:

- become more aware of God's presence in our life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in our relationship with God

(The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality. It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Although the content is different every day, it keeps to the same basic format.)’

## **A NEW WEBSITE FOR ST JOHN’S**

**Maggie Murphy writes:** ‘St John’s website has had a revamp! And hopefully you will find it slicker and more functional than before - especially during this lockdown period when we can’t gather together physically as a community. You will now find information about our live-streamed Masses, activities at St John’s, and other resources on the website. All feedback and suggestions welcomed, and we look forward to growing our online community together! **VISIT:** <https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk>

Do also visit St Mary Magdalene’s website - [www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk)

# **STEKA SKILLS – VARIOUS FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE DURING THE COVID'19 CRISIS TO KEEP THE HOME GOING – AND HELP THE SKILLS CENTRES BECOME A REALITY**

**Emma Wood and Catherine McAnenny write:**

## **Fathers' Day Cards**

'In a continuing effort to try and help its partners in Malawi survive the pandemic and have some hope of experiencing a green and just recovery, the charity STEKAskills has produced fathers' day cards which represent a donation (of hopefully around £10) to the charity. They hope that fathers everywhere will appreciate the impact that this virtual gift will make. The message inside the card – referring to Godknows Maseko, founder of the Home with his wife Helen, reads:

*' TO THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT FATHER, I'VE DONATED TO THE CHARITY STEKASKILLS TO HELP ANOTHER GREAT FATHER BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR HIS 74 CHILDREN'.*

There's a full account of what this gift will help achieve in Malawi too. The cards will be available to buy online from this weekend, and we will share the link via our Facebook site, or STEKAskills volunteers are happy to deliver cards locally if you contact Catherine McAnenny (07968970159) or [stekaskills@gmail.com](mailto:stekaskills@gmail.com) .

## **A Sponsored Walk**

We are DELIGHTED that **Clare Cunningham**, one of the young people inspired by the founder of the Steka Children's Home in Malawi , the amazing Godknows Maseko, and by all we're trying to achieve through the Portobello-based charity, STEKAskills, has decided to help us raise the remaining money we need to open our skillscentres. She will do so by duplicating the **500km walk** that Godknows made – from Blantyre to Lilongwe – in order to raise awareness of the plight of street kids' in Malawi just before he opened the Home.

Clare has written a beautiful account of the story of Godknows' walk and why she's been inspired to duplicate it. If any of The Home's supporters would like to read more about Godknows' original walk or are inspired to help Clare achieve her aim (and us achieve ours) please click on the link to read all about it. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clare-cunningham5...>

We need to raise £2,000 to pay for simple toilets and handwashing facilities at the Skillscentres so they can be opened and used to offer support to communities during the Covid pandemic. With people having to shelter at home, psychosocial counselling and parenting advice are crucial. And it's even more important now to help people learn the skills they need to recover economically.

## **Facemasks**

We're so grateful to some very generous volunteers who are making facemasks for us. These are high quality, multilayered and washable. Our fundraising (and fund earning) opportunities have fallen off a cliff because of the pandemic and we hope that this will help mitigate some of the impact. It also gives everyone a chance to contribute to a green and just recovery... We are going to start locally in Portobello where we can deliver (of course, respecting social distancing) but would also consider posting masks if that were needed.

The plan is that anyone who would like a mask emails [stekaskills@gmail.com](mailto:stekaskills@gmail.com) (or messages STEKAskills on Facebook). They can then pay online via our website and we will organise delivery (or we can take cash in an envelope locally - as long as it can be organised properly). We'd like a donation of £7 for each mask if possible, please.

If anyone else is interested in volunteering their services to help make the masks, please contact Catherine McAnenny, on 07968970159 .' .

