

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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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.*

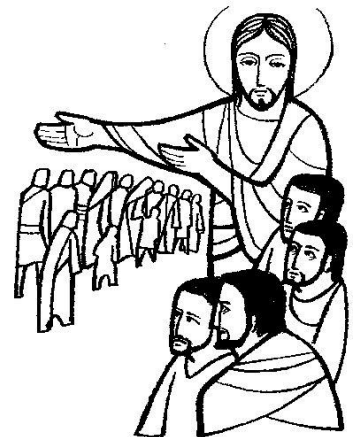
*If you are new to the parish or area, please make yourself known to Fr Jock by email or on the phone and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.*

## Sixteenth Sunday of the Year 18 July 2021

*Then he said to them: "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while".*

*For there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat.*

*(Mark 6:30-31)*



Today 18 July at the 9:30am 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. The Mass will be for children and families only,....but there is **an extra Mass at 5pm** open to all (though booking necessary).

On Saturday 24 July at 12.00pm, our remaining 6 P4 children will be making their First Holy Communion, a Mass postponed from late June,. Please pray for them: **Olivia Archibald, Karol Klag, Helena Barrett, Sophie Shepherd, Maxymilian Flisek and Preston Murray.**

**Next Thursday, 22 July, is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene. There will be Mass for the Patronal Feast at St Mary Magdalene's at 10am.** (Do read Margaret Hebblethwaite's fascinating article on St Mary Magdalene, enclosed with/attached to this newsletter.)

**Our next Baptism Preparation Course takes place at 7.30pm in St John's Hall this Thursday 22 and next Thursday 29 July. .... please contact Fr Jock ASAP by phone or email if you wish to have a child baptised and would like to enrol for the course.**

This week, we hope to return to St John's for two of our weekday Masses (on Wednesday and Friday) – but for health and safety reasons, **please use the side door.**

**Next 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.’

## LATEST UPDATE – GOOD NEWS

**The First Minister has announced that all of Scotland will move to Level 0 on Monday 19 July.**

### *What this means for Churches*

We can move to one metre of physical distancing instead of two metres. That means most churches will be able to increase their capacity from 19 July.

Congregational singing is allowed, albeit behind masks (singing is already allowed in Level 1 areas).

The maximum attendance at weddings and funerals will rise to 200.

### **Please note**

Masks should still be worn inside church, unless exempt.

Names and telephone numbers of those attending church must still be taken.

Sanitiser should still be used on leaving and entering.

*WE WILL COMMUNICATE VIA FACEBOOK AND THE WEBSITES BEFORE NEXT SUNDAY WHAT THIS MAKES POSSIBLE FOR OUR MASSES...*

### **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. 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 (“St John's Church” – account number: 10765768 – sort code: 80-46-53) The first draw will be on **Saturday 14 August**. Please contact Catherine McAnenny (07968970159) if you would

like to take part in this. **We have an information leaflet with all the relevant details which can be seen/downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/TowerTombola2021>** (or ask for a copy from the Parish House)

## .....**AND ON THE TOWER ITSELF!**

**Chris Vinestock**, St John's Fabric Co-ordinator, writes: 'The erection of the scaffolding surrounding the tower is nearly completed. Our stone masons, led by Gail Howie, are removing the old mortar from the joints in the tower, and at the ground level on the outside of the church walls.

As the weather is set to be favourable during the next week, we hope the work will continue to make steady progress.' **More pictures are regularly uploaded here:** <https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/home>

### **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](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com)) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am to 1pm.

