

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year *3 July 2022*



From today's Gospel: 'The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to the towns and places he himself was to visit. [...] He said: 'I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves.'" (Luke 10:1.4)

We Continue to pray for Peace – 'Dear Lord, please grant the people of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Reconciliation, Your Forgiveness, Your Love. Amen.'

The next Healing Mass will be this Monday, 4 July, at 2.30pm in St John's.

Next Sunday's 9.30am Mass will be a Children's Mass.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. Given that our parishes are by or near the sea, there will be a Leaving Collection (not a second collection – ie baskets just left at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute)

Synod Report - The Archdiocesan synod report has been published and submitted to the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Read it at bit.ly/oursynodreport

The next Baptism Course will be on Thursday 18 August and Thursday 25 August at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like to have a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal - As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

THIS WEEK

Saturday 2 July

9.30am-1.30pm – St John's Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale** - <https://twendepamoja.org.uk/>

6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 3 July – 14th Sunday of the Year

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

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

Monday 4 July

2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass** - livestreamed

7.00pm-8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel sharing**, a gentle reflection on this Sunday's Readings
—————> please click [HERE](#) or go to shorturl.at/fgnJP

Tuesday 5 July - 9.45am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Maureen Forsyth** - livestreamed

Wednesday 6 July - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Thursday 7 July

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** - livestreamed

10.00am – Our Lady of Loreto, Musselburgh – **Requiem Mass for Mary Carwell**

Friday 8 July

9.15am-9.45am – St John's - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am - St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Saturday 9 July – Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Maebh Roarty**

6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 10 July – 15th Sunday of the Year

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass** – livestreamed

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 12 July – 10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Maureen Lawrie**

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Ordination - The Archdiocese has a new priest - **Fr Josh Moir** who was ordained to the priesthood at Our Lady & St Andrew, Galashiels, on Tuesday. He will return to the Pontifical Scots College in Rome to complete a final year of studies. Please keep him and all priests in the Archdiocese in your prayers.

Abortion - The Bishops of Scotland have issued a statement on abortion following recent public debate on the issue. They remind us that "if we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principal upon which that aspiration rests". Read the statement on the news section of the Scottish Catholic Media Office: <https://scmo.org/>

Relics of St Bernadette - Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24 September until 2 October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2 October. Carfin Grotto is situated in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's in the village of Carfin, near Motherwell, and is Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Visit <https://www.carfingrotto.org/>

Pro-Life Pilgrimage - A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the sanctity of life, takes place at Walsingham National Shrine in Norfolk, beginning at midday on Saturday 6 August with Bishop Philip Egan. For details visit <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/> for details.

MA in Applied Catholic Theology - The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the key skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

NOTICEBOARD

Many thanks, as always, to Fr Jim Smith, celebrating our Vigil Mass (while Fr Jock is celebrating one of the Memorial Masses that are taking place these days for those who died during Covid), and also the 10am Thursday morning Mass at St Mary Magdalene's (while Fr Jock celebrates the funeral of Mary Carwell at Our Lady of Loretto, Musselburgh).

Joan Daly, Holyrood High School Head Teacher, writes: "Dear Parishioners, please click link for Holy Rood's Summer Newsletter. We think you'll find it's well worth a read!
<https://sway.office.com/pazSxMgSr16r1uOB?ref=Link> We wish all our families an enjoyable summer holiday.

Later in the newsletter, there is a cartoon about **Parish Pastoral Councils** – you can check it against the reality – **the minutes of St John's Pastoral Council Meetings are now available for perusal** both at the back of the Church and online on the St John's website:

<https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/parish-pastoral-council-meeting>

The Defibrillator outside St John's Hall that went missing has been traced by Geoff Dobson (having been used to save a life) – Geoff now has a more direct e-mail address with the Scottish Ambulance Service to locate it quickly post use.

During the troubles in Dublin, a scared old Irishwoman was challenged by a sentry.
'Halt, who goes there?' he roared.
'Oh Jesus, Mary and Joseph,' wailed the frightened old lady.
'Pass, Holy Family'.

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK - JAN HUS - Feast Day 6 July

Catholic Reformer, Martyr (1372 – 1415)

“Lord, Jesus Christ, it is for the sake of the gospel and the preaching of the word that I undergo, with patience and humility, this terrifying, ignominious, cruel death.”



The life of Jan Hus, Czech priest and reformer, was almost exactly coterminous with one of the most serious crises in the history of Christendom—the Great Schism of the papacy (1378-1417). For nearly forty years, the church was rent between the rival claims of two and ultimately three popes. Although Hus's theological works did not directly address this crisis, in an ironic way history made them inseparable. It was at the Council of Constance (1414-1417), summoned to resolve the papal schism, that Hus was burned as a heretic.

Hus was a master at the University of Prague and preacher at the University Chapel. There, through the popularity of his sermons before enormous crowds, he emerged as the leader of a vigorous movement of church reform. He attacked corruption among his fellow clergy and strongly advocated lay spirituality through knowledge of Scripture and frequent communion. Among his accomplishments was a vernacular translation of the New Testament.

