

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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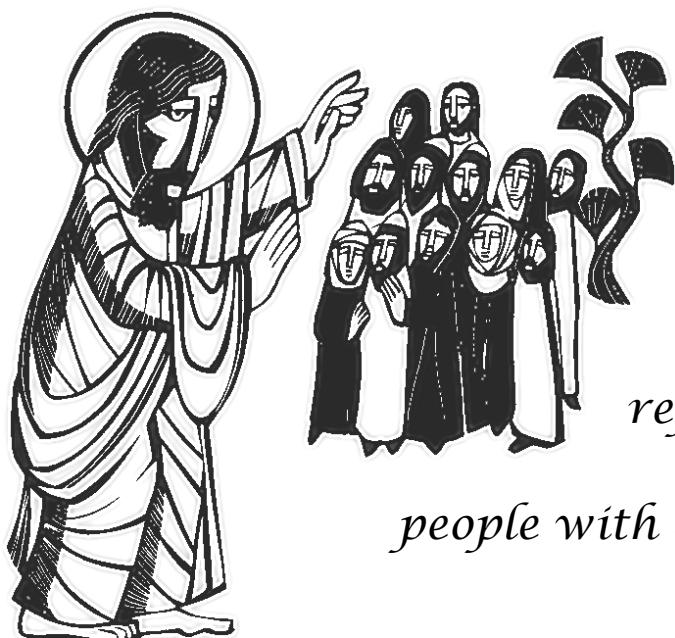
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WELCOME!

If you are 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.



Fifteenth Sunday of the Year 11 July 2021

'So, the Twelve set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.' (Mark 6:12-13)

This Sunday is 'Sea Sunday' – there is a chance to contribute, if you wish, to an optional leaving collection for Stella Maris – the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic Church's maritime charity (see below). Alternatively, call 0207 901 1931 to donate or just visit the website www.stellamaris.org.uk/Seasunday.

SUPPORT TOWARDS THE WORK OF STELLA MARIS (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea)



STELLA MARIS
(APOSTLESHIP
OF THE SEA)

Annie Scharwatt, Fundraising Manager, writes: 'This coming weekend is that special time of the year we set aside to celebrate "Sea Sunday", in all the parishes in the country and indeed internationally. Sea Sunday is a time to celebrate, to join us in prayers, and to remember those hard working, resilient seafarers and fishers, those People of the Sea, who bring us their cargoes of goods that we rely on. Our chaplains and trained volunteer ship visitors help not only the seafarers and fishers in port or in centres, but also those in hospital, in prison, or in court. Our ministry leads us to stand alongside seafarers in times of trouble, wherever that takes us. All this good work is done on behalf of the Catholic church, through the kind and compassionate support of your parish and other parishes. Thank you in advance, for any financial and prayer support that you can kindly give this year.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S 9.30am MASS IS A CHILDREN'S MASS....AND THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA MASS AT 5pm ON SUNDAY AT ST JOHN'S

On Sunday 18 July at the 9:30 am mass in St John's, we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of **Sienna Young** and **Ollie and Aaron McIntyre**. They will be supported by friends and family along with many of the children from this year's First Communion group. **There are a few places left for this children's Family Mass:** if you would like to attend, please directly contact Arlene Lauder on 07950880833 to book.

We would be grateful if people who normally go to the 9.30am Mass book either for the Vigil, or for the 11.15, or for the extra Mass we are putting on at 5pm on Sunday evening.

On Saturday 24 July at 11 am, our remaining 6 P4 children will be receiving First Holy Communion, a Mass postponed from late June.

SAFEGUARDING – INDUCTION COURSE - PART TWO

Peter Gillam writes: 'Almost all volunteers have completed induction course part one and able to perform their ministry duties. However, a second course, induction course part two, now requires completing by the vast majority of volunteers. This course is now available online. It lasts about 90 minutes. Volunteers are requested to sign up for this course at the earliest opportunity. Details are as undernoted:

PART TWO TRAINING BY ZOOM

TRAINER MARGARET ANDOW - margaret_andow@outlook.com

WEDNESDAY 14 JULY at 7pm /TUESDAY 20 JULY @7pm

Please book directly with Margaret via the email address above.

