



THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
 35 Brighton Place, Edinburgh EH15 1LL Bingham Avenue, Edinburgh EH15 3HY
 Parish Priest: Fr. Jock Dalrymple: 0131 669 5447
 Deacon – Revd Eddie White: 07986 015772
 Pastoral Team: Alice Codling, Jennifer Morris and Chris Vinestock
 Shared Parish House: 3 Sandford Gardens, EH15 1LP

Administrator: Enrico Fertini

(Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10am to 3pm & Friday 11am-4pm)

Web address: www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk Web address: www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk

Joint e-mail for our sister parishes: stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com



33rd Sunday of the Year – Sunday 15 November 2020



WELCOME... *If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes. 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.*

An Extra Sunday Mass from the Beginning of Advent – and more Children's Masses

Fr Jock writes: 'Each week, we are having to turn more and more people away from our three Sunday Masses, with all the Masses normally fully booked by Thursday....so from the beginning of Advent, we are introducing – for a trial period - a 4.30pm Mass on Sunday afternoon at St John's. I'm only allowed to celebrate three Sunday Masses (not counting our pre-recorded online Sunday 11am Mass), so this is only possible through the generosity of Fr Jim Smith who will normally be the celebrant for this extra Mass.

We also, in response to the enthusiasm shown at our first Children and Families' Mass (ie Children within their Family's Bubble) a fortnight ago, plan to offer two such Children's Masses every month, one month at 5pm on Saturday at St John's (instead of the 6.30pm) and 11.15am on Sunday at St Mary Magdalene's, the following month at 9.30pm and 4.30pm on Sunday at St John's. More details in the coming weeks – but the next Children's Masses will be on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December.'

MIGHT YOU BE WILLING TO BE PART OF A ST JOHN'S TOWER FUNDRAISING GROUP?

Following on from the very informative presentations last week about the restoration project for the tower, both at the St John's Masses and online, we are looking to form a fundraising group to help support the financing of this £350,000 project....Could any parishioners that are interested in joining such a group please get in touch with either Chris Vinestock at the parish house or Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.

The first initiative is a Christmas Raffle – see Notice Board...

Congratulations to the five Do This In Memory candidates – now all Primary 5! – who made their **First Communion** last Friday evening, at 6pm in St John's: **Rian Henderson, Evan Allan, Rebecca Crolla, Macy Harper and Vhari McLeish**....and to the six who will make theirs next Saturday at 10am – **Finlay McCarthy, Matteo Pia, Daniel Ramsay, Evie Vernon-Coyle, Genna Carlin, Hollie Waite-Conroy and Nadia Rekowska**.

Livestreamed Bereavement Mass – Prayer Room - 7.30pm – Thursday 27 November

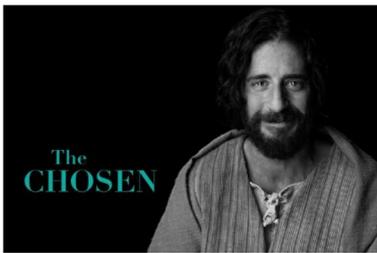
In recent years, many people have been moved by our two November **Bereavement Masses** - gentle and beautiful candlelit Masses in both our churches in which we have remembered our dead - and have had the opportunity to light a candle for them... This year, sadly, that won't be possible in our churches, but we want instead to move online and try to offer people a similar experience....

The plan is that at the appropriate time in the Mass - after the gospel – the names handed in will be read out and you will have the chance to light a candle at home – either your own, or one given by the parishes – either collected, or sent out by post. (Let us know if you would like one...)

As for the names of deceased loved ones, please email the parish house or hand in the names you would like read out. To ensure the Masses don't take too long the suggestion is that we limit each person to 6 names – the last of which might be – ‘the Deceased Members and Relatives of the _____ family’.

More details to follow next week...

STARTING THIS WEEK - AN AUTUMN AND ADVENT INITIATIVE FOR OUR TWO PARISHES



a chance to watch and reflect on a superb new series about the life and ministry of Jesus

THE CHOSEN

based on the Gospels and remaining true to their spirit, but with great creativity imagining life at that time and what might have been the background to the events we know so well

<https://youtu.be/K1-FoFj8Jbo> (the official trailer)

This week – Episode 1 – do watch it at home and then reflect on the questions included in this newsletter (see back page)and/or, if you'd like to be part of a 'house group' sharing with a few others – please contact Geoff and Sheilagh Dobson (geoffdobson@btinternet.com) – and they will send you a Zoom link – for the meeting at Tuesday at 2pm (by which time you should have watched the episode!). **The Link for Episode 1 is below**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFzW7PIXck0Yx7e-jA8D3mLuFYA3QcM9f>

We have DVDs available for those unable to access the episodes online.