When one of the contending popes authorized the sale of indulgences to raise money for a crusade against his rival, Hus spoke out with prophetic indignation. In his view the shameless commercialization of the sacrament of penance was compounded by the fact that it served an exhortation to bloodshed. His stand alienated not only the archbishop of Prague but the emperor, who stood to share in the proceeds of this commerce.

The story of Hus's trials and betrayals at the hands of princes, rival popes, and sometimes friends is exceedingly complex and not easily summarized. Scholars have tended to exonerate Hus of the charges brought against him. (It was reported that Pope John Paul II was among the supporters of his rehabilitation.) There is little doubt that his positions were misrepresented by critics less interested in the truth than in their own political and ecclesial agendas.

To be sure, the stakes were high, for the papal schism threatened the entire social order of Europe. But in the face of this crisis, Hus advanced a position different from the two principal contending camps. On the one hand there were those who insisted on the monarchical authority of the papacy as the basis of church unity. On the other hand there were the so-called conciliarists who pointed out that papal authority - in a situation of rival pontiffs - was a less-than-ideal basis for unity. Instead, they sought to resolve the crisis by appeal to the higher authority of church councils.

Hus pursued a more mystical and evangelical approach. Christ alone was head of the church. The only sure basis for reform and unity was to be found not in any juridical conception of power but in an understanding of communion rooted in moral conversion and holiness. To partisans on either side, Hus's position sounded at best unrealistic, and at worst a kind of dreamy anarchism.

Hus was issued a promise of safe conduct to defend his views at the Council of Constance, which had been convened to resolve the schism.. Upon his arrival, however, he was arrested and imprisoned. After a shamelessly biased inquiry - closer to a canonical lynching - he was convicted of heresy and turned over to the secular arm for punishment. On July 6, 1415, he was publicly burned.

The courage and serenity with which Hus met his fate, insisting on his innocence while forgiving his enemies, left many witnesses wondering whether the condemned heretic was not in fact a saint. Like the early Luther, to whom he is often compared, Hus combined a deep loyalty to the church with an outspoken discernment of its various pathologies. He represented a bridge between a rigidly institutional model of the church and a freer, spiritual model. In burning that bridge, the council fathers resolved one crisis only to prepare the way for the far greater upheavals of the following century.

As for Hus, who might have escaped death had he willingly renounced his theology, he wrote his own epitaph:

“It is better to die well than to live wickedly. One should not sin in order to avoid the punishment of death. Truth conquers all things.”

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - ISAIAH 66: 10-14 LUKE 10: 1-12, 17-20

It's now three weeks since I fractured my left humerus. The Pain is slowly fading. Unable to drive and dosed up with sometimes Codeine, sometimes Paracetamol, sometimes Ibuprofen, but thankfully never acceding to the temptation to combine all three – despite past addictive behaviour - tiredness and drowsiness have been constant companions. I am unable to lie down, so sleep is only possible in an armchair. I could have used the time of my confinement to further my knowledge of quantum physics but, instead, opted to re-read John le Carre, and occasionally watch daytime television. It doesn't matter if I fall asleep in front of the TV, fed as I am on a diet of mediocre drama and sitcom re-runs. The downside is the adverts. Mercifully spared an endless stream of adverts for 'Verisure Alarms'. I am, instead, encouraged to adopt a donkey, or a snow leopard; perhaps I'd like to sponsor an orangutan or an elephant. Then there's always the option to purchase a commemorative one-eighth Gold Sovereign bearing the image of Prince William. At this point I am expected to suspend disbelief as I look at the face staring back at me from the coin - and wonder who on earth it is meant to be! The artist needs to consider returning to his day job! However, one advert always gets me: it is the one for 'Water Aid'. It shows young children, forced to go to extraordinary lengths to find water. You and I just take plentiful, clean water for granted. Rarely in short supply we're a long way from having to dig for water or travel miles to collect a bucket of brown water from a filthy river. Yet this is the lot of so many. Isaiah tells us today: *Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river and like a stream in spate...* God's grace, like cool, cleansing and refreshing water is offered freely, generously, and unconditionally. It is ours for the taking

This week, we witnessed the death of the journalist Dame Deborah James at the age of 40. She called herself 'Bowel Babe' as she sought to break the taboo surrounding bowel cancer. Her battle with the disease captured the imagination of many and it sparked at least one discussion on a Radio Phone-In about end-of-life care. A hospice-manager gave an account of one lady facing death, who liked nothing more than the feel of rainfall on her face. The hospice arranged plastic coverings for her bed and would wheel her bed outside whenever the opportunity arose. Cool, invigorating, life-giving, cleansing water, running down her face. *Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river and like a stream in spate...*

