

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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St Peter and St Paul – Sunday 28 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.



Our Churches are Open

On Sunday 28 June our Churches will be open for *Private Prayer*

St Mary Magdalene's from 1pm – 2pm

St John's from 2pm – 4pm

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

Monday 29 June 11am – 12 noon	Tuesday 30 June 11am – 12 noon	Wednesday 1 July 11am – 12 noon
Thursday 2 July 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Friday 3 July 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Saturday 4 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 Celebrate the Re-opening of our Churches we are giving away copies of Living Faith, with a reflection for each day from 1 July to 30 September.

A Prayer of St Anselm (1034-1109)

O Lord God,
Grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart,
That so desiring, we may seek,
and seeking, find you;
and so finding you, may love you.
(adapted)

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.*

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

Arlene Lauder writes: 'Please join us this Sunday 28 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 by 6pm on Saturday 27 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 St Peter and St Paul.

Benediction from St John's Church - Wednesday 1 July - 7pm

The link for this is [Link for this is https://youtu.be/fgHls1Sv7Xw](https://youtu.be/fgHls1Sv7Xw)

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?** 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 the first week – but thanks to feedback last Saturday, we seemed to have them sorted last week

<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.'

THE PARISHES IN A TIME OF CRISIS

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 with your **phone number, name and address** and a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul will get back to you within 48 hrs.'

Parish Finances and Coronavirus - A (Reasonably) New Way to Give

If you are still in a position to give to our parishes during this time, you can set up a Standing Order by online banking, pop an envelope through the joint parish house (state which Parish it is for) or you can use one of the links below using your debit or credit card (and you can add gift aid even if you are not registered to donate through the parishes.)

For St John's, please donate here:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDJOE&amount=

For St Mary Magdalene's, please donate here:

https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDMAG&amount=

Please do not feel under any pressure but we are offering this initiative in response to those who have asked for an alternative online method of payment.

If you wish to set up a standing order, the Parishes' account details are:

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St Mary Magdalene's:

Sort Code: 80-18-31

Account Number: 00277159

Account name – See below

St John's:

Sort Code: 80 – 46 - 53

Account Number: 10765768

Account name – St John the Evangelist

Please include your name as the payment reference

There was at first some confusion as regards setting up standing orders for St Mary Magdalene's. This was investigated – Jean McNally writes: 'it looks like the format of "Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh St Mary Magdalene Church" should be used if one is completing a form and posting or handing in to the bank, while if a money transfer or Standing Order is being set up electronically, the recognised format is "Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh03".'

THIS WEEK

Monday 29 June - 5pm – Parish House/Zoom – Parishes Emergency Planning (PEP!) Group Meeting

Tuesday 30 June - 7.30pm – Zoom/Lauriston Centre - 'The Church after Lockdown?'- with Jesuits in Britain Provincial Damian Howard, SJ (see below)

Wednesday 1 July - 7pm – St John's/Youtube/Facebook – Benediction

Thursday 2 July - Zoom/SLN - Jim Wallis on 'Listening and Responding to the Cry of the Poor'(See below)

Friday 3 July

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

11am – Zoom – **Rosary**

TWO LOCKDOWN INITIATIVES

Lauriston Jesuit Centre - Lockdown Talks

The next Zoom session talk will be this Tuesday 30 June from 7.30 to 8.30pm -Fr Damian Howard SJ ... 'The Church after Lockdown - More information about this talk can be found on www.lauriston.org.uk If you have missed any of the earlier talks you will still be able to find them on the above site.'

The Scottish Laity Network – A Journey of Discernment

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, and Lorna Gold**. 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

- Our final session is **this Thursday 2 July** - at the earlier time of 6.30 pm – and is with **Jim Wallis** who will invite us to reflect on '**Listening and Responding to the Cry of the Poor.**' Jim is a globally respected writer, teacher, preacher, and justice advocate who believes the gospel of Jesus must be transformed from its cultural and political captivities. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author, Founder, President, and Editor-In-Chief of **Sojourners**. He served on President Obama's White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighbourhood Partnerships.

If you have not registered for any of our sessions we warmly invite you to so.

We also 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.'

An Observation by the late John O'Donohue:

'One of the great fruits of suffering is compassion. When you have felt and experienced pain, it refines the harshness that may be in you. Tolstoy said that our great duty as humans was to sow the seed of compassion in each others' hearts. This happens in friendship. If you are in pain and your friend knows pain, you feel the kinship and understanding that can really shelter you. Understanding is one of the few shelters that are capable of standing in the suffering place.'

NOTICEBOARD

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. Join them to witness the life-changing work you make possible. 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!'



The Pamoja Fashion Team writes: 'Please do not leave any clothes at the back of the church for Pamoja Fashion until further notice. Many thanks.'

