

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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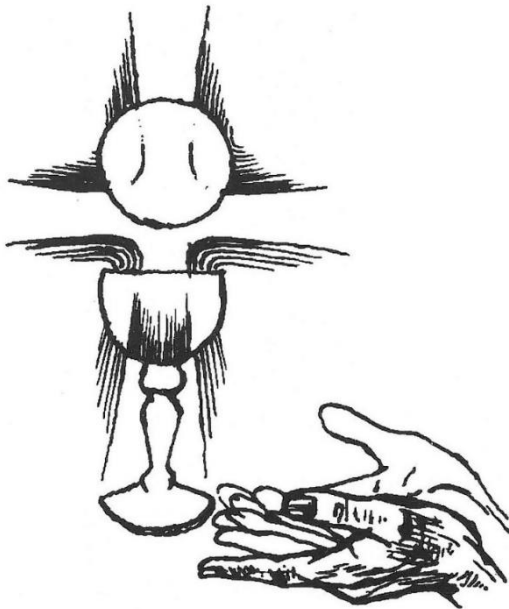
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WELCOME!

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.



Twenty first Sunday of the Year, 22 August 2021

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32;

John 6:60-69

*Simon Peter answered: 'Lord to
whom else will we go? You have
the message of eternal life, and we
believe; we know that you are the
Holy One of God.'*

This weekend we have an extra second collection for the Haiti Earthquake – SCIAF Emergency Appeal

‘We are launching an emergency appeal for the people of Haiti. A few days ago, the country was hit by another devastating earthquake which has killed around 2000 people and injured another 10,000. Many buildings have been destroyed, including schools, hospitals and churches. The UN says about 500,000 children now have limited or no access to shelter, safe water and food. While the shaking has currently subsided, panic and immense suffering continue throughout the country. There is an urgent need for food, water, tents, hygiene kits and first aid.

Aloysius John, secretary general of Caritas Internationalis expressed his grief for the people of Haiti: *“We witness with compassion and sadness yet another natural disaster affecting the nation of Haiti. This follows the tragic earthquake that occurred 11 years ago and the numerous cyclones and earthquakes that have followed since then.”*

The government has now declared a state of emergency for one month. In a country in political turmoil, the relief operations are complicated not only by the terrible conditions of the roads but also by the high

level of social tension. On 7th July, President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated – so this earthquake could not have come at a more difficult time for the nation of 11 million people.

Thankfully, through our partners, we're able to immediately reach out with compassion to those most in need. Our colleagues at Caritas Haiti are already there, working tirelessly to provide emergency relief where it's needed the most.

Please keep our sisters and brothers in Haiti in your prayers. And, if you can, reach out with love by donating to help those in urgent need, either through the special collection at all Masses this Sunday or online at sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/667-haiti-earthquake-how-to-help/donate.'

Important Developments in Attending Mass In Our Parishes –

Now No Need to Book

In our efforts to encourage more people to return to attending Mass, we have suspended the necessity to book in advance,

So ... **prior booking will not be required** – although a seat can still be booked if preferred. ...

(although in keeping with Health and Safety regulations, we are still required to collect names and telephone numbers for Track and Trace, to use hand sanitisers and sanitise seating).

To help us with Test & Protect, the check-in Scotland app can be scanned at the door with your mobile phone camera. Extra helpers will be available to assist and explain the use of this app, or you can simply have your name recorded on the paper forms



IF YOU STILL WISH TO BOOK A PLACE AT MASS

If you still wish to BOOK, please contact the Parish House by phone (0131 669 5618 – a special number) or by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm

NB Please specify if you would prefer a place with two metre distancing....

Bethany Christian Trust – Overnight Welcome Centre

Jim Roarty writes: 'Bethany Christian Trust provides accommodation for homeless people sleeping rough during the winter (from October to April). Previously, the organisation had its own premises with 75 beds crammed close together in a converted church but obviously, with the onset of Covid, this was not acceptable so, with the support of Edinburgh City Council, Bethany has been using hotels. This winter, as last year, they will be using the Haymarket Hub hotel, directly opposite Haymarket Station. It will be open between 4 October and 1 May.

