

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

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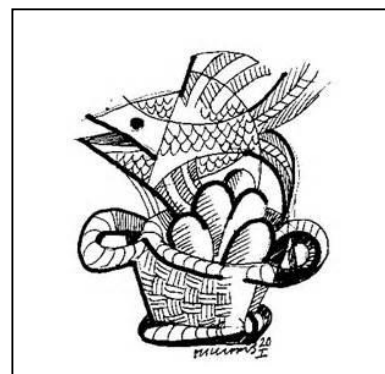
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**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**9<sup>th</sup> August 2015**



There will be a Special Collection next weekend on behalf of **the African Missions and the upkeep of the Holy Places** (in the Holy Land).

**Christian Aid Week 2015:** Siobhan Sellar writes: 'A total of **£9,271.69** was raised for Christian Aid week 2015 from the Portobello & Joppa area, and an additional £660.65 will be claimed back from gift aid. Many thanks to all those who assisted in this great fundraising effort!'

**Social Media Seminar at Gillis Centre.** Archbishop Leo has invited us to send two members from our parishes to a seminar on how the Catholic Church can best use social media to help to evangelise and to build up our communities. He writes: '*As we are all aware, Pope Frances is constantly challenging us to find new ways of bringing the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our contemporary society. One popular way to do this is through "social media" such as Facebook and Twitter ... Such means allow the Catholic Church to communicate directly with the public; explaining our Christian faith, highlighting the good work of the Church in our communities and sharing information with each other about events ...*'. To this end, a seminar will take place at the Gillis Centre on **Wednesday 2 September from 7pm to 9pm**. Contributors include Annie McGuire, Social Media Editor, BBC Question Time; Rev Stephen Baillie; and David Kerr, Diocesan Director of Communications. If you would be interested in attending on behalf of the sister parishes please speak to Fr Jock.

**Fr Jock writes: 'Hymn Boards & Monstrances ...** Back in March, I concelebrated a funeral in East Anglia of a man in his fifties, Jamie Gaynor, with whom I'd been on a pilgrimage to Lourdes for many years. After the funeral, his mother, Thyrsa, asked if she could make a donation to our two parishes in memory of Jamie. It was a very generous one, and as a result we now have two new hymn boards at St Mary Magdalene's and a new monstrance at St John's. We are very grateful to Thyrsa, and Jamie ... please remember them both in your prayers.'

**A 'Request for Prayers' Book** can be found at the back of both churches. Do enter requests – and also consult to see who needs praying for...Also, please let us know if you would like any name(s) put in the newsletter as well.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August:** 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Grace Harrison.**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August:** 10 to 12noon: Portobello Salvation Army, 40 Bath Street: **Summer Club for Children** (ages 5 to 12). Games, crafts, Bible stories and lots of **FUN!** Cost £1 per day. Contact Marlyn Spence (07908601519) or email [Marlyn.spence@salvationarmy](mailto:Marlyn.spence@salvationarmy)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August:** 7.30pm: Parish House: **St John's Pastoral Council Meeting.**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.00am: Mass with **renewal of vows of Carol Anne and Alex Cranston**, as they celebrate their Silver Wedding.

## IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass with baptism of Nathan Zuk and anointing of the sick and elderly.**

1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a group going to Nunraw on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and arrive back at 7.30pm.' Please contact Maria Igoe if you would like to join the group (0131 669 0247).

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August:** 2.30pm: St John's Church: **Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass)** - followed by the sacrament of reconciliation for those who wish. The Rosary will be recited at 2.15pm. All are invited to the Hall for tea and homebaking after Mass.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 7pm: Lauriston Hall, 28 Lauriston St, EH3 9DJ: Sciaf Ceilidh.** All most welcome to enjoy music & dancing, bar & food, raffles & games, face painting (for the kids!!). Tickets cost £10/ Family Ticket £20 (2 adults, 2 kids). Contact Teresa at SCIAF for tickets/info 0141 354 5555 or email [events@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:events@sciaf.org.uk)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** 12 to 5pm (gather at 11.45 for Angelus): **St Mary's Haddington: National Youth Pilgrimage to Nunraw Abbey, 'Celebrating Consecrated Life'**. Mass at 3pm at Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw. Main celebrant Archbishop Leo Cushley. (Please bring a packed lunch.) See posters at the back of each Church, or contact [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk) or Fr Jock for further details.

## NOTICEBOARD

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: Krakow, Poland: 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.** Patricia Carroll, Archdiocesan Director of Pastoral Resources has sent details of arrangements for the World Youth Day in Krakow in 2016. There will be 35 places for young people from the Archdiocese, travelling by coach to Krakow. Archbishop Leo will travel with the group, and the trip will provide an opportunity to visit sites of significance, including the town where Pope John Paul II lived. Cost of the trip is £800, which includes transport, 8 days B & B in Krakow, and 1 night half board in Dortmund both ways. Register with deposit of £150 by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015. For further details or to register please contact Irene Furlong 0131 623 8912 or email [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk). (If any young parishioner is interested in joining the group please let Fr Jock know and we can give some thought to how funds could be raised to help with the cost.)

