

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

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**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
(Cycle B) 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**WELCOME!** ...

*Fr Jock would like to welcome most warmly all visitors to our sister parishes for the festive season, to wish everybody a Happy and Holy Christmas, and particularly to thank all who work so generously for their Lord and our Parishes – especially in this festive season but also throughout the year.*

*... and many thanks, as so often, to Fr John Robinson who will be covering three weekday Masses for Fr Jock this week.*

*Mgr Rae and Fr Tabone sends their warmest greetings to all their former parishioners and are very grateful for all the cards they have received.*

*Warm wishes too go to our friends in the diocese of Moshi in Tanzania, and particularly to the people of Legho with whom so many happy memories have been shared over the years.*

**CHRISTMASTIDE**....continues till 11<sup>th</sup> January!

Remember the Christmas season continues right through to the **Feast of the Epiphany** (on the 4<sup>th</sup>) and The **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (on the 11<sup>th</sup>) - so to help us continue to celebrate we offer

**A short evening retreat on ICONS** - next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January (The Feast of the Epiphany) from 7-9pm in St John's Church: "This is my son, the beloved" - Images of Christ revealed through iconography. Join us for prayer around the icon of The Baptism of Jesus.'

This retreat evening is facilitated by our Diocesan Retreat Team, **Sr Kathleen Curran UJ and Juliet MacKellaig** – everybody in our sister parishes most welcome...

**Special Collection Next Weekend:** There will be a Special Collection for the work of **Justice and Peace** - nationally, for the Commission, and in our diocese - at all Masses next Saturday evening and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**PACT Annual Burns Supper – 7pm – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

Siobhan Sellar writes: 'The annual Burns Supper organised by Portobello Area Churches Together (PACT) for Christian Aid will take place 7pm on Saturday 17th January in the Portobello & Joppa Church Hall Brunstane Road North. Tickets are £15 with BYOB. Please let Siobhan Sellar (0131 6573805, [sasellar@gmail.com](mailto:sasellar@gmail.com)) know by Sunday 11th January if you would like to attend from St. Johns or St Mary Magdalene's so we can confirm the numbers with the organisers.'

**French Exchange Opportunity**

Through Fr Jock's connection with the founding L'Arche community in Trosly, near Compiègne, in Northern France, we have been asked by a family to enquire whether any parishioner(s) would be interested in participating in a French exchange programme. They are seeking a host family for 2 twelve year old girls planning a visit in May/June 2015. Both speak English well and would be happy to host in return. Please speak to Fr Jock for further details.

**Offertory Collection - 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014**  
**St Mary Magdalene's - £265.00 St John's - £ 868.29**  
**MANY THANKS.**

**Please pray for those who have died recently, including:** Helen Somervell. Alfred Baird

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Annie Watson, Jane and James Moyes, Margaret McGuire, Maria Rossi, Agnes O'Donnell, Annie Kirk, Jackie Flynn, Marion Napier, Dennis Sistrom, James Fettes, Thomas Rooney, Philip McMicken, Bertie Demarco, James Malone, Catherine McElroy, Annie Graham (O'Brien), Elizabeth Stone, Alexander Donnelly, Thomas Mackay, Anne Marie Phillips, Monica Cubitt, Betsy Hogg, James Lacey

**Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including:**

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Monsignor James Rae, Mary Grady, Mike Iannarelli, Eddie Clark, Sarah Clark, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Mona Scoular, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Michael & Mamie Richards, Pat Kershaw, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Alf Macnamara, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Jane Murray, Ann Ward, Paul Bainbridge, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Monica Gorman, Chris English, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundala, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Anne-Louise Dalrymple, baby Ava Gillies, Anne Gallagher, Margaret Davis, Christine Wilson, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** John Cunningham & Anne Jabir  
... and for next Sunday Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

**Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson  
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## St. John's

**Many thanks to Frances McDevitt,** who has generously donated a hymn board in memory of the deceased members of the McDevitt and Bagan families – to match the hymn board donated recently in memory of Letitia Sellar.

**LEGHO.** Over the years parishioners at St John's have been invited to contribute to a Christmas gift to Legho to support the projects the communities are developing. **There will be an opportunity to make your donation at a leaving collection following both Masses at St John's this weekend,** the Feast of the Holy Family. Visit [www.twendepamojatrust.blogspot.com](http://www.twendepamojatrust.blogspot.com) to see the latest photographs.

**The Stall** has a wide selection of calendars on sale. Feel free to browse

### The Lodging

The stones of the desert town  
Flush; and a star-filled wave,  
Night steeples down.

From a pub door here and there  
A random ribald song  
Leaks on the air.

The Roman in a strange land  
Broods, wearily leaning  
His lance in the sand.

The innkeeper over the fire  
Counting his haul, hears not  
The cry from the byre;

But rummaging in the till  
Grumbles at the drunken shepherds  
Dancing on the hill

And wonders, pale and grudging,  
If the queer pair below  
Will pay their lodging.

George Mackay Brow

**Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234** A reminder for any person experiencing domestic abuse who may feel particularly vulnerable at this time of year that the Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline number is **0800 027 1234**. Domestic abuse is everyone's problem. To find out more about what we each can do, please visit [www.whiteribbonscotland.org.uk](http://www.whiteribbonscotland.org.uk) and [www.togetherwecanstopit.org](http://www.togetherwecanstopit.org)

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 27th December</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Anne Rushe	
<b>Sunday 28th December</b> <b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>
<b>Monday 29th December</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 30th December</b>		<b>7.00 pm Mass:</b> Jane and James Moyes
<b>Wednesday 31st December</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> James Edington	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>		<b>11.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention: <i>Christmas Bouquet</i> <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Francis Harvey - poet  <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>

**Day by Day in Community.** A community which is just an explosion of heroism is not a true community. True community implies a way of life, a way of living and seeing reality; it implies above all fidelity in the daily round. And this is made up of simple things – getting meals, using and washing the dishes and using them again, going to meetings – as well as gift, joy and celebration; and it is made up of forgiving seventy times seventy-seven.

*Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p. 109*