The Homeless people using the overnight Welcome Centre are offered a hot meal and this is provided by church volunteers from around the city who prepare and serve it. Our parishes have been involved with this project for several years and last winter we were able to provide the meal on 15 occasions despite the fact that a number of our usual volunteers couldn't participate because of the need to shield etc.

To simplify the process, we order the meals from Apetito, a catering company, and these just need heating. Unfortunately, there is not a suitable kitchen at the Welcome Centre so we will be using a local church's kitchen to prepare the food then transport it to the Welcome Centre. The meal service starts at 8.30pm (with the volunteers doing the serving arriving about 7.30pm) and we are generally finished and away by 11pm.

If anyone would like to offer their services for one or two evenings (or more!), please contact Jim Roarty (jimroarty4@gmail.com; tel 07719952472). An early reply would be appreciated as we will have to let Bethany know how many nights we can take on.' You can stay updated on their initiatives by visiting our page:

<https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/news-events/justice-peace-group>

This Week

Saturday 21 August – 6.30pm – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required

Sunday 22 August

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – no booking required

Monday 23 August –

10.0am – St John’s - **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required

7-8.15pm – **Zoom Meeting – Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87321766691?pwd=K3ozd3JjVHZhQWcx05tUlk3bnZlZz09>

Tuesday 24 August

11am – Zoom – Monthly conversation between Imam Hassan Rabbani and Fr Jock

12 midday – Tower Fund Co-ordinating Group Meeting

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

Wednesday 25 August

9.15am – Holy Name, Oakley – **Requiem Mass for Josephine Stewart** (Fr Jock)

10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required

12 midday – St Mary’s, Leith – **Requiem Mass for Pat Innes of Edinburgh L’Arche**
(Fr Martin Moran OMI and Fr Jock)

4.30pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Reception of Rob Moyes’ body**

Thursday 26 August

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Rob Moyes** – livestreamed, no booking required

5pm – Skype – **PEP meeting**

Friday 27 August

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Susannah Bauld** – livestreamed, no booking required

Saturday 28 August

10am – St John’s - **Baptism of Jude McCabe**

6.30pm – St John’s – **Mass (with Kathleen and Ronnie Brown’s Golden Wedding renewal of vows)** –
livestreamed, no booking required

Sunday 29 August

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed, no booking required – **with baptism of Elisse Rose Gul**

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – no booking required

NOTICE BOARD

Many thanks to Fr Jim Smith, covering for Fr Jock on Saturday night, while he is at a family Memorial Service at Beaulieu north of Inverness, and on Wednesday while celebrating funerals in Oakley and Leith.

Job Advertisement for St Joseph’s Services, Rosewell

Anne McEvoy’ Pastoral Worker, writes: ‘**St Joseph’s Services in Rosewell has a vacancy for a Pastoral Coordinator**. You will realise how important such a post is in a project like ours where we wish to stay true to the values and pastoral ethos of St Vincent de Paul.

‘We have an exciting opportunity for an individual who can build positive relationships, has good communication skills, and is committed to the Vincentian Values of St Joseph’s to lead the pastoral team. In this role you will coordinate and develop the pastoral team and its work. You will deliver direct pastoral care as a

member of that team, regularly visiting the homes of the people we support across Midlothian. You will be required to promote and nurture our Vincentian values, promote a shared understanding and practice of pastoral care and organise events which foster the wellbeing of individuals and the community of St Josephs. St Josephs is committed to person centred work and relationships, we value being present to and alongside people on their life journey. Pastoral care is a core part of the holistic care we offer, contributing to the emotional, social and spiritual support of people within St Joseph's.'

Email: Anne.McEvoy@stjosephsservice.co.uk, phone 01314407200 or click <https://bit.ly/StJosephsServices>

Love, Loss & Fats



Jeremy Thorp, leader of the music group for the 9.30am Sunday Mass in St John's, has made another video with his group, **The Swells**. As with the live show in the Fringe in 2019 and the video last year, this year's production looks at love and loss from the personal lived experiences of two of the performers, Jeremy and his friend Malcolm.