5 places are available for each session and must be pre booked to obtain the joining details.

Please also provide your parish and role within the parish when booking.

TRAINER JULIE BRECHIN - julie.brechin@staned.org.uk

SATURDAY 17 July at 10am

Please book directly with Julie via the email address above.

30 places are available for this session and must be pre booked to obtain the joining details.

Please also provide your parish and role within the parish when booking. Thanks'

UPDATE ON THE TOWER TOMBOLA!



Many thanks to all who have ensured a heartening beginning to sales, and for the enthusiasm shown for the Tower Project.

Tickets for this draw cost £10 each and **can be purchased on an individual basis or in groups of two or more people (eg families/friends/work colleagues.)** The prize will be 25% of the prize pot with the other 75% of the prize pot going towards the Tower Fund – so for example, if we sell 100 tickets, the prize will be £250 while £750 will go to the fund. Tickets can be purchased monthly or, if preferred, 6 months or 12 months in advance, and payment can be in cash, standing order or a bank transfer.

We have an information leaflet with all the relevant details which has been delivered to each household in St John's – and can be sent to any St Mary Magdalene's parishioners and anybody else who would like to receive it. The plan is to have the monthly draw on the second Saturday of each month, with the first draw being on **Saturday 14 August**. Please contact Catherine McAnenny (07968970159) if you would like to take part in this.

NB If you are signing up for the Tower Tombola and are paying for a ticket by a monthly standing order, the account name is "St John's Church" – account number: 10765768 – sort code: 80-46-53.

.....AND ON THE TOWER ITSELF!

Chris Vinestock, St John's Fabric Co-ordinator, writes: 'As we can see, the scaffolding continues to be erected, despite the inclement weather, and will probably require another 2 weeks to be completed. In the meantime, the stone mason has been working on the stonework on the lower areas of the church, in preparation for the re-application of the pointing. **Your patience is greatly appreciated as at times there may be unavoidable noise – which is why Mass will normally be held at St Mary Magdalene's during these weeks.** Heartfelt thanks for your help and support during this necessary structural work – **and please pray for the safety of all involved.**'

The real sanctity of any church is that it is a place where we can go to weep in common.

(Miguel de Unamuno)

A real spiritual life makes us so alert and aware of the world around us that all that is and happens becomes part of our contemplation and meditation and invites us to a free and fearless response.

(Henri Nouwen)

BOOKING PLACES AT MASS

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) or by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am to 1pm. **Remember next Sunday's 9.30am Children's Mass is not bookable in this way (see above), but there is an extra 5pm Mass that Sunday.**

This Week

Saturday 10 July

St Mary's Cathedral – **3pm – Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Martin Eckersley**

6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass – livestreamed, booking required, a few seats still available**

Sunday 11 July

9.30am – St John's – **Mass – livestreamed, booking required, a few seats still available**

11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass – pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass – booking required, a few seats still available**

Monday 12 July

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

4.30pm – Skype – **PEP Meeting**

7-8.15pm – **Zoom Meeting – Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All** – to join in over Zoom, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87697518330?pwd=QlVUWkVHb0dZYnExK051bytaSEp2QT09>

Tuesday 13 July – 7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass – livestreamed**

Wednesday 14 July

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Angela Cunningham** – livestreamed, no booking required

Thursday 15 July – 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass – livestreamed, no booking required**

Friday 16 July

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Dolores Jones** – livestreamed, no booking required

11.00am – **Rosary Group** – 'Anyone can join, especially if you have Facebook Messenger, but also on WhatsApp, or just on the phone. Sometimes it takes time for us all to join in, but we always manage.

Please join us. Message Maria Igoe on 07981333219 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 17 July - 12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Lewis Edmond**

6.30pm – St John's – **Mass – livestreamed, booking required**

Sunday 18 July

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass with 3 First Communions** – livestreamed.(see above for booking) .