Any questions, please contact Deacon Eddie - ewhite@outlook.com - or ring the Parish House – 0131 669 5447

Masses – and How/If to Book

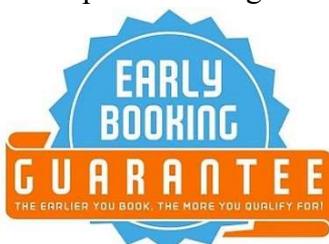
To help us to manage the numbers, if you wish to come to one of the 'live' Saturday and Sunday Masses, please contact the parish house

by phone (0131 669 5618 – a special number) only on

Wednesday 10am to 1pm

Thursday 10am to 1pm

Friday 11am to 1pm

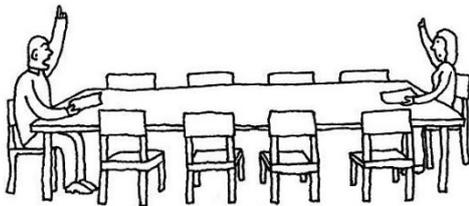


Or by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) until Friday 1pm. We are continuing to livestream some of our **Weekday Masses from the Prayer Room** in the Parish House - **this week on Monday and Friday at 10am and Tuesday at 7.00pm** (This is partly because after every Mass in one of our Churches, 'deep cleaning' has to take place – something that takes a considerable length of time and effort. We are so incredibly grateful to our welcomers, stewards and cleaners who are making it possible for us to have our churches open – **and always open to new volunteers.**)

Please also be aware that you will need to utilize hand sanitisers as you come into and leave the church, and masks must be worn throughout the service.

Due to the COVID regulations we have limited seatings available and therefore we **advise early booking.**

We are grateful for your patience and understanding in these difficult times.



... and remember ...



THIS WEEK

Saturday 14 November

6.30pm – St John's - **Vigil Mass** (fully booked)

Sunday 15 November

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** (fully booked)

11.00am – **Full length Sunday Mass** (streamed on YouTube, pre-recorded from the Prayer Room)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass** (fully booked)

Monday 16 November

10am – St John's – **Mass** (livestreamed)

7-8pm – Zoom/Google Meeting – **Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All**

To join by Zoom, click the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87636795735?pwd=cFFmTIVOMXZCb2pRRkYyMmUyZXE4dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 3679 5735 Passcode: 254783

Via Google: meet.google.com/tji-kusa-jbz

The format is very simple and unthreatening – listening to the Sunday readings, and to a precis of Fr Jock or Deacon Eddie's homily, and then – for those who wish (but absolutely no pressure, it's more than ok to remain silent) – a chance to share one's own personal perspective, and finally, concluding with some very gentle prayer....Do give it a try....

Tuesday 17 November

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** (livestreamed)

Wednesday 18 November

9.20am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am – St John's - **Mass** (livestreamed, no booking required)

Thursday 19 November

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass** (livestreamed, no booking required)

Friday 20 November

9.20am – Prayer Room – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00 am – Prayer Room – **Mass** (livestreamed)

11am - **Rosary** - Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and also on the phone (contact Maria Igoe, 07981 333219)

Saturday 21 November

10am – St John's – **Mass with First Communions (livestreamed)**

6.30pm – St John's - **Vigil Mass (booking required)**

Sunday 22 November

9.30am – St John's – **Mass (booking required) with Reception, Confirmation and first Communion of Charlotte Campbell.**

11.00am – **Full length Sunday Mass** (streamed on YouTube, pre-recorded from the Prayer Room)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass (booking required)**

NOTICEBOARD

The Radio Scotland Sunday Morning Service from June– New Every Sunday – led by Fr Jock, in which he spoke about Fr Tommy Greenan, is being repeated this Sunday morning at 7.30pm.

Fr Jock is away from Sunday to Friday evening on his annual Retreat – please pray for a fruitful few day for him....and a warm welcome – and our gratitude – to Fr Jim Smith covering our Monday to Friday Masses.

The St John's Church Tower Repairs – An Important Communication

This is what Gary Zoltie from the St John's Finance Council said last weekend at Mass at St John's:

'I have been asked to speak to you today, just for a couple of minutes, to make you aware of our church Tower Project and its financial implications. I speak to you as both a member of the St John's Fabric Committee and as chair of the Finance Council.

As parishioners of St Johns we are all very proud of this beautiful church, now 114 years old, and of course it is very much enjoyed by the wider Portobello community. It is the responsibility of all of us to look after the building and hand it over to future generations in a condition that ensures its longevity.