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: Mary Griffin, Rita Franchetti, Edna McIntyre, Eileen Connor, Grace Kennedy and Tom Harkness

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jane McGuire, Pietrina Crolla, John Stone, Sam Kershaw, William Sellar and Lorraine Muldoon

St John's

June 28 :- Jane McGuire (2018); Rosella Scott (2012); James O'Brien (1993); Francis Early (1990); John O'Brien (1915);
June 29 :- Anne Webster (2018); Harry Cockburn (1988); Nello Andreucetti (1973); **June 30 :-** Pietrina Crolla (2018); Marie Veronica McAuley (2007); Anne Lawler (1977); John Stone (1930); **July 1 :-** John Fusco (2008); Patrick Barrins (1942);
July 2 :- Bridget Tracy (2014); Daniel Kelly (1982); Anthony Docherty (1968); Christina Cunningham; **July 3 :-** Sam Kershaw (2014); Katherine Brown (2004); Violet Macnamara Sen.; **July 4 :-** Bill Sharp (1997); Michael Gilhooly (1981); Catherine Trower (1953); Francis J Sweeney 1949)

St Mary Magdalene's

June 28 :- Donna Skey (1970); **July 1 :-** Mary Robertson (2000); **July :-** Dorothy Barrett (2003); Mary Healy (1997);
July 4 :- Annie O'Toole (1999)

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, Giulio 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: Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Rose Paxton, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Emilia Iheji, Jan Meise, Seval 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, Roksan Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jordan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
21 June 2020	Gift Aid of £200 and £124.00 Direct Debits – ie £324.00	£347.40 (including Gift Aid of £247.40) and £684.40 Direct Debits – ie £1031.80

Thank You
for your kindness

	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
Donations made during May via card payment	£210.05 (including Gift Aid of £180.74)	£186.07 (including Gift Aid of £186.07)

ST MARY MAGDALENE



Recently we received **£2521.56** from HMRC for the Gift Aid period 2019-2020. If you are a tax payer and would like to enrol in the Gift Aid Scheme please get in touch with Madge Moyes.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Welcome to the world...Aiden Joseph Murphy, a first child for Catherine and Martin Murphy, born in Edinburgh on Saturday 13 June

Warm Birthday Greetings to Margaret McLeod, 90 today, Sunday 29 June.

Recently we received £11,359.72 from HMRC for the Gift Aid period 2019-2020. If you are a tax payer and would like to enrol in the Gift Aid Scheme please get in touch with Karen in the Parish Office (669 5447.)



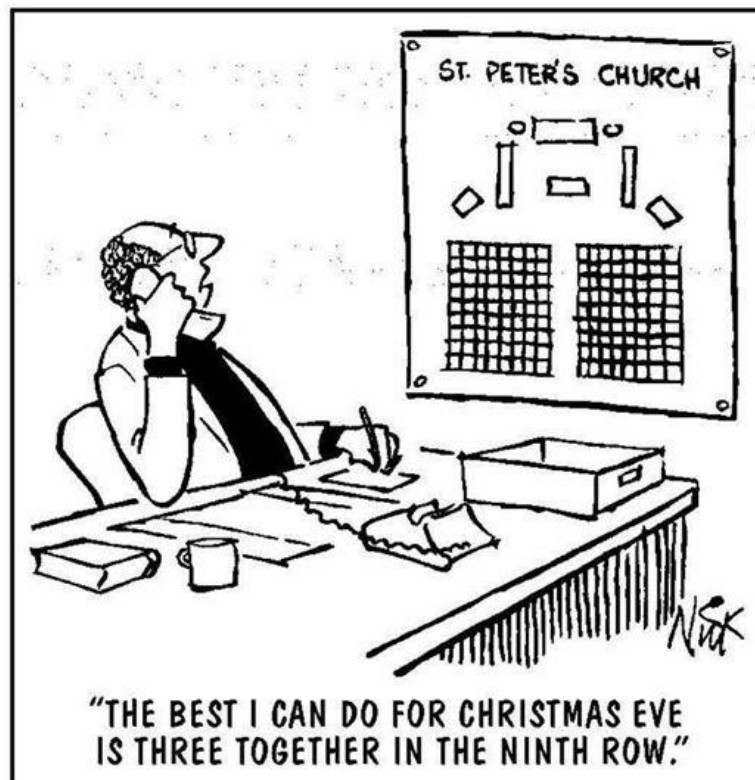
CARDS FROM THE STALL AT ST JOHN'S:

Maria Igoe writes: 'It has been difficult to buy cards at this time when most shops have been closed. Please know that if you require a card for a Mass or for sympathy or other reason, this can be ordered and delivered to you. Feel free to contact Maria Igoe 0131 669 0247 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk '

- **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.'



A Healthy Human Being: A Reflection by Peter Miller

'Ashley Montagu (1905 -1999) was a British-American anthropologist and for many years a public intellectual in the States. 75 years ago he published 'Man's Most Dangerous Myth: The Fallacy of Race'. Apart from Covid19 much of the world is debating issues of race, gender, identity and human development. This list which he compiled. is still is of interest in these turbulent times. For Montagu, a healthy human being requires much more than satisfaction of physiological needs in childhood. He lists the following psychic needs of a growing young child that must be fulfilled to ensure full development of a child's potential.....see if they resonate in any way with your own thinking.

need for love: friendship: sensitivity: the need to think soundly: the need to know: the need to learn: the need to work: the need to organise: curiosity: the sense of wonder; playfulness imagination: creativity: flexibility; experimental-mindedness: resiliency: a sense of humour: joyfulness: laughter and tears: optimism: honesty and trust: a desire to explore compassionate intelligence: dance and song. In many ways it is a meaningful list, but I cannot help thinking of the millions of children in our world who are fortunate if they can have even one meal in day and/or fresh water. I very often think of the children living on the streets in the great city of Chennai in south India where we lived as a family for many years. What is their future at a time when the gulf between rich and poor widens day by day – at a global level? And also we think about the millions of children in the affluent world who in their young lives are for one reason or another nowhere near even a few of these visionary hopes.'

