

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

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## *Holy Trinity Sunday - 30 May 2021*



*'Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ... and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' (Matthew 28:19-20)*

**This weekend there is the Monthly Special Collection at St John's for the St John's Tower Fund...and next Sunday the delayed Annual Collection for the Day for Life (always celebrated on the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May).**

**Many Congratulations to all the P7 pupils confirmed last week, the P3 pupils who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time on Friday 28 May, and the P 4 pupils who will make/made their First Communion on Saturday 29 May.....and asking for prayers for those who will celebrate reconciliation next Friday, 4 June - Eftelya Cakmak, Nel Kosno, Michael Williams, Marco D'Agostino, Andrew Wallace, Kyle Tod, Emma Murray, Gaya Ostrowska, Corran Mackenzie, Jagoda Cichocka, Oliwia Kuraj, Nathan Zuk and Gabriel Lukasik - and for those who will make their First Communion next Saturday, 5 June. – Lucia Fay, Evie Fraser, Amilyia Gilhooly, Ollie and Aaron McIntyre and Victoria Bosustow.**

### **Advance Warning of our next 2 Baptism Preparation Courses**

at 7.30pm in St John's Hall on i) Thursday 3 and 10 June (fully booked) and ii) Thursday 22 and 29 July.  
.... please contact Fr Jock by phone or email if you wish to have a child baptised and would like to enrol for the course.

## **Benediction ahead of the Feast of Corpus Christi**

**Deacon Eddie writes:** 'Normally we have our monthly Benediction service on the last Thursday of the month but with confirmations happening last week, we have moved to the first Thursday of the month.

This rather neatly coincides with the Feast of Corpus Christi which we will celebrate next Sunday. Spending time in prayer, in silence and also with music in front of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a perfect way to prepare to celebrate Corpus Christi.

No booking is required, just turn up. Do come along to St John's at 7pm if you can attend or, alternatively, it will be available online on <https://youtu.be/uZm-9K3ALdU>

### **Links for Night Prayer/Compline**

This Wednesday - June 2 - 9.15pm - <https://youtu.be/Ymf9k6LNakY>

This Saturday - June 5 - 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Jbs5oZEGk8g>

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 29 May**

12.00 noon – St John's – **Mass with First Communions – livestreamed, by invitation only**

6.30pm – St John's - **Vigil Mass, with Corinna and Enrico Fertini's renewal of vows on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary livestreamed, booking requested, a few seats still available**

### **Sunday 30 May – FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Leo Pryde - livestreamed, fully booked**

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

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

**Monday 31 May - FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (AND ANNUAL DAY OR LIFE – 'Day for Life donations will help pregnancy support projects in our Archdiocese and across Scotland. Your support will make a difference to unborn children and their mothers. As well as the parish collection next Sunday, you can also donate online at <http://bit.ly/DayforLifeCollection2021>. Alternatively donate by cheque, payable to 'Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh' - write 'Day for Life' on the back - and send to Pro-Life Office, Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Thanks for your support.')**

10.00am – St John'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/88684794273?pwd=V1ZIR1gwaU1GNdQ2T3dMQm4zOWJJCdz09>

**Tuesday 1 June** – 10.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass** - livestreamed

**Wednesday 2 June** - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** - livestreamed, no booking required

**Thursday 3 June** - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** - livestreamed, no booking required

7pm – St John's - **Benediction**

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Baptism Preparation Course 1** (and 10 June)

**Friday 4 June** - 9.30am – St John's – **First Reconciliation Service** - livestreamed

11am - **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)'

11.45am - St John's – **Memorial Mass for Jamie Clark** - livestreamed, no booking required

**Saturday 5 June** - 12.00 noon – St John's – **Mass with First Communions – livestreamed, by invitation only**

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

### **Sunday 30 May – FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Sorley Haller-Zurowski - livestreamed, booking required.**

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

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

### **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

Monday 7 June – 1pm – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Christine McManus**

Wednesday 9 June – 9.30am – **Requiem Mass for Harry Haston**

Saturday 12, 19 and 26 June – **12 midday – First Communions**

# OUR MONTHLY TOWER UPDATE

## A MAJOR NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE - TOWER TOMBOLA!

*Tickets for this draw cost £10 each and can be purchased on an individual basis or in groups of two or more people.*