## MOUNT VERNON - COVID-19 CEMETERY RESTRICTIONS

Anna Elżbieta Kulwicka, Manager, Mount Vernon Cemetery, writes: 'This cemetery is open to the public at weekends until further notice

- **Friday** 4pm-8pm
- **Saturday** 8am-8pm
- **Sunday** 8am-8pm

Access is for pedestrians only (please enter through the side gate). Weekday access is restricted to funeral services only. The cemetery office and public toilets are closed until further notice. These temporary conditions are to ensure a safe working environment for our staff and to conduct burials safely and respectfully. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.' For queries/requests please contact the cemetery manager on 0131 623 8906. Updates are available from: [archedinburgh.org/news-events](http://archedinburgh.org/news-events)

## SCIAF - Covid Emergency Appeal



'The Covid crisis falls into that awkward category of emergencies, like many food crises, which build up slowly and where there is no single catastrophic event that triggers an appeal. Also, rather than being an emergency in another, developing country, this one affects us at home too. Indeed, the vast majority of cases are in Europe and the United States, and it is not clear yet whether the virus will affect tropical countries as much as those with temperate climates like our own.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't be responding with partners already. We are but we are concentrating on public health preventative measure, and food and livelihoods assistance. These will help prevent and restrict the pandemic, and enable people to be able to feed and provide for their families and loved ones during the restrictions that have been imposed in their countries.

What it does mean, however, is that there are relatively few cases in the developing world at the moment while people at home are having to cope with the acute peak of the crisis. Within this people are, very naturally, more focused on the health, safety and wellbeing of their families and friends and there is very little bandwidth in the media to cover the response to the pandemic in the developing news. With little evidence of acute need overseas, little media attention or scope for it, and people preoccupied with the situation here at home, it is our judgement that now is not the right time for a full emergency appeal.

**To donate, and for more information, go online to [sciaf.org.uk](http://sciaf.org.uk)**

**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.'

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

0800 027 1234

## PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Alf Tesoro, Frances Green (sister of Una Gallagher), Theresa Maguire and Peter Harris*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Anne-Marie Aitken, Tom Brown, Thomas McNama, Mary Durkin, George Hanlon and Cathy McGravie*

**St John's**

**June 14 :-** Cathie McGravie (2018); Lily Sandham (1985); Annie Rae (1979); Susan (Magee) Purcell (1970); John Fusco (1942); Winnie Torrance; **June 15 :-** Ona McArthur (2011); Anthony Fusco (1978); Jessie McGuire (1954); **June 16 :-** Margaret Lynch (2019); Tom Brown (2016); Anne Marie Aitken (2015); Annette Donivar (2013); Violet Macnamara (1997); Fr. John Fusco (1994); Amelia W Murphy (1981); **June 17 :-** Roland Ogilvie (2013); **June 18 :-** Thomas Quinn (2004); Mary Eardley (1999); Betty McLean (1997); Thomas McNama (1966); **June 19 :-** Rose Ann Rooney (2011); Norah Gallagher (2001); Mario Boni (1997); **June 20 :-** Catherine Conway (2005); Euphemia Dickson (1997)

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**June 14 :-** Josephine Heaney (1996); **June 16 :-** Isobel Kesson (1995)

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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 McPhilipps, 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:** Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Emilia Iheji, Jan Meise, Sevan Kazimoglu, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Bill Hynd, 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
7 June 2020	£320.00 (including Gift Aid of £310.00) and Direct Debits - £124.00 - ie <b>£444.00</b>	£922.40 (including Gift Aid of £742.40) and Direct Debits – £684.40 - ie <b>£1606.40</b>

**Maria Igoe writes:**

- **DIAL - A – MASS -**

‘For those who do not have the internet and have been unable to take part in Holy Mass, Fr Stephen Baillie, St Joseph's, Clarkston, Paisley Diocese, records his Mass daily and this can be sourced on the phone. Just dial 0141 473 4869 - you will get a short daily Mass, lasting about 15 minutes. This is a great service for those, who have felt disconnected during the last few months. Give it a try.

- **ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN - Backpacks for Children in Malawi**

Would you like a project that will help a child in a poor country and make them very happy? If you have a backpack you no longer use, you could give it a clean and fill it with goodies, which will help another child to go to school.