11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass** – pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube

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

5pm – St John's – Mass – booking required

Link for Night Prayer/Compline

This Saturday – 10 July – 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Jbs5oZEGk8g>

This Wednesday – 14 July – 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Ymf9k6LNakY>

NOTICE BOARD

From Archbishop Leo's Ad Clerum

New priests

Congratulations to **Fr Bobby Taylor**, ordained last Tuesday, and **Fr Martin Eckersley**, ordained on **Saturday**, who were both recently ordained as priests of our Archdiocese. Please keep both men in your prayers as they begin their ministry.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage

The Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage is on from 9-16 July. The week-long online event includes talks and reflections, a virtual walking tour, rosary, Stations of the Cross and more. You can watch it all on YouTube at bit.ly/ArchLourdes2021 Check out the full programme at www.edinburgh-lourdes.com.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Sunday 25 July is the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On Sunday 25 July, the universal Church celebrates the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes.

I am sure that God is alive and well all over the world, but mercifully not dependent on the churches alone for his effective disclosure.

(The late Scottish theologian Elizabeth Templeton, an encourager of countless seekers).

While God waits for his temple to be built of love and compassion, we bring stones.

(Rabindrinath Tagore of India)



(A genuine baptism in Canada at the start of the pandemic – apparently the baby giggled rather than cried !)

*Please pray for those who have
died recently:*

*John Monaghan - Jim Haggerty
Seraphin M'Buya
Derek Beatty*

*Please pray for those whose
anniversaries occur around this
time:*

*Elizabeth & Hugh Jack
Eddie Davies
Willie Montgomery
Paddy McCafferty
Charlotte Farrell
Jane Morton
Barbara Swanekamp
Ray Perrett
Alistair Dewar*

Anniversaries:

St John's

July 10: Jimmy Curran (2019); Dorothy Hyde (1982); Jessie Kelly (1979);

July 11: Francis Egan (1997); Vincent Boyd;

July 12: Louisa Willis (2013); Mary Macadam;

July 13: Alastair Dewar (2013); Heather Clydesdale (1994);

Mr and Mrs. Delaney (1981);

July 14: Kate Laurie (1937); Bridget Daly; Philomena Hughes; Jane B Ritchie;

July 15: Armando Volpe (2013); Patricia Pringle (2002);

James Hamilton (1989);

July 16: Paddy McCafferty (2019); Kathleen McColl (2006); Philomena Donnelly; Maria Howieson;

July 17: Patrick Dourley (2005); Joseph O'Brien (2000); Margaret D'Inverno (1988); John Sandham (1985);

St Mary Magdalene's

July 10: Charles McKenna (1998);

July 11: Eddie Davies (2017);

July 12: Stella Maria Murray (2002); William Gilhooly (1968);

July 13: Walter Tanchuk (1999);

July 14: William Montgomery (2020); Cathie Tosney (2007);

Colin McKenna (2002);

July 15: Hannah Halliday (2007); Frederick Burns (1970);

July 16: Thomas Dewar (2008);

July 17: Owen Barrett (1997);

*Please pray for those Parishioners
who are sick:*

St. John's:

Ann Dobie, Kim O'Neill, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Pat Hunter, Ernie Moran, Peter Kelly, Bob Kelly, Jean Bonnar, Joyce Martin, Mike Iannarelli, Chloe Sutherland, May Thomson, Norah Bruce, Patricia Lawler, Celia Stone, Catherine Walker, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Evelyn Oldershaw, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Mary Slight, Mary Phair, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Alf MacNamara, Maureen Lawrie, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Denis Davidson, Sheila and George Service, Chris English, Jacqueline Marinello, Andrew Farmer, Ray Donnelly, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Newall, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.

*Please pray for sick friends and relatives
of our Parishioners:*

William Kinsley, Katie Mc Anenny, Pat Innes, John Kellagher, Baby Alfie McDevitt, Murdo Tait, John Blyth, Niamh McDougall, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Dago Dinis, Audrey Burgess, Jaroslav Icina, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, William Young, Ann Thorp, John Mackenzie, Alistair Grieves, Tonino Howard, baby Josh Simpson, Helen McCann, Rhoda Tumboli, Dani Miniette, Alec Hamill, Peter Millar, Nan Doig, Rachel Kennedy, Leo Stone, baby Baxter Sweeney, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Billy McPhillips, Jean Nelson, Margaret Anne Marton, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Fr Christy Fox, Joe Greenan, Michael Igoe, Robert Shaw, baby Kinsley McMillan, John Walsh, Moira McConville, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, John Williams, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Jennifer Kay, Ranier Carpo, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Frank Palmer, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Kathleen Cawley, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, and young Ray Donovan Syme

Offertory Collections – 4 July 2021

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£140.20 total including Offertory of £76.00 and Gift Aid of £64.20	£1485.20 total including Offertory of £285.20, Gift Aid of £210.00 and £990.00 Online Donations

THANK
YOU!