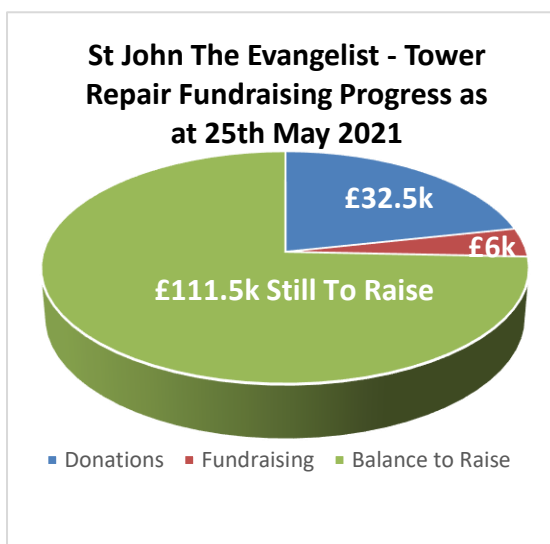
*The prize will be 25% of the prize pot with the other 75% of the prize pot going towards the Tower Fund - so for example, if we sell 100 tickets, the prize will be £250 while £750 will go to the fund.*

*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 will be sent out to each household in St John's – and to any St Mary Magdalene's parishioner who would like to receive it. (After discussion, we decided on balance that it would be worthwhile and cost effective to send out by second class post rather than as yet another email....!)*

*The plan is to have the monthly draw on the second Saturday of each month, with the first one being on Saturday 10 July.*

*Please contact Catherine McAnenny (07968970159) if you would like to take part in this draw.*



**Gary Zoltie, Chair of St John's Finance Council writes:** "After 18 months of planning, work commences on the church building on Monday 7th of June. Thank you very much for the continuing donations you have made for the Tower Fund, we have received a further £2,413 since last month, predominantly from the two fundraising events, the sponsorship of school dresses and the treasure hunt. A reminder that the total project cost is £352,000 and we have started with £202,000 in the bank so we have a target to raise of £150,000.

In the first six months since we launched the project we have made a wonderful start as the fundraising efforts have raised around £6,000 and we have now received

donations totalling £32,500. Whilst we have secured a loan from the Archdiocese for the full £150,000, all funds raised will reduce the amount that we will need to borrow.

We have applied for grants from both Historic Environment Scotland and The National Churches Trust but we still do not know yet whether these applications will be successful.

It is worth noting that the fundraising effort is being done to mitigate the large loan but the project will use up all of our existing funds and there is still a long list of other maintenance works required not only in the church building but also the hall and Parish house. It is therefore imperative that the fundraising is well supported, and your kind donations continue. I can be contacted via the Parish House if you have any questions in relation to the project itself or how best to donate.

This weekend brings news of our main initiative for the coming months – Tower Tumbola (see above) and another second collection for the tower fund - you can still donate by placing cash in an envelope and dropping off at the Parish house or by bank transfer to sort code 80-46-53, account number 10765768, account name St Johns Church. In both cases please mark as "Tower Fund".

## **SPRING GARDENING/WEEDING AFTER SUNDAY MASS AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

It has been pointed out that the paths and garden areas of St Mary Magdalene's are looking rather green - not helped by the recent ridiculous weather! The suggestion has been made that we all grab a few handfuls of weeds after Mass this Sunday, which would make a huge difference. So, please bring a plastic bag, fill it with weeds – and Deacon Eddie will then get the weeds into the compost heap at his local recycling centre.

If a few people each get involved, it will not take much time at all to clear the weeds and we can even discuss what else should be planted instead of the weeds...

### **Looking After the Fabric at St Mary Magdalene's**

**Deacon Eddie writes:** 'A few weeks ago we put a note in the newsletter with regards to trying to get more people involved in the fabric and maintenance at St Mary Magdalene's – and the only Mass Fr Jock forgot to mention this at was...St Mary Magdalene's!

This week we have managed to finally get a crisp, clean sound on the livestream in St Mary Magdalene's but this involves more cables which can then cause more work too.

With the annual maintenance and the improvements in the wiring as well as, hopefully, the freshly de-weeded areas outside the church, **St Mary Magdalene's could do with another couple of pairs of hands.**

If you are over zero and under 200 years old and would be willing to join us in keep the Parish looking the part, please let me know either after Mass or by email [ewhite@outlook.com](mailto:ewhite@outlook.com) or text/WhatsApp/call 07986015772.'

### **Archbishop Leo's Weekly Ad Clerum**

**Mass on BBC Scotland this Sunday celebrated by Archbishop Cushley - Mass** will be broadcast at midday from St James' Church, St Andrews. Please share this information with those who cannot get to church and who do not have access to online Mass.

**Rosary Rally** - A National Rosary Relay Rally for Faith, Life & Peace across the dioceses of Scotland and England & Wales takes place on Sunday, 30 May. Our Archdiocesan Rosary Hour is 1pm, and we are all encouraged to pray the Rosary at that time. Find out more at 'Rosary on the Coast' on Facebook.