The link to the show is here:

<https://online.thespaceuk.com/show/love-loss-and-fats>
or <https://youtu.be/-Zq2LwklMc>

We are also inviting people to make a donation to a charity if they wish after watching the video; here is what Malcolm writes about it: 'We hear much about the virus but little about the mental illnesses caused by the isolation of lockdown,

particularly among the young and the old. So, the show is again in aid of mental health charities and, if you scroll down to the blurb under the video, there is a link for donations. You can donate here:

<https://www.supportinmindscotland.org.uk/love-loss-and-fats-donation-page>

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Courses at Gillis Centre - Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (bit.ly/ArchYouTube). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

National Pilgrimage - The Bishops' Conference of Scotland invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September.

Event: Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective - Explore the Bard's plays in a six-week webinar series titled Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective. The sessions will look at six of his best known works, with insights on human nature from St Thomas Aquinas. Don't worry if you haven't read Shakespeare, you'll be guided along each week! The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission and it begins on Monday 6 September at 7:30pm. Register at bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar

Justice & Peace Mass - The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will served after Mass. Register at bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021

Vocations - The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith (not at St Columba's, Edinburgh, as previously advertised).

Event: A Call to Action - During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action' It takes place at 3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom. For more details and to register, visit: bit.ly/ACallToAction2021

*Warm birthday greetings to Kim O'Neill, 60 last Tuesday, 17 August
....and to Gill Barber, 70 on Saturday 21 August*

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Mary Phair - Josephine Whyte (sister of Mgr David Gemmell) - William Young - Patsy O'Donnell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

**Charles Douglas – Jim Martin – Mamie Richards - Pat Tansey
Thomas Bannon - Nora Stone
Mary Philipps - Jimmy Gallagher
Bridget Gillespie – Billy Harrison - Cathy Walls – Alan Haigh – Tom O'Malley**

Anniversaries:

St John's

Aug.21: Alexander Binnie Jr. (1992); Margaret Ward (1956); Francis Bell;
Aug.22: Pat Tansey (2020);
Aug.23: Norah Hall (2009); James Anderson (2007); Thomas Bannon (1999); William Power (1991); Mary Martin (1990); Ann Hughes (1977); Nora Stone (1976);
Aug.24: Mary Phillipps (2017); Alan Haigh (2017); Jimmy Gallagher (2016); Theresa Bell (2011); Sarah McDonough (2010); Ian Bain (2001); Kitty Demarco (1997); Thomas Tracy (1996);
Aug.25: Mamie Richards (2019); Billy Harrison (2018); John Fegan (2008); Bridget Halpenny (1992); Guido Avella (1991);
Aug.26: James Martin (2008); Maureen Lacey (1983);
Aug.27: Charles (Tony) Emslie (1998); Denis Kelly (1997); Agnes J McKay (1986);
St Mary Magdalene's
Aug.21: John McNulty (1967); John Monteith (1967);
Aug.23: Charlie Douglas (2018);
Aug.24: Mary Damer (2002);
Aug.26: John Flannigan (2005);
Aug.27: Bridget Gillespie (2003); William Kempton (2001); Catherine Muir (2001)

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's: Catherine Walker, Anne-Marie Lofthouse, John Freeman, John Waugh, May Thomson, Josie Tilley, Evelyn Oldershaw, Sheila and George Service, Margaret Campbell, Ann Dobie, Kim O'Neill, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Jean Bonnar, Mike Iannarelli, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Patricia Lawler, Celia Stone, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, 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, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Alf MacNamara, Maureen Lawrie, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mary Cole, Denis Davidson, 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:

George Lewis, Baby Alfie McDevitt, Bill Craig Gordon Marron, Una Johnston, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie Mc Anenny, John Kellagher, , Murdo Tait, John Blyth, Niamh McDougall, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Dago Dinis, Audrey Burgess, Jaroslav Icina, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, John Mackenzie, Alistair Grieves, 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, 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 – 15 August 2021

Thank You!

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£349.35 total including Offertory of £134.35 and Gift Aid of £215.00	£ 1649.74 total including Offertory of £222.34, Gift Aid of £432.40 and £995.00 Online Donations

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Rosary we were saying on-line on Fridays has now ended. We are going back to saying the Rosary in St John's after Mass. Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady's Altar after Mass on Fridays (starting from 3 September) and everyone is welcome to join in.'

