

St John the Evangelist, Portobello

Key Areas of Parish Life

Autumn 2024

Liturgy, Celebration of the Sacraments, Prayer.

Sunday and weekday Masses and other liturgical celebrations including Requiem Masses, Healing Masses, Bereavement Masses, School Masses, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week & Easter services.

Sacramental Celebrations including baptisms, weddings, reconciliation, confirmations, First Communions.

Public Devotions including Exposition, 40 Hours Adoration, Benediction, Stations of the Cross, Morning and Evening Prayer, and pilgrimages.

Daily Open Church for private prayer.

The Prayer Room (within the Parish House).

Supporting Ministries including Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Musicians, Bidding Prayer Writers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Church Cleaners, Live-streaming Team, Flower Arrangers, Hospitality Groups and Open Church Facilitators.

Faith Formation

RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation Of Adults (for those considering baptism and reception into the Catholic Church)

Sacramental preparation including RCIC (Reconciliation, First Communion and confirmation), baptismal preparation and marriage preparation.

General Faith Formation including house groups, retreats, faith formation group, on-line Gospel sharing, church & Parish House libraries.

Training and continuing formation for Eucharistic Ministers.

General Governance & Administration

Parish Priest
Parish Deacon
Parish Team – and Mairi Clunas who lives the consecrated life.

Parish Administrator
Parish House (and Co-ordinator)
Church Hall (and Co-ordinator)
Prayer Room
Parish archives
Safeguarding
Health & Safety
Fire Team
First Aiders
Cash counters

Synodal Process

Parish Pastoral Council
Finance Council
Fabric Committee
Open Parish Meetings

Outreach 1 (Local)

Pastoral and Social Outreach including Communion visits to housebound, live-streaming Masses and Services, Christmas and Easter cards to housebound, SVdP, Legion of Mary, Bereavement Group, counselling, Thursday Club, hospitality, parish fund-raising events, L'Arche Epiphany lunch, oral history project.

School outreach including St John's PS, Holyrood HS, Caritas programme.

Youth outreach including children's Masses.

Communication and Evangelisation including Open Church, weekly newsletter, parish website, parish Facebook page, parish YouTube channel, parish Instagram account, parish handbook, noticeboards.

Outreach 2 (Wider)

Links with St Mary Magdalene's, Cluster Parishes, Deanery Parishes, the Archdiocese

Ecumenism including links with PACT, the Holy Huddle, and the sharing of our facilities with St Mark's Episcopal Church during the sharing of our facilities. .

Inter-faith links including with Imam Rabbani.

Outreach 3 (Widest)

Local community links including First Monday Charity Coffee mornings, J&P Group (Fresh Start, food banks), Bethany Christian Trust meals, Eco Congregation Scotland.

Twinned with Legho Parish, Moshi Diocese, Tanzania.

Overseas links including SCIAF, Mary's Meals, Twende Pamoja, STEKA Skills (and our fundraising project of the Women's Hostel in rural Blantyre, Malawi – our fundraising focus this year)