Today we reflect on the Peace that is embodied in the person of Jesus Christ, God made Man. In the Gospel passage this weekend, he tells his followers: *Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house.....'* We are asked to be people of peace, individuals who possess and share that inner peace that flows from everything we think, do, and say - *Like a stream in spate*. Sometimes life is all rosy, sometimes bleak, sometimes a bed of roses, sometimes a crown of thorns. There are occasions when showing a loving, and cheery disposition is as natural as breathing, others when herculean effort is called for. Such is life. Sometimes we are walking through a pasture of sweet, rich grassland bejewelled with wildflowers of every hue and colour, sometimes we struggle to keep our footing as we scramble across rocks and scree. Life is a wonderful kaleidoscope of different experiences. We need both extremes if we are to grow and develop. We are asked to live a life of peace and to bring that same peace, that same vibrancy and hope to those around us. In this year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, it sometimes appears to be a tall order. It might seem daunting, surrounded as we are by so much anger, despair and division. It's no use looking to those political leaders whose powerbase is built on division. Only you and I can bring healing peace

We are called to be individuals of Peace. The birth of Jesus was announced by the angels with: "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to those of goodwill!" Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection with the words, "Peace be with you". At Mass we exchange the sign of Peace as a precursor to communion. There can be no confusion. The Gospel is a Gospel of peace, we are obliged to be individuals who are peaceful in demeanour, peaceful in thought and peaceful in word. There's not much more to add. Peace be with you.

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

Statement on Abortion from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Monday 27 June 2022

In the light of recent public debate on the subject of abortion, Scotland's Catholic Bishops offer this perspective to the people of Scotland:

“Whether we believe in anything spiritual or not, the life that each one of us lives is the only one we have, and to take life from the unborn, no matter how insignificant in size, cannot be right.

“The rights of a woman and the compassion and support due to her, and the circumstances of her pregnancy, are naturally of great concern to us, but an unborn life, once taken, can never be restored. This is what makes abortion such a profoundly important matter for all human beings.

“No matter what position we take, this belief in the profound importance of the issue is shared by us all. It is incumbent on us therefore to accept that deeply held and divergent opinions are at stake and that the conflict which arises from this should be handled with respect and civility.

“Those who do not believe human life begins at the moment of conception, invite the question: ‘when does it begin?’ while those who believe that it does, ask the question: ‘what right have we to take a unique and unrepeatable human life?’

“If we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principal upon which that aspiration rests.”

A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

*May God bless you with discomfort,
at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships
so that you may live
deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people and animals,
so that you may work for
justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears,
to shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger and war,*

*so that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and
to turn their pain to joy.*

*And may God bless you
with enough foolishness
to believe that you can
make a difference to the world,
so that you can do
what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness
to all our children, God's creatures, and
the poor.*

Amen



Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Jim McLay - Annie Ross
John Francis Harwood-Stevenson*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Sam Kershaw - Lorraine Muldoon
Josephine Gemmell
Angela Cunningham
baby Jamie Whyte - Josie Martin
Mary Florence Crabbe
Wyn Brogan
Fr Noel Fitzpatrick
Peter Cosgrove*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

July 2: Bridget Tracy (2014); Daniel Kelly (1982); Anthony Docherty (1968); Christina Cunningham; **July 3:** Sam Kershaw (2014); Katherine Brown (2004); Violet MacNamara Sen.; **July 4:** Angela Cunningham (2021); Baby Jamie Whyte (2020); Bill Sharp (1997); Michael Gilhooly (1981); Catherine Trower (1953); Francis J Sweeney 1949); **July 5:** Josie Martin (2017); Audrey Reid (1998); **July 6:** Elizabeth Hutton (2001); Elizabeth Cossar (1997); Michael Iannarelli (1980); Matilda O'Lone (1978); Peter Cosgrove (1957); Irene McMartin (1941); **July 7:** Mollie O'Brien (2004); John Barrins (2003); Rose Paterson (1997); **July 8:** Mary Florence Crabbe (2016); James Douglas (2003); Laura M M Dignan (2002); Lawrence O'Brien (1995); James Hutton (1994); Emily Stone (1915); **July 9:** Cecilia Sharkey (2016); Mary (Barrins) Clarke (1941); Isabella Mathieson; **July 10:** Jimmy Curran (2019); Dorothy Hyde (1982); Jessie Kelly (1979);

St Mary Magdalene's:

July 3: Dorothy Barrett (2003); Mary Healy (1997); **July 4:** Elvira Tanchuk (2014); Annie O'Toole (1999); **July 10:** Charles McKenna (1998);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's: Shay Graham (aged 5), Kathleen Brown, John Cregan, Mike Noonan, Jean Bonar, Baby Archie Williams, John Whyte, Susan Cammack, Maria Pacitti, Kim O'Neill, Sheila Service, Frances Connelly, Fiona Connel, Inge Downey, John Freeman, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, 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 and Ann McDermott, John Forte, Lalee Martin, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Ellen Dow, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Margo Law, Sheila White, Michael Durkin, Jessica Haggerty, Lauren Sutherland, Margaret Thomson, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Bill Henderson, Kit McCormick, Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Anne Lauder, Seval Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Mary Thomson, Fr Raymond OCSO, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Nan Doig, Clare Johnston, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Christopher MacKinnon, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Jean Nelson, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

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19 June**

**Offertory
26 June**