However, following a detailed survey and inspection of the whole church building earlier this year, this survey has highlighted that there is significant remedial work required to the masonry due to weathered stonework and missing pointing between the stones.

We have to respond quickly before there is any risk of someone getting hurt by falling masonry.

The Fabric Committee along with the surveyors have issued a tender document to 5 contractors, 3 of whom responded so we now have an accurate costing.

The total cost of the project including project management fees is I'm afraid, the huge sum of £352,000 + VAT. We should be able to claim the VAT back, but we only have £203,000 in the bank (£100,000 from our Restoration Fund), so unfortunately we are £150,000 short.

We will be applying for grants, but we cannot be sure this will be successful at this stage

The Archdiocese will we hope lend us the shortfall but this will leave a significant financial burden on the church for the next 20-25 years due to the loan repayments, which we would like to avoid if at all possible. So, this morning, I am asking you to do 2 things.

Firstly, when you get home take the time to watch Paul Macpherson's superb and informative presentation which lasts around 10 minutes and explains the project in a bit more detail. This can be seen on the church website, the Facebook page and on YouTube and the links for these are in the newsletter. For those that don't have internet we have also produced some DVD copies which I can give you afterwards if you need one.

Then, secondly, can you start to think of how **you** can help in supporting our stewardship responsibilities for our church building? We are extremely limited in terms of how we can fundraise, though we will have to. **We will be having a monthly special collection on the last Sunday of the month, beginning on Sunday 29 November**, specifically for the tower project (and it will be possible - if you are so generously inclined – to do this by standing order or bank transfer), there will also be 2 or 3 fundraising events [the first of which will be a Christmas raffle. Please please support these initiatives and please believe me every single penny counts so whatever you can afford to donate no matter how small will help to reduce the impact of this huge loan. Any larger donations will of course be gratefully received.'

For further information on standing orders or bank transfer payments, please contact our Administrator, Enrico, in the Parish House...

OUR FIRST TOWER FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE...

Catherine McAnenny writes: ‘The first initiative we have agreed on is a Christmas raffle and we have already secured some fabulous prizes. Due to the restrictions imposed on us because of COVID we won’t be able to promote the sale of the tickets after Mass as we once would have done. So, instead, we hope that it will be ok if we post one book of tickets to each household in St Johns...the tickets will be £2 each and will be in books of five. We would be very grateful if you would return the money and any unsold tickets back to the Parish House in the envelope that will be provided.

If any parishioners feel that they could sell more than one book to tickets perhaps to extended family, friends and work colleagues please contact me on 07968970159 and more ticket books can be delivered. Similarly, if any St Mary Magdalene’s parishioners are willing to help, that would be wonderful...

A Special Bargain Offer – a GOGOF!

What is a GOGOF? It’s the same as a BOGOF but instead of Buy One Get One Free, you can Give One and Give another One Free! Under the UK Aid Match scheme, donations to a number of charities before the end of January 2021 will be matched by the Government – every £ you give will be doubled. Two charities currently benefitting from this are:

Mary’s Meals: Double the Love. It costs £15.90 to feed a child for a whole school year with Mary’s Meals – and now you can Double The Love and feed TWO children for just £15.90. Go to marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

Water Aid: Future on Tap. Provide clean water for people in remote areas of Ethiopia dependent on dirty, polluted water. Go to wateraid.org/uk/future-on-tap-appeal

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

☎ 0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Babies Olive and Rose Bailey, William Gibson, Pdraig Jordan, Alberico Tiso and Edith Miller

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jude Payne, Helen Fuller, Sally Stone, Domenico Fertini, Hugh Campbell O’Neill, William Molloy, Michael Delaney and Anne Moore

Nov. 16:- Domenico Fertini (2017); Alexander Pyper (2007); William Cairns (1994); Daniel O’Lone (1979); Michael Clyne (1960); **Nov. 17:-** George Hooper (2014); Winifred Thomson (1997); Helen Flynn (1992); **Nov. 18:-** Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn; **Nov. 19:-** James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn; **Nov. 20:-** Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); **Nov. 21:-** Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell; **Nov. 22:-** Mary R Stewart (2006); Patrick Loftus (1985); Daniel Holligan (1922); Fred Aitken; Mr & Mrs Donlevy; Mary Greig;

St Mary Magdalene’s Nov. 16:- James Madden (2007); **Nov. 19:-** John Murphy (1967); **Nov. 21:-** Mrs Durkin (1974);

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Susan Cammach, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Sheila Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Giulio Crolla, Alf MacNamara, Stan McKay, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene’s: Jacqueline Marinello, Sheila and George Service, Ray Donnelly, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Prior, John Newell, Michael McPhillips, 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.