**Rosary with Pope Francis** - Carfin Lourdes Grotto will join live with Pope Francis for the crowning of his May Rosary Marathon at on Monday 31 May. Watch and pray at this special occasion via [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va) or the Carfin Grotto Facebook.

**Open Evening** - Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Are you a teacher, an aspiring school leader or simply intellectually curious? Come to an online open evening (Zoom) to hear about courses from St Mary's University, Twickenham, which will be taught at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh this autumn. It takes place 6-7pm, Wednesday 2 June. Register at [bit.ly/OurOpenEvening](http://bit.ly/OurOpenEvening) For more information about courses visit [stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

**Mental Health event** - The Archdiocese is hosting an event titled 'Mental Health and the Pandemic: How can we respond?'. It takes place on Monday, 7 June, 7:30-8:30pm (Zoom webinar) and features Father Tony Lappin and Professor John Crichton. Register at [bit.ly/MentalHealth\\_Webinar](http://bit.ly/MentalHealth_Webinar)

**ACN Benefactors' Day** - Bishop Robson will celebrate Mass to mark Aid to the Church in Need's benefactors' day on Thursday, 10 June at 10am. You can watch it on the livestream section at [www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk](http://www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk)

# PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Christine McManus and Eileen Sheridan*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Charlie Boyle, Maria Crolla, Bob Holligan and Tony Notarangelo*

**St John's May 29:-** John Broadley (1985); **May 30:-** Charlie Boyle (2020); Angela Morga (2001); Alexander McCraw (1979); **May 31:-** John Gorrie (1993); David Devlin (1968); **June 1 :-** Margaret McCluskey (2008); Thomas M Henderson (1985); Carmine Demarco(1977); Catherine McCann (1972); **June 2 :-** Maria Domenica Crolla (2015); Alexander McFarlane (1997); Mary Boyle (1993); Andrew Smart (1988); Thomas Brennan (1964); Andrew Durkin (1953); **June 3 :-** Bob Holligan (2016); Georgina Meldrum (2008); Thomas Burke (1970); **June 4 :-** Margaret Barrins (2012); Jennie Cox (2012); John Cooney (1980); Mr & Mrs Brennan (1969);

**St Mary Magdalene's: May 30:-** Tony Notarangelo (2016); Bridget Boyle (1995) - **June 1 :-** Mary Dickson (1974);

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Joyce Martin, Mike Iannarelli, Ernie Moran, Chloe Sutherland, May Thomson, Norah Bruce, Patricia Lawler, James Curnyn, Celia Stone, Eddie Clark, Margaret MacLeod, Sheena Sivell, Catherine Walker, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Susan Cammach, Pauli Walker, Dolores Jones, Evelyn Oldershaw, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Alan Blyth, 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.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Denis Davidson, Graham Neilson, 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 parishioners, including:** Christopher MacKinnon, Dago Dinis, Audrey Burgess, William Barker, Canon Andrew Monaghan, Jaroslav Icina, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ray Perrett, William Young, Nick Koning, Kerry Horn, Ann Thorp, John Mackenzie, Alistair Grieves, Tonino Howard, baby Josh Simpson, Maureen McEvoy, Helen McCann, Rhoda Tumboli, Dani Miniette, Marina Calanna, 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, Katie Mc Anenny, 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, Seval Kazimoglu, 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, Margo Law, 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 – 23 May 2021

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
<b>£309.10 total</b> including Offertory of £93.10 and Gift Aid of 216.00	<b>£1346.76 total</b> including Offertory of £419.36, Gift Aid of £127.40 and £800.00 Online Donations

THANK  
YOU!

*We believe in a God who knows holy rage - a God who stands with the underdog.  
Who passionately protects the suffering. And who overturns systems of corruption.*

*We believe in a God who leads by example - feeding the hungry, welcoming the children,  
offering water to the Samaritan, eating with the tax collector, healing the sick, preaching from  
the mountaintop, and offering second chances.*

*We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way, and still said, "This is my body  
broken for you."*

*We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes, and still said, "I'm going to prepare a  
place for you."*

*And because of this love, we believe that God shows us the way, again and again and again.*

*(A CREED FOR TODAY - Sarah Are)*

# A REFLECTION ON TRINITY SUNDAY

For many of us, this weekend's feast of the Trinity has a sort of surreal air. We don't really understand it, but we accept it as a part of our faith. It brings comfort even if it does not lend itself, too much, to comprehension. We believe that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three distinct persons yet one in nature. There is one God. The New Testament is rich with references to the Trinity. One that readily comes to mind is that of Paul in his greeting: *The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* In essence, belief in the Trinity, as well as bringing comfort reminds us that God is love - pure love, creative love, life-enhancing love. He is a relationship of harmony and equality, three persons yet one nature. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us what we are to do: *Go therefore, make disciples of all nations: baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* We are to share our belief and faith with everyone - the faith that speaks of love, pure, creative love: Three distinct persons, one Godhead. Three persons, distinct in nature, but not three Gods. Many have given a lifetime to studying the subject and much has been written. Their thoughts and study are available to all. We might struggle to comprehend them, opting instead to park the fruits of their labours somewhere deep in the recesses of our mind. Nevertheless, the feast has implications for our day-to-day living.

