

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th April 2015

We ask prayers this week especially for our two long-serving former parish priests, Fr Tom Hennessy, who is seriously ill in St Joseph's, and also for Mgr James Rae, who is now in Ward 1 in Liberton Hospital.

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday - there will be a Special Collection at all Masses for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund.

Please remember to return your SCIAF 'wee boxes' (if you haven't already). The UK Government will match every £1 you donate to SCIAF this Easter, but we must have this money counted and returned to SCIAF in early May, so please do hand in your Lenten offerings in good time to allow us to take advantage of this scheme.



*REJOICE!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th April:

9.30am: St John's: Mass with focus on Primary 4 *Do This in Memory of Me* children

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's: Children's Mass – with Primary 3 children who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation..

1.15pm: St John's: Baptism of Jay, Ellie and Layla Porteous

Monday 20th April: 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 teas and cakes after Mass.

7.30pm: Lauriston Place: SCHOOL OF PRAYER. The second in a series of workshops being run by the Jesuit Fathers. *Scripture and Ignatian Prayer* (Jim Crampsey). To be followed by ...

Monday 27th April: 7.30pm: Artistic Imagination and Prayer (Gero McLoughlin)

Monday 4th May: 7.30pm: Prayer and being called: Discernment (Cath McManus)

Monday 1st June: 7.30pm: Decision Making on the road through grief (Brendan McManus)

Admission by donation. For more information visit www.lauriston.org.uk

Friday 24th April: 7pm: St John's Church Hall: 'Martytv' – Maria Igoe writes: 'Everyone is welcome to a showing of excerpts taken from the website, 'martytv', covering the 'fruits of Medjugorje' and other interesting witnessing relating to Medjugorje. It is hoped that it will be informative to those going this year and others, who may wish to come along and be inspired.'

Offertory Collection on 11th & 12th April 2015

St Mary Magdalene's - £ 370.49 St John's - £ 673.28

MANY THANKS

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 26th April: Outing to Nunraw Abbey: Maria Igoe writes: 'Our minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and return at 7.30pm. The cost will be £8. Please bring a sandwich. Tea and biscuits will be supplied at the Monastery. If you wish to go, please give your name to me, 669 0247'.

Monday 27th April: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's: Parents evening for P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' Confirmation candidates.

Tuesday 28th April: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting.

Wednesday 29th April: 7.00pm: Sacred Heart, Lauriston: Good News about Catholic Social Teaching with Miriam McHardy, diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinator.

7.30pm: Catholic Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh: '*Individual, Team & Corporate Responsibility in Business & Public Life*', one in a series of fortnightly seminars exploring the relation between faith and practical ethics in daily life. See posters for further details or go to albertusinstitute.org

April 29th, 30th & 1st May: 7:30pm: Churchill Theatre: Edinburgh Telephone Choir - 68th Annual Concert featuring *A Night at the Movies*: Musical Director Jerry Gregson, Accompanist Marion McPherson with guest artists KS Dance Academy and Broxburn & Livingston Brass Band. (*Remember their wonderful concert at St John's last December!*)

May 4th Bank Holiday Club Day: 'On Monday, 4 May, from 9am to 12:45pm, there will be a holiday club day at the halls and church on Bellfield Street (formerly the Old Parish, Portobello). School children in nursery (aged 3) to Primary 7 are welcome to attend. The day will include worship, crafts, games, drama, music, a bible story, and snack. This is a sneak peak at our plans for the summer holiday club scheduled for 20 July to 24 July. The cost to attend on 4 May is £1 per child. To register your child for this one day event, please email Michelle Brown at portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com'

Monday 4th May: 10.30am to 12noon: St Martin's Magdalene Drive: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY: A new venture taking place on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 'The Friendly' is an informal gathering for those with dementia along with their carers to meet and make friends in a kindly setting, take part in activities or simply share and unwind. Please contact Nell on 669 4351 for further details or come along on the day. See posters at the back of both churches.

Sunday 10th May: 7.30pm: Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, Joppa: *The Feast of Life: A Musical of Hope from Christian Aid.* Tickets £5 (accompanied children free) from Ian Warwick 669-4906 or any Feast of Life Singers. Refreshments after the performance. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

NOTICEBOARD

ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP Tuesday 28th April: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: A chance for pre-schoolers, siblings and parents to get crafting, playing, snacking, chatting and having fun. Craft materials and snacks provided for little ones. Tea and biscuits for parents. (£3 for 2 yrs + and £1 for under 2's.) For more information on events request to join our Facebook Group '**St Johns Porty Toddler Group**' or send your contact details to stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com.

HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS A reminder from Lorraine Legrix, HRHS Head Teacher, that the Holy Rood Winter Newsletter PDF is now live on the news section of their website. Please use the link to have a look at all the great work going on in Holy Rood RC High School. <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk/news.php>

PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB: 20 – 24 July: for Nursery – P7 children. Michelle Brown writes: 'Our ecumenical club will run for a week from 9am to 12.45pm at the church and halls on Bellfield Street ... The theme is the environment ... Through a mixture of activities, Bible stories, and lots of fun we share the Gospel message with the children who come along. We are also inviting secondary school-aged children to take part as junior leaders and there will be two youth nights for these volunteers during the week.' For more information or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Michelle Brown or Bel Reynolds at portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com.



SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 2nd MAY

10am to 1pm

St John's Church Hall, Brighton Place, Portobello.

Come along and enjoy teas, coffees and home baking, tombola, plant stall, face painting, and lots more!

All most welcome.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Molly Stanton, Tommy Flannigan, Lorna Igoe and Vincent Tamarit.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Margaret Connelly, Pat McInally, Kathleen Dykes Main, May Docherty, Elizabeth Adams, Hugh O'Donnell, James Foster, Derrick Thomson, Johnny McCahill, Betty Ferguson, Elizabeth Gaynor, Elizabeth Holligan, Bridget Hipson, Alice Mitchell, Helen Dignan, Charles McLauchlan, Frank Irvine, Margaret Gilhooley, James McMillan, Helen Loftus, John Bell, Harry McGroarty, Catherine McCartney, Beatrix (Trix) Lawler, Alice Ashburner, Peggie Desmond, and Mary Quigley.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Michele Grandone, Mgr James Rae, Gerry Gallagher, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Maria Domenica Crolla, Mary Grady, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Jane McGuire, Mona Scoular, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Fay Dignan, Sheila Alexander, 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, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Fr Tom Hennessy, Pat Gilmartin, 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: Hew Dalrymple, 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, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday:

Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: Children's Mass

... and for next Sunday:

Laura Tweedie & John Wallace

Bidding Prayers: Kate Neilson

FOOD PARCEL SERVICE: If you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, please leave donations of tinned food in the box provided at the back of the Church. Tins of tuna, hotdogs and meatballs would be much appreciated, as would any toiletries you can donate. These will be distributed from St Teresa of Lisieux Parish who are helping 8 to 10 families per week.

200 CLUB

Congratulations! The 200 Club winner for March is Michael Davis with number 36 and he wins £25.

Congratulations to Jane Marin who retired on Friday after 16 years working with Thomas Marin & sons!

St. John's

Easter Eggs ... We have received a letter of thanks from the Jericho Benedictines. Brother Peter writes: '