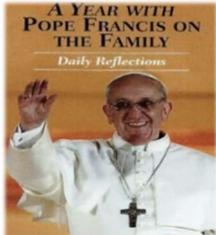
Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: baby Josh Simpson, Katie McAnenny, Piotr and Daniela Przekop, Jack Gibson, Robert Shaw, Hugh Campbell, baby Kinsley McMillan, baby Francesca Horwood, Peter Von Schenk, Anthony Finnerty, John Walsh, Linda McKean, Moira McConville, Kathleen Kay, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, Hazel Yeoman, John Williams, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Max Middleton (aged 9), Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O’Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge,+ 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, Frank Palmer, 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, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, 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
8 November 2020	£73.40 offertory and £313.00 Gift Aid - £386.40 total	£472.93 (including Gift Aid of £180.00) and £1769.00 Standing Orders – £2241.93 total
Special Collections		Tower Fund £40.00 Bethany Night Shelter £40.00

Warm birthday greetings to Liz Buchanan, 80 next Thursday, 19 November



“Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”, but by attraction”

‘WHERE I FIND GOD’ - Sr Stanislaus Kennedy

Sr Stanislaus Kennedy, ‘Sr Stan’, is a well know social campaigner and founder of a number of voluntary organizations, including Focus Ireland, the Immigrant Council of Ireland, Young Social Innovators and the Sanctuary. She has received numerous awards and tributes in Ireland and elsewhere for her outstanding work for the marginalized in society. She is author of several bestselling books, including “To Live from the Heart”, “Seasons of Hope”, “Day by Day”, “The Road Home” and “Moment of Stillness”.



I like to think of my life as a journey, a journey from God to God. But actually, there are two journeys: an outward and an inward. My outward journey was into education, work, ministry and service. That journey took me from Dingle to Dublin, to Kilkenny and back to Dublin: from home, to school, to novitiate; and to the service of the poor, in Kilkenny Social Services, Focus Ireland, the Immigrant Council of Ireland, the Young Social Innovators and the Sanctuary. In each place I have found God, especially in the poor, vulnerable and marginalized people I encountered on my journey. The second journey is an inward journey. That is the journey into my true self, the *I am*, the God within me and around me; that is my journey into prayer and meditation and towards my ultimate home in God. These two journeys are of course closely intertwined.

They interact with and affect each other all the time. And so, it is when I come to describe the inward journey of the soul, I begin always from my involvement with the poor. The poor are, and have been, a source of life and healing to me every day of my life. As I walk with them, I have begun to understand better Jesus’ relationship with the poor of his time. He said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit”, and his whole life demonstrates his love for the poor and his belief that those who were rejected by society are blessed.

Throughout my life, God has also spoken to me through my weakness. Through the cracks in my life, when I was open to it, God’s radiance shone. Life taught this to me: the more I surrendered, the more I was able to let go of false image of myself, and see and accept myself as I really was: vulnerable, weak, afraid, anxious. And once I began to accept this, I began also to realise that God wanted to meet me there, in the brokenness, and that I could only really let God in through those broken parts of me. This was not something I could have done by myself; it only happens when I let God take over. And that is how the radiance of God light my way and leads me safely down the road home.

A REFLECTION BY BERNARD TRAYNOR ON THE READINGS

FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Buy at the bottom – sell at the top. If only things were that simple! Many a stockbroker and commodity dealer has lost money following a failing strategy. You may remember the collapse of Barings Bank in 1995 and the role played by Nick Leeson in bringing to its knees the second oldest Merchant Bank in the world. He started chasing his losses and the rest is, as they say, history. Many a gambler has fallen into the same trap. ‘Next time things will go my way; my luck will change.’ I enjoy average to above average success with my online trading platform. Yesterday, I ‘closed’ a contract on Oil that netted \$2,700 – a good days work. The only problem with my strategy is that I am just playing. A while back I opened a dummy account with an online platform and was given \$40,000 with which to play. I am still ahead – and have enjoyed success with my plan to buy at the bottom and sell at the top. It’s easy just to play. When it comes to using my own money I suddenly become completely emasculated. I just don’t have the courage. I am like the third man in today’s parable “*I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground.*” As I play around in my cyber world I am not so different from the teenager with his X-Box playing Battle Star Galactica or Grand Theft Auto. Sometimes it’s quite easy to crush the enemy or save the world, or close a deal.