I think I have told you before about the lady who stands outside one of the local supermarkets selling copies of the Big Issue. She is Eastern European (they haven't all been booted out!) and possesses the most engaging of smiles and lively eyes. I used to find myself hurrying past her – not because I didn't want to buy a copy but mainly through embarrassment because I never carry much cash. I seem to pay for everything with plastic money. Now that shops discourage cash transactions – even car parking is contactless – I have even less need for coins. I thought she deserved an explanation for my apparent brusqueness. I stopped and explained. Her appreciation was palpable. She was grateful that I had stopped because, as she put it, 'in stopping, I acknowledged that she was there. That she existed.' I found myself going into far too much detail about my shopping habits and routine – and she kept on smiling. Hers wasn't the smile of "Oh yeah, not that one again" – it was the smile of gratitude. I had taken the time to engage with her and recognise that she was present. Just as there is evidence of all sorts of prejudice in society there is also much talk today of the issue of Racism – whether or not it is real, and whether our society suffers from institutional racism. Generalisations are always dangerous but, as a rule, 'white' people don't think that racism exists, 'people of colour' do. Be it prejudice or racism, when pressed on the subject, many resort to the defence of 'you will always find one bad apple' – and herein lies the real issue. If bad apples are in existence, what are the good ones doing about it?

Unless we are rooted in and built on the mystery of the Trinity then, when it comes to combatting the effects of these bad apples we are doomed to failure. The co-existence of three Persons in one Godhead indicate the height of the bar to which we aim. We are each made in the image and likeness of this Trinitarian God and as such are capable of and called to a life of co-existence, a life of harmony and mutual respect. There is no room for prejudice of any sort – and in moments of ruthless honesty we can see that prejudice is many faceted, a coat of many colours, and there is quite possibly one such coat that sits in our wardrobe and is a perfect fit. We might not wear it often – but we are reluctant to discard it. Like a comfort-rag it offers re-assurance and sometimes comfort.

Prejudice in any of its guises is anathema to the Doctrine of The Trinity. We possess an easy-to-follow aide-memoire in our Christian struggle. It centres around the sign of the cross that we traditionally use to begin our Mass and daily prayers. It reads: *May everything I do in my life today, be. ...In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen*

# FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

## Chapter 20 – “The Womb of Silence”

Our response to the invitation, ‘Be still and know that I am God,’ is beautifully summed up in the following reflection by an unknown writer.

### THE WOMB OF SILENCE

*Not in the whirlwind,  
not in the lightning,  
not in the strife of tongues,  
or in the jangling of subtle reasoning  
is He to be found,  
but in the still small voice  
speaking in the womb of silence.  
Therefore be silent.*

*Let the past be silent.  
Let there be no vain regrets,  
no brooding on past failures,  
no bitterness,  
no judgment of oneself or of others.  
Let all be silent.*

*Be still and know.  
Be still and look.  
Let the eyes of the mind be closed,  
that you may hear what otherwise you would not hear,  
that you may know what otherwise you would not know.*

*Abandon yourself to Him  
in longing love, simply,  
holding on to nothing but Him.  
So you may enter the silence of eternity  
and know the union of yourself with Him.*

*And if in the silence he does not answer,  
He is still there.  
His silence is the silence of love.  
Wait then in patience  
and in submission.  
It is good to wait in silence  
for His coming.*



Seeds of  
Silence

finding space with God

# *A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE*

*(from the Benedictine nuns of Stanbrook Abbey in Yorkshire)*

As with many others around the world, we are praying for an end to hostilities between Israel and Hamas. Already too many people have died (and distressingly far too many children), too many homes have been destroyed and despite human intervention, there seems no end in sight to the violence.

We call on the Spirit of Peace to bring divine intervention...that intervention that blows where it wills and breaks through the hardest of hearts and toughest barriers. Peace was the gift and grace of the Risen Jesus. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. And so we pray:

*Come O Christ of Peace, Come O Spirit of Peace.*

*Have mercy on your people,  
Speak to the hearts of leaders,  
Bring healing, send grace,  
breathe Peace into that holy land.*

*Amen.*