**HOST FAMILY sought for a visiting student from Bergamo in Italy.** Filippo is 17 yrs old and has been offered an internship with an Edinburgh business for two weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August. He hopes to study classics at Edinburgh University when he finishes high school. He is happy to pay for his accommodation and meals (if meals are included). If you can offer Filippo accommodation for 2 weeks please speak to Fr Jock or Pauline Connarty, or contact Professor Michele Favorite, John Cabot University, Rome (+39 0668191258). Email [mfavorite@johncabot.edu](mailto:mfavorite@johncabot.edu) (**As soon as possible please!**)

**WEDNESDAY WORD.** Copies available at the back of each church. Highly recommended. Please help yourself!

**AND FINALLY ... not to be missed! 'MRS MASH' is appearing at the Fringe.**

### **'MRS MASH'**

**" ... scrumptious stories, delectable ditties, & rhymes worth ruminating over!"**

**Songs and stories for children from age 3 years (+).**

Venue: The Royal Scots Club, 29 – 31 Abercromby Place, Edinburgh.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am each day.

Tickets: Children £4/ Adults £6/ Family Ticket £15.

(More details can be found on Mrs Mash's website.)

### *Offertory Collection on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015*

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**£378.44 (inc Gift Aided: £239.50)**

**St John the Evangelist**

**£931.56 (inc Gift Aided: £501.90)**

**MANY THANKS!**

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Michele Gradone, Steven von Schenk, Sr Anne O'Mahony, Peter Ward, John Boyle, and Liam Barry.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Patrick Gilhooley, Margaret Waugh, William & Bridget Gillespie, George Kirk, Mary Treasurer, Veronica Schmelter, Elizabeth Garland, Eddie Cullen, Domenico Demarco, Martha Anthony, Catherine Lowe, Eleanor Gracie, Hugh Ward, Leslie Berry, Philip Brady, Elizabeth Cunningham, John Calder, Robert Nelson, James Braby, and The McMullen Family.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Mgr James Rae, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Jimi Boyle, Jude Payne, Mona Scoular, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Alf Macnamara, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

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

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Austin Tod, baby Marnie Josie Cree, Roy McGillivray, Cameron Hall, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Jeanette Amos, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Rupert Ridge.

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall  
... and for next Sunday: Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

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

**Welcome to the world...Cameron, a son for Mirelle and Jonathan, and a first grandchild for Alex and Pat Hunter.**

**Charity Coffee Morning:** Maria Igoe writes: 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be this **Monday 10th August** and donations will be given to Pauline MacInnes for the children, who live in the Hostel of St Joseph's School, Gitdubling, West Bengal, India.'

**Refurbishments Update:** Painting of the hall is almost accomplished, and regular clubs have resumed. Kenny will return for a day to finish painting the doors, possibly on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. In the meantime, the folding tables have arrived, together with a trolley for stacking them away if required. If anybody would like to claim one of the old hall tables before they are sent for recycling, please contact Chris Vinestock or Pauline Connarty in the Parish office 0131 669 5447.

**A reminder that St John's Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Parish House.**

### **Going to church can help keep depression at bay research suggests.**

'Research published recently in the American Journal of Epidemiology looked at different levels of social activity and how they influenced people's moods. They found that joining a religious organisation was the only activity associated with sustained happiness.

Researchers from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the Erasmus University Medical centre in the Netherlands, said it is not clear if it is faith itself that helps people, or if practising religion simply provides a sense of belonging.

Health expert, Dr Mauricio Avendano said: "The church appears to play a very important social role in keeping depression at bay and also as a coping mechanism during periods of illness in later life.'

*This extract from an article in the Daily Mail was contributed by a parishioner.*

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF ST DOMINIC</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Special Intention	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> William & Bridget Gillespie
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF ST CLARE</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> Pat Gilhooley
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Rosemary McDevitt	
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of Saints Pontian and Hippolytus</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Mary Kelly	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF ST MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE</b>	<b>9.30am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am:</b> Eucharistic Service  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Peter Ward
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Josie Flanagan  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Special Intention	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Margaret Waugh	<b>11.15am Mass with Anointing:</b> People of the Parish

### Really Understanding

‘Not only do people with intellectual disability understand the message of the gospel, but they often live it at a deeper level than us. They know what it means to trust in God, to give him their hearts, to love him, and be loved by him.’

*Jean Vanier, ‘An Ark for the Poor’, p.67*