**Please fill your bag with:**

Notebook, pencils, pens, crayons, eraser, sharpener, ruler, pencil case, towel, shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress, flip-flops or sandals, small ball (e.g. tennis ball), soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, spoon.

**Handy Hints:**

Don't buy new, recycle where you can! Clothing for children between four and 12 years.

Please label filled bags for boy/girl and age e.g. 8. Don't be tempted to put in toys or sweets. This can cause problems during delivery. Mary's Meals will deliver your backpack to a child in Malawi to help them get the most out of their education.

So do not throw away last year's school backpack or your P.E. kit, which you have grown out of. Pass it on to a child who will be delighted to receive it from you.’



Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.

## *Your Garden Is Good For You*



Spending time in your garden will do your wellbeing as much good as if you were living in a wealthy neighbourhood.

So says a recent study by the University of Exeter and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). It has found that 71 per cent of people who used their garden went on to report good general health, as compared to 61 per cent who did not use their outdoor space. A similar difference in wellbeing was seen between the highest and lowest income groups.

The study also found that those of us who love our gardens are far more likely to have greater levels of physical activity and much higher psychological well being.

## *Hospital Transports Patient To The Beach*



There's nothing quite like fresh sea air! At a hospital in Barcelona medical staff have been wheeling out recovering COVID-19 patients, across the road, to admire the view of the beach

## FR TOMMY GREENAN – THE FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

*Tommy was a priest for nearly 40 years and most of the tributes to him have concentrated on those four decades of his life. At the end of his funeral service, his sister Carol spoke, rightly keen to redress the balance...!*

‘Our brother Tommy was a priest. But he was way more than that. Long before and during his priesthood he was our mum and dad’s son and our brother, an uncle and a cousin. And he was loved.

Tommy was the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 10 children. Gordon soon followed and they became the gruesome twosome. On more than one occasion my sister Alice discovered her dolls scalped, war painted and hung from the hall banister – a victim of Tommy and Gordon’s Cowboys and Indians game.

Tommy had a wicked sense of humour. My brother Gordon was prone to sleepwalking and talking. They shared a bedroom downstairs. My mum heard a commotion one morning and ran into the room. Gordon was asleep, at the window, shouting at Tommy. ‘If you don’t play with me I’ll jump.’ Tommy was killing himself laughing, with tears running down his face, saying ‘Jump! Go on jump!’

Tommy became a priest and the whole family were very proud. His calling was to the missions and he went to Central America. In El Salvador, he witnessed many horrific things. I remember him coming home, looking starved and haunted. I can still remember the day a car went down our street and backfired. Tommy hit the deck with his arms over his head, expecting gunfire.

After El Salvador, Tommy studied in Spain for his PhD. He then went to Guatemala. My nephew Robert visited him there. Tommy enjoyed terrorizing (sorry, I mean educating) Robert about the local wildlife. To this day, Robert still cannot go to the bathroom without checking the toilet for snakes.

When Tommy came back from Guatemala, we could see something was wrong. Our wee brother Joe took Tommy to live with him and his family. We thought that Tommy might have PTSD, but I think we all knew what it was after seeing our mother suffer from a similar type illness. Joe really cared for Tommy – and that was not an easy job because Tommy was very independent and stubborn and let’s face it, they’re both Greenans.’ Our family are not known for their mild, meek manners!

Tommy’s illness eventually got so bad that he had to go into a residential home. This broke Joe’s heart but we are all immensely proud of Joe and the love and care he gave Tommy. The staff took good care of our Tommy but sadly he got Covid-19 and could fight no more. This is a sad day for us all. We are a large family and most of us can’t be here including our sister Honor and brothers John and Tony who can’t travel due to travel restrictions. But we are all feeling the same.

Our Tommy was our Mum and Dad’s son, an uncle, a cousin. He was our brother and he was loved!’