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

John 6: 60-69

None of us can fully comprehend the combination of fear, anxiety and absolute dread that is currently the lot of so many Afghani nationals. We see it etched on their faces. They face impossibly difficult choices in their lives and are desperate for safe passage to the ‘West’. Realising their fate, parents have been seen handing their children over razor-wired perimeter fences to security forces on the other side. If they cannot save themselves, then at least their children might be safe. Events are unfolding at a frighteningly quick pace, and this morning’s events will soon be overtaken and replaced with more pictures of despair and torment. None of us remain unaffected by the chaotic scenes brought into our living rooms from Kabul airport. Sadness beyond our comprehension is served alongside our evening meals and television suppers. Like those who flee, we struggle to comprehend – but ours is a much more comfortable experience. Their physical and mental anguish is intense. Our problems pale into comparative insignificance. Why has fate dealt such contrasting hands? How can anyone make sense of this?

In this weekend’s Gospel, we reach the end of our journey through the 6th Chapter of John’s version of the life of Jesus. We are at the end of the ‘Eucharistic Discourse’. Last week’s Feast of the Assumption meant that the readings were interrupted, so we did not hear the passage that was the cause of so many problems for his followers. He had spoken of eating his flesh and drinking his blood. If we tend to skirt over this aspect of our faith, as being ‘too difficult to comprehend’, then try to imagine the mental gymnastics demanded of his followers of the time. They definitely knew what ‘sacrifice’ was about, they had witnessed it in their religious observance – but these were ‘dumb’ animals that were sacrificed. Here was Jesus telling them on the one hand that he was ‘son’ of God and that he, too, is to be sacrificed. They are at the end of their emotional and intellectual tether. *This is intolerable language*, they cry: *How could anyone accept it?* Their own faith-struggle is almost over, they are about to walk away. Jesus has presented a teaching which is too difficult for them to bear or understand, he has tested their loyalty to the limit. Before this week, some of his followers had already drifted away, one by one, and this weekend sees crunch time. They leave ‘en masse’. We can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus’ voice. *After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve: “What about you, do you want to go away, too?”* Simon Peter, ever-reliable Peter, responds on behalf of the Twelve: *“Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.”*

Like Simon Peter, this is our conviction too. This is our belief – and this is our ultimate source of strength. Whether we are coming to terms with our looming death following a diagnosis of a terminal disease, or an Uighur Muslim facing genocide and ethnic cleansing, or a citizen of Afghanistan desperately trying to escape tyranny and oppression, there comes a time in most of our lives when we realise the depth and intrinsic beauty of knowing that we are each, a child of God. Cancer will not kill God, ethnic cleansing will not remove Him, tyranny will not suppress Him. He is there, has always been there, and always will be there. No matter how low we feel, no matter how despondent we become, no matter how devastating the news, we join with Simon Peter: *“Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.”* A couple of weeks back I told you about the clever wristwatch that allows me to send regular ECG’s to my cardiologist. It does something else. Regularly, throughout the day, it gently vibrates on my wrist and calls me to ‘Be still’ and to ‘bring my attention to my breath’. It then leads me to a calmer place with a somewhat hypnotic display and a gentle pulsing. It takes me from whatever I had been doing, back to the core of my being. ‘Be still’. At moments of such stillness, I can centre on Him and allow Peter’s words to wash over me: *Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe: we know that you are the Holy One of God.* Nothing can destroy or overcome me when I am by His side and He by mine.

(NB The author of this reflection is a friend of Fr Jock living in Northumberland)

FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

Chapter 32 – Lord, who I am?



To see ourselves and how our mind behaves can be the beginning of a new life. It can be daunting, too. In the silence, maybe for the first time in my life I am observing my thoughts instead of being dragged along by them. I am standing back from my thoughts and seeing how I am bullied by them. The sight is not always a pretty one.

A student at a week's retreat, a week of total silence, had declared himself an agnostic. During the daily six hours of prayer, he made what he said was an amazing discovery. He became aware for the first time in his life how wholly negative his

thoughts were. But once his eyes had been opened to his negativity he was delighted: he could begin to deal with it.