## *This Week*

### **Saturday 17 July**

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Lewis Thomas Craig**

6.30pm – St John's – **Mass – livestreamed, few seats still available**

### **Sunday 18 July**

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass with 3 First Communions – livestreamed**

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

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

5pm – St John's – **Mass – a few seats still available**

### **Monday 19 July**

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

7-8.15pm – **Zoom Meeting – Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All** – to join in over Zoom, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676248559?pwd=LzlXU3VpSkQxQlcwWmdlc0daQ20xdz09>

### **Tuesday 20 July**

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

7.40pm – Zoom – **St John's Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Wednesday 21 July –**

**9.45am** [NB CHANGE OF TIME] – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required

11am – Warriston Crematorium – **Funeral Service for John Monaghan.**

### **Thursday 22 July – FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE**

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass for the Patronal Feast** – livestreamed, no booking

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Baptism Preparation Course I**

### **Friday 23 July**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – 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](mailto:mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk)'

### **Saturday 24 July**

11.00am – St John's – **Mass with First Communions** – livestreamed, by invitation only

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

### **Sunday 25 July**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Aoife Whytock** – livestreamed, booking required

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

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

# NOTICE BOARD

**This Monday, 19 July, is Fr Jock's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination as a priest.....if that doesn't make him feel old, recently being made a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter most certainly does.** The 'installation' (as you are 'given' one of the choir stalls in the sanctuary of St Mary's Cathedral!) will take place in December – along with that of the two other 'new' Canons, Fr Kenneth Owens and Fr James Tracey. There are only two meetings a year and the position is largely honorary – in our diocese merely denoting that you are one of the 12 most senior – by year of ordination – active priests (ie you haven't retired!) Please don't treat him differently, or dare call him 'Canon' – if you do, he is unlikely to answer you .....

## From Archbishop Leo's Ad Clerum

**New priest for the Archdiocese** - On your behalf, let me congratulate and welcome **Fr Martin Eckersley** who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday at St Mary's Cathedral. From 4 September, he will be assistant priest at St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk. **Fr Robert Taylor**, who was also recently ordained priest, will return in the autumn to Rome to complete his regular course of studies.

**Safeguarding webinar** - To learn more about *In God's Image v2*, clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland are encouraged to take part in a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. The Bishops of Scotland hope to use this opportunity to convey key messages about the document and to encourage everyone to reflect upon its implications for their own safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** - Well done to the team of volunteers and clergy who contributed to the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage which continues until this Friday. Visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/virtualpilgrimage/>

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**Prayer is the orientation  
of all the attention  
of which the soul is capable  
toward God.**

*(Simone Weil)*

*Simone I*

### **Link for Night Prayer/Compline**

This Saturday – 17 July – 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Jbs5oZEGk8g>  
This Wednesday – 21 July – 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Ymf9k6LNakY>

# Parish Register

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

**Pat Hunter**  
**Angela Cunningham**  
**John Johnston**

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

**Willie White - Jimmy Kesson**  
**Christian Broun Lindsay**  
**Mary Caffarkey - Alison Connarty**  
**Emma Williams - Sally O'Connor**

**Anniversaries:**

**St John's**

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

**July 19:** Cardinal Gordon J Gray (1993); Eileen Walsh (1975); Domenica Andreucetti;

**July 20:** Charles Bowyer (2013); Ellen Brennan (2005); Margaret Robertson (1995); Patrick Roarty (1992); William Holligan;

**July 21:** Sally O'Connor (2020); William Whyte (2020); Bernard Flynn (1997); Bridget Ginnelly (1986);

**July 22:** Mary Beatson (2003); Catherine Iannarelli (2003); Christina J Walker (2002); Peter Loftus (1985); Rose Maloney;

**July 23:** Bridget Whigham (2010); James Tiernan (2006); Agnes McFadyen (1999); May McPhillips (1999); Michael Tierney (1993); Dominic Knowles (1986); Elizabeth Cordery (1959); Sarah Somerville;

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**July 17:** Owen Barrett (1997);

**July 19:** James Harvey (1996); Mary McQueen (1996); Angelina Risi (1968);

**July 20:** Jimmy Kesson (2018); Sheila Foster (1975); Patrick Burns (1968);

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

**St. John's:**

Margaret Campbell, Ann Dobie, Kim O'Neill, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, 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:*

Una Johnston, 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 – 11 July 2021**

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
<b>£383.00 total</b> including Offertory of £108.00 and Gift Aid of £275.00	<b>£1504.48 total</b> including Offertory of £267.08, Gift Aid of £247.40 and £990.00 Online Donations
<b>Extra Collection – Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) £185.90</b>	
<b>Tower Fund Collection £320.00</b>	

THANK YOU!

# FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

## Chapter 27 – Everything Looked Different



Silent prayer is there for everyone. It appeals to all ages. Once, when giving a retreat in North Wales, I was asked by the sister in charge if I would talk to the young people who were connected with the community. ‘I hope you don’t mind, Father,’ she explained, ‘but I have invited all the youngsters to come for you to talk to them on Sunday

afternoon.’

When they arrived, they were aged between ten and 22. Thomas, the ten-year-old, looked bewildered. James, the 22-year-old, a postgraduate student at the university, looked faintly put out. I did not know what I could say to such a diverse group, so I said: ‘*Let’s go down to the chapel and have some quiet prayer.*’

For half an hour I tried to lead them into centering prayer, as the prayer of silence and stillness is sometimes known. The two 15-year-old boys on the back pew giggled most of the time, but the others were quite serious.

After we finished, as they came out of the silence, I asked them how they felt. Two of the replies struck me. One girl of about 16 said: ‘*When I was coming here this afternoon, I was worried about certain things that are happening in my life. When we finished the prayer, I felt I was no longer worried about them.*’

Another girl in her early teens said: ‘*When we came down here to the chapel I looked around. I had never seen it before. Then we went into the silence, and when I opened my eyes again everything around me looked different.*’

On another occasion, when I was a parish priest, a family asked me to come and have a word with their 11-year-old son Michael, who was suffering from a lot of bullying at his school.

After we had talked for a while, I asked if he would like to have a little time of quiet prayer. We sat for 20 minutes, handed everything over to the Lord, and allowed the lovely peace of the room and the garden outside to bring us to stillness.

I still have a vivid picture of that quiet room and Michael sitting so calmly and saying, ‘*I think the room looks different and I feel everything is going to be all right.*’

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## Mark 6: 30-34

*(NB The author of these reflections is a friend of Fr Jock living in Northumberland)*

Last weekend, approximately 36 million people in the UK tuned in to their TV's and watched a football match between England and Italy. England lost the game, and many of us went to bed that night burying our disappointment with a combination of 'what if's' – and there's always the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. Next morning that disappointment had, for the most part, been replaced with a collective feeling of revulsion as we slowly became aware of and even witnessed the horrific racial abuse hurled at some of the black players of the England Team. The next few days saw a period of national reflection, collective self-examination, and, more importantly, a spontaneous outpouring of love and support from people of all backgrounds towards the three young men who had been so vilified. Perhaps Italy has done us a favour in that those of us who are English have been encouraged, even compelled to ask what it is that we stand for, to search deep within our national psyche, to ask ourselves what sort of behaviour do we want to portray to others.

A few weeks ago, or it may even have been longer, I had a friendly exchange of ideas with someone who receives this weekly reflection. I postulated that, in my opinion, we live in a deeply racist society. She disagreed but perhaps more out of aspiration than conviction. In the light of the events of the last six days, I think we are both right. There is a deep-seated racism fuelled to some extent by a media that is controlled by non-accountable, non-elected people of great wealth but there is also a well of goodness that for too long has remained untapped. Within two days of the penalty misses, over one million people had signed an online petition calling for financial forfeits for the social media platforms that allow such filth and sewage to flow freely. While the petition was gaining traction, a tiny, tiny minority of politicians clung to the conviction that footballers should concentrate on their football and leave politics to the 'experts'. They were humiliated by the very words that oozed from the well of unkindness that coursed through their veins. We can all benefit from a spell of intense navel gazing. I will never tire of saying that the most worthwhile journey we ever make, is the journey inwards.

This weekend's Gospel sees Jesus wanting his disciples to have some down time. He wants them to know just how important it is that they take time off, to reflect. He wants us to do the same; to find out who we are, where we have been and where we are going. Our past cannot be undone but it can shape our future. Last week the disciples had been sent out in pairs to all the towns he intended to visit. They have come back, exhausted, and all with tales and experiences to share. *They rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.'* He saw the importance of navel-gazing. Who are you? Why are you here? What is the contribution that only you can make?