The eternal optimist always sees sunlit uplands. Some of us are more realistic. We are not seduced by vain promises. We know that life is not a work of fiction, rather it is a study in facts. Life is a series of ups and downs, joys and sorrows, ambition and realisation. And yes, it is a world beset by virus and disease. We prefer to believe in our individual invincibility and then we wake up. In my fictional world It can be quite easy to place an order for 50,000 barrels of oil - but with limited reserves of real money it’s a slightly more problematic call. I am writing this on Thursday. I have just listened to a radio-station caller: She is 27 years of age. In March she was one of triplets, In June one of twins and now she is the sole survivor. COVID has stolen her brother and sister. It’s a sobering reminder that we’re not so powerful after all. I can wear a mask, exercise caution, keep my distance, wash my hands and generally, be sensible. I trust the scientists in their quest for an effective vaccine. I do my bit by not spreading the virus needlessly. I pray that their talent will enable them to do theirs. That word talent is not far from our thoughts this weekend.

We’re nearing the end of the Church’s year. Our thoughts are directed towards our individual day of reckoning and we’re invited to ponder anew on the Parable of the Talents. We know that we will each be called to give an account of our lives. It’s a sobering thought. Our talents are unique to us. I have been reading this week about eyes. Mine are blue – as are the eyes of millions of others. No two irises are the same – which is why they are used for biometric identification. They are as unique as we are – just as our talents are unique to us. An individual might be able to sing – but will sing differently to the next. The choirmaster’s skill lies in being able to blend the voices of his choir so that they bring life to the notes on the sheet music that sits before him. The timbre of each voice will be different. His talent lies in his ability to blend the voices at his disposal. When we dwell for the slightest moment on our ‘uniqueness’ we cannot fail but feel immense humility – and it is this uniqueness that becomes our yard-stick. It is against this that we will be measured and against this that we will give account of our lives.

On our day of reckoning we won’t be asked to compare ourselves to others - but we will be asked the simple question – based on what you had in life, how did you behave? The big positive from the parable is that God will not expect more than we can achieve – but He will expect that we achieve what we can. It doesn’t matter that I do not consider myself as gifted as that person, or that one over there. It does matter that I recognise that all I have is gift and my only responsibility is to use that giftedness – both for my own development and for the development and betterment of others. We will forever be subject to the workings of nature, but likewise we will always be in control of our own talents. The size of that talent base is as nothing if it is not matched by my effort. It’s a ridiculously simple principle – yet one that we can so easily get wrong. I’ll leave the final word this week to St Paul in the second reading: “*you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.....but it is not as if you live in the dark, for that Day to overtake you like a thief.*” We don’t live in the dark, we are enlightened by His light and that is sufficient for our needs.

THE CHOSEN



The Chosen is a 2020 television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins.

It is the first multi-season series about the life of Christ, and season one was the highest crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time.

Episode One - "I Have Called You By Name" Luke 8:2

Two brothers struggle with a Jewish tax collector over their debts to Rome; a Pharisee confronts a demon-possessed woman in the "Red Quarter" of Capernaum.

- a) A woman, known as Lilith¹, is portrayed as deeply disturbed...
What do I imagine her circumstances might have been that have taken her to this extreme place?
What feelings does this engender within me?
- b) 'Lilith' encounters Jesus. Jesus addresses Mary (Magdalen) by her birth name and her healing and redemption begins...what name does Jesus use for me?
- c) What might it be like to experience the pressures that Rabbi Nicodemus is under to oblige Quintus, live up to the expectations of the Law as reminded by the High Priests, his wife's concern over his reputation and standing in the community as well as meeting the needs of the ordinary people? Does this remind me of my own circumstances at any time in my life or does this offer an insight into another's behaviour?
- d) I consider the tax circumstances of Judea portrayed here under the Roman occupation... What might this new or deeper understanding of the wider context mean for the Jewish people - and for Jesus' formation?
- e) What am I being shown regarding the relationship between the occupying Romans and the Jewish authorities... What are my initial impressions of Simon (Peter) ? What surprises/strikes me most about the way he is portrayed in this series?



The Link for Episode 1 is below

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFzW7PIXck0Yx7e-jA8D3mLuFYA3QcM9f>

¹ In Hebrew-language texts, the term lilith or lilit (translated as "night-creatures", "night-monster", "night-hag", or "screech-owl") first occurs in a list of animals in Isaiah 34:14, either in singular or plural form according to variations in the earliest manuscripts. The Isaiah 34:14 Lilith reference does not appear in most common Bible translations such as KJV and NIV. Commentators and interpreters often envision the figure of Lilith as a dangerous demon of the night. (Wiki)