ST MARY MAGDALENE 200 CLUB DRAW

The Midsummer Draw for the St Mary Magdalene's 200 Club was held last Sunday after the 11am Mass – #90 Eileen Rennie won £30 (the monthly draw) , while #127 Jean McNally won an amazing £200.00 (the 6 monthly draw) !!!

A Reflection on the Gospel for the Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Mark 6: 7-13

I cannot imagine that I will ever undertake air travel again. The thought of sitting in a confined space breathing in recycled air from the rest of my fellow passengers is no longer an attractive proposition. In the days when I did travel by air, the most stressful parts of the journey were two-fold. First, learning to pack efficiently, taking the right amount of clothing and enough toiletries, enough reading material - and packing all of this into a seemingly absurdly small suitcase, keeping one eye on the baggage allowance. Second, the anxious wait in the baggage reclaim area. The conveyor belt would eventually groan and grumble its way into activity and then with much banging and shouting from within the bowels of the handling area, suitcases would appear one by one. With luck, I would not have too long to wait - but there's always one whose suitcase is the last to arrive. I never wanted to be that person, nor did I want to be the victim whose luggage was lost. Then it's time to haul the suitcase through customs. Tired already to the point of tetchiness, nerves frazzled by the constant barging and pushing, I seek the reassurance of a taxi, bus or whoever was meeting me. With one last haul of the suitcase into the yawning chasm of the boot I collapse onto the seat of the oh-so-welcome transport. Oh, the joys of travel. And the even bigger joy of being able to travel lightly!! Apparently, there are thousands of people who feel their life will only be complete once they are allowed to fly out on holiday once more! I won't be joining them.

I have always liked Kate Adie. Her redemption is assured because she, like me, is a fan of Sunderland Football Team. She grew up in Sunderland and like Orla Guerin, the Irish journalist of our modern era, she was the BBC journalist sent out to cover the news wherever there was trouble in the world. I enjoyed Kate Adie's reassuring tones. She always seemed to be unruffled and unfazed by the scary events going on around her. Orla Guerin is equally clear, unfazed and unruffled. She reports the facts as she sees them. I still remember Kate Adie's coverage of the siege of the Iranian Embassy in London in 1980. Gunfire, smoke, stun grenades were going on all around her, and she told us what was happening without ever losing her cool. Brave and clear heads at all times, both reassure us, no matter what inner tensions they, themselves, were experiencing. They tell the message, they don't spin, don't embellish; they portray the facts as they see them unfolding before their eyes.

Believe it or not, these two seemingly random thoughts are connected by today's Gospel passage. Jesus instructs the Twelve. Apprehensive and nervous, the task before them was daunting. *Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no purse, no haversack, no coins for their purse, and no spare tunic.* Not for them the stresses inherent in modern travel. Baggage weighs us down; it leads to a clouded and distorted view of the world. Jesus is giving timely advice to the Twelve: when it comes to preaching his message, they must beware of distraction. Forget about your fishing nets, forget about the taxes awaiting collection, just go out and bear witness. Tell it as it is: don't embellish the message, don't spin it, don't water it down. All they need is a pair of sandals on their feet and a staff to help protect against the unwelcome attentions of any dangerous animals. They are to rely solely on the message contained within his teaching. His message is powerful, so powerful that they were able to *cast out many devils and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.*

Jesus is, in effect, advising the Twelve that possessions and the trappings that accompany them will distract from the message – and its power. They are to accept any hospitality, give the message freely and willingly without any coercion. *If any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you,shake off the dust from your feet as a sign to them.* There is an air of gentleness about his advice. Give freely and calmly, offer what you can (cast out devils and cure the sick) but don't respond with anything other than tenderness. We do well to take his advice to heart, for we live in a world growing increasingly angry and frighteningly dysfunctional. The anger and dysfunction pose a real threat. We are the proud possessors of the Gospel of love, the Gospel of healing, the Gospel of tolerance, the Gospel of forgiveness – that is the only luggage we need – and that is what we offer.

FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

Chapter 26 – Patient waiting



(Sunset over Black Mountains, Wales, Oct 2013)

How long we spend resting in the Lord before our vision clears can sometimes depend on how harassed or weary we are when we come to pray. For most of us the time needed in our modern world is long, longer than we believe.

Some years ago, I learned the value of being prepared to wait for a very long time. I was then working in Birmingham. For my day off I usually travelled down to Herefordshire. This time, it was at the end of the August bank holiday.

As I drove along the A146 I met long lines of traffic heading back to Birmingham. The drone of cars and motorbikes increased my weariness.

Arriving at the little cottage in Lower Hardwick where I was to spend 24 hours, I prepared a simple supper and afterwards sat out happily at the back of the cottage to read the papers as the sun moved down the sky. I soon became aware that my mind was not absorbing what I was reading. So, I put the newspaper aside and decided to catch up on my prayers. Again, my mind failed to respond. To focus was painful. Laying aside my prayer book I surrendered to the peace of the evening and decided to spend the time with the Lord quietly in silence.

The time passed slowly. The main feeling was one of weariness, of stupor. Why continue? Go to bed, my good sense suggested. Yet I felt that staying on there in the silence was the best thing I could do. So, I stayed, and an hour passed. My exhaustion had begun to lift.

Again, good sense suggested that now was the moment to head for sleep. But some instinct kept me there in the garden seat that overlooked the spacious fields, with the cattle sheltering under the trees and the Black Mountains fading.

Time passed quickly now. An hour later I was as fresh as if I had enjoyed a full night's sleep. My eyes took in everything before me. No longer did I look without seeing. Now I saw the things my tired eyes had failed to notice. Each object seemed to be bathed in its own individual glory. Each thing seemed holy. The sound from the sparrows in the eaves was a welcome sound. The rustle of the leaves was soothing. Each moment seemed filled with a presence.

That experience taught me that to find rest through silence in God's presence may sometimes take longer than we imagine when we set out on the road to silent prayer. But the effect of spending a long time in silent resting with the Lord is that our weariness dissolves, our vision that was clouded and unseeing is cleared, and we see with new eyes.

**As our mind becomes quiet, our inner eye is opened.
We are in a new world.**

Very sadly Seraphin M'Buya, former Head Teacher of Legho Primary School and good friend of St John's Parish and School, died last Monday, 5 July, in Lego, and was buried (see below right) on Thursday, at the back of his house, beside his beloved wife Triphonia (who had died two years ago)



The Parishes' Tanzanian and Malawi Pilgrims of January 2020 spent a Saturday afternoon with Seraphin (see above left), receiving the kind of warm hospitality that visitors from St John's had benefited from for nearly three decades.

Linda McGee and Susan Christopher, both former teachers at St John's Primary, and actively involved in Twende Pamoja, sent the following tribute that was read out at Seraphin's Requiem Mass:

'We first met Seraphin as a teaching colleague in 1999 when he welcomed us into his school and his home. He was a gifted teacher who obviously cared deeply for his pupils and a committed Head Teacher who worked hard to develop the relationship between Legho Primary and St John's primary. He and his wife, Triphonia visited St John's parish and school and made a lasting impression on everyone they met, parishioners, staff and pupils alike.

Over the years we visited his home and stayed with his family many times. He and Triphonia were the kindest of hosts and looked after us very well as we got to know Legho village and the people who lived, worked and prayed there.

We are privileged to have known Seraphin as a friend. He was an upright, honest and trustworthy man who had a marvellous sense of humour and great enthusiasm for everything he took on whether it was teaching us Swahili or growing new varieties of coffee.

We will truly miss him as we remember our many animated conversations often punctuated by roars of laughter from Seraphin. We are grateful to have a continuing connection with his children and their families to whom we extend our deep condolences for their loss. We remember them all in our prayers.'