It is quite a shock for us to discover how self-centred our own thoughts are, and how negative they can be, especially about ourselves. Now, this was not what I expected from prayer. Here was I expecting to find God and his peace, but what do I find? I first find myself.

And this discovery is my great hope. For as soon as I begin to see how negative and self-obsessed my thinking is I begin to be able to stand back from it. Not immediately, perhaps not for a long time, but this is a first step in being freed from it.

The great new adventure that opens up to us is that '*I am about to know myself in order to forget myself,*' as John Main put it.

Our journey inwards, as it was for Augustine, is from our mind and its self-centredness, its self-fixation, to the centre, to our heart. It is a journey into self-discovery and a journey into God.

While we are immersed in our daily lives, most of us are barely conscious of what we are thinking. But when I sit in God's presence, I begin to see that I have lived most of my life running away from myself. Losing myself in activities, in work, in diversion, I have lived outside myself. As Augustine pointed out, we become strangers to ourselves. We do not recognise ourselves. The most important search in life for each one of us, he tells us, is to know God and to know ourselves.

He would say that to know God one has first to know oneself. His constant cry was '*Lord, that I may know myself that I may know you.*'

And Francis of Assisi in his long nights of prayer in the cave at La Verna would repeat over and over again the questions, '*Lord, who am I? Lord, who are you?*'

In *The New Man*, Thomas Merton writes that unless we discover our deep self, which is hidden with Christ in God, we will never know ourselves as persons. '*Nor will we know God. For it is by the door of this deep self that we enter into the spiritual knowledge of God.*'

First Anniversary Portobello to Blyth Cycle Ride for the Sacred Heart Centre, Mweka, by St John's Parishioner, Paul Macpherson



Former St John's Pastoral Assistant Mike Knox did extraordinary work in his beloved Tanzania. He spent the final 10 years of his life devoted to the cause of global peace Through the **Twende Pamoja Trust** which he set up, he opened up educational opportunities for children and young people in Tanzania with a particular focus on providing access to laptops and teaching computer skills to both pupils and school staffs. Alongside this, he promoted friendships between schools and parish communities in Scotland and in Tanzania which have touched the lives of thousands of people in both countries.

The hub of this work is the **Sacred Heart Centre at Mweka**, which Mike built and personally funded.

When **Paul Macpherson** and his daughter **Hannah** were in Mweka for Mike's funeral they experienced first-hand the sheer number and range of people whose lives had been enriched through knowing Mike and through the educational and formative opportunities offered at the **Sacred Heart Centre**.

There are many places across the world that Mike was and continues to be connected with, including **Portobello** in Edinburgh, where he lived and worked throughout his teaching career, **Holy Island**, **Wooler** and of course, **Blyth** where he was born.

If you were fortunate enough to have known Mike you can imagine his reaction to the idea of cycling from Edinburgh to Blyth - **a distance of 215 km !**

On **2 September 2021**, the first anniversary of Mike's death, Paul plans to do just that, passing through Holy Island and Wooler where Mike spent many sociable times with students and with friends. Paul is using his enthusiasm for cycling to support Twende Pamoja while at the same time doing something to honour Mike.

If you can sponsor Paul – great! If you are up for **a ten-hour cycle** and want to join him then fantastic! As with anything, it costs money to keep the Centre running - approximately **£800 per month**, so our target is to raise enough money to fund the Centre for **just one month**.

In parallel and in spirit with this UK event, **20 young Tanzanian people** will be taking part in a **28 km walk** led by **Martin Kalula** and **Wilfred Moshi**, two of Mike's good friends. They will start off on **31st August** from the Cathedral in the centre of **Moshi Town** and walk up into the **foothills of Kilimanjaro** to **Legho village** where the seeds of **Twende Pamoja** were first sown. They will then take part in a service of prayer and reflection in **Legho Parish Church** in memory of Mike and all that has been achieved since **Twende Pamoja** was first established. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/pauls-cycle-for-the-sacred-heart-centre-mweka> to donate. Thank you.