We need our down time, but more importantly we need time for reflection. It doesn't necessarily mean booking in somewhere to a Retreat Centre, visiting a monastery or convent. We can find opportunity in our daily lives. Yesterday I found myself doing some weeding in the garden. I managed to lose myself: I wasn't required to exercise too much mental effort for it was a relatively mindless task (or at least, it is the way I do it!) and I could allow my thoughts to wander. Time ran away quickly and just as the soil ran through my fingers, I was able to be one with the Creator of all – and it was a good place to be. I found myself paraphrasing the words of St Paul: My life is being poured away as a libation...I am running the race to the finish; I will continue to fight the good fight. **(2 Tim 4:7)** He is all around us if we take time to look and feel and experience Him – sometimes no more than a few seconds or minutes snatched here and there. The crowd guessed where Jesus and the disciples were headed and got there ahead of them. The quality time he had planned was to be short lived – but no less important for that. It doesn't matter if we are disturbed when we are in the midst of a quiet time. It does matter if we never make the effort to go there.

# Fr Jim Walls has followed in the footsteps of St Aidan by walking the 291 miles from Iona to Lindisfarne



*Jim and a Northumbrian poppy field!*

Fr Jim Walls, Spiritual Director of the Scots College in Rome, and son of the late Cathy, (a St John's parishioner for the last couple of years of her life till her death last autumn), has completed his 291 mile pilgrimage – which has sought to draw attention to the plight of refugees stranded at the UK border in Calais and to highlight the work of Maria Skobstova House in Calais – arriving in Lindisfarne this Friday (16 July) afternoon

Founded in 2016, Maria Skobstova House offers accommodation and support to refugees many of whom have travelled thousands of miles in the hope of finding sanctuary. Since it was founded the house has welcomed as guests the most vulnerable in Calais, currently caring for women and children, along with outreach to the Eritrean refugee community who live in temporary camps that are often vandalised and *Fr* destroyed by the authorities.

Before he set out Fr Jim said: "I'm looking upon it as a pilgrimage in solidarity with those who have to abandon their homes in order to find peace, and yet are often subjected to inhumane treatment in Europe. A friend who regularly volunteers at the House describes with amazement the hospitality that he receives from the refugees (in the form of tea/coffee and whatever food they have) in their makeshift camps as opposed to the reception they receive from the authorities. His statement that Europe is 'experiencing a crisis of hospitality' struck me profoundly, and the fact that these vulnerable people have something to teach us, or remind us, about hospitality rings true. Some of these people arrive having suffered severe trauma and due to the policies implemented by the authorities are deprived of the necessities of life: shelter, food, clothing, and health care."

The house is named after Saint Maria Skobstova, a Russian Orthodox Saint and Martyr who took care of Russian refugees, migrants, and the homeless in Paris during the last century. During the Nazi occupation she sheltered Jewish people, smuggling many to safety and also rescued several children from detention. This resistance saw her imprisoned and executed in Ravensbrück concentration camp. The house in Calais which now carries her name continues the tradition of radical hospitality which St Maria lived, and was inspired by the Catholic Worker Movement; founded in New York in the 1930's by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin.

*For more information about Maria Skobstova House visit: [www.refugeehousecalais.org/](http://www.refugeehousecalais.org/).*

*If you would like to find out more and/or donate, please visit [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/in-solidarity](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/in-solidarity)*

*You can read up about the pilgrimage on the 'Jim's Iona to Lindisfarne Pilgrimage' Facebook page.*

**Fr Jock joined Fr Jim in Northumberland, on the second half of Wednesday (from Hethpool to Wooler) – Jim's Day 17 – and for Thursday, Day 18, (from Wooler to Belford), two inspiring days....**



*Tending the blister ...*



*A Cheviot Selfie ...*



*Journey's end - Wednesday*