A Poem for Today's Feast - Peter and Paul and You and Me

Places of worship are open again,
some with a whimper and some with a bang,
but none are open for the gathering of the real church
we're called to celebrate,
the church that is made of Peter and Paul and you and me.
There are those for whom a private prayer
in a place with symbols and of memories
will give a sense of closeness to our God.
For many still, however, it only underlines our loss
of that togetherness in Christ
which strengthens and inspires but challenges just as much.

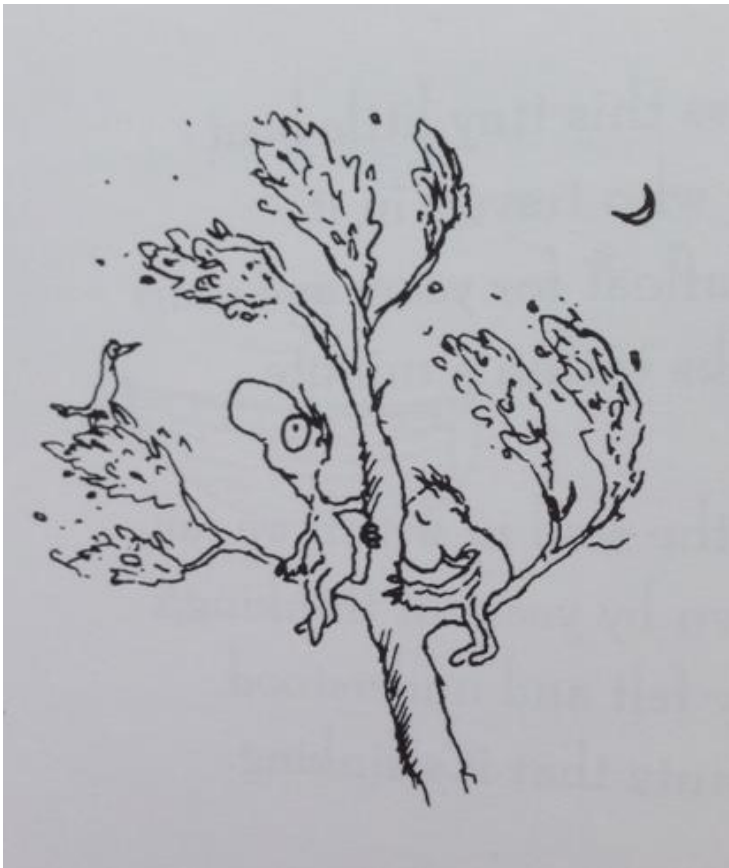
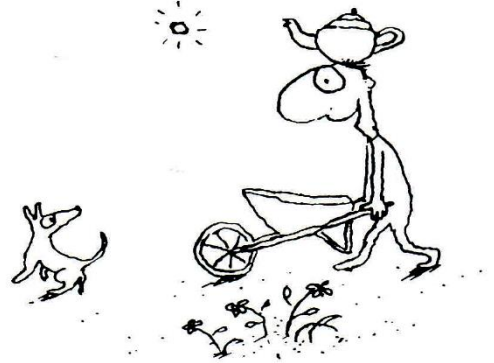
Peter and Paul are celebrated together in Christian churches today
but in their lives they represented
how our God made one of us
not only welcomes in but binds together
people of such different natures and even points of view.

This lockdown has reminded us
how hard it is to grow in closeness
when we're thrust together every moment,
even with the ones we love the most.
How long would Paul and Peter have managed to be friends
had they been locked alone together?
It would be for them, as it must be for us,
a precious time of learning
through beginning to appreciate a very little
of what we do not understand,
the depths of God and His creation;
and His acceptance of the very little we as individuals
can only slowly come to grasp.
Who we are and what we are,
within the richness of our very different selves,
can only flourish when we are open to our God,
and thus to one another.

(Canon Andrew Monaghan)

From The Prayer Tree by Leunig

Dear God,
We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms,
bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for
humans tending their gardens, talking to
animals, cleaning their homes and singing to
themselves; for the rising of the sap, the
fragrance of growth, the invention of the
wheelbarrow and the existence of the
teapot, we give thanks. We celebrate and
give thanks.
Amen



We give thanks for our friends.
Our dear friends.
We anger each other.
We fail each other.
We share this sad earth, this tender life,
this precious time.
Such richness. Such wildness.
Together we are blown about.
Together we are dragged along.
All this delight.
All this suffering.
All this forgiving life.
We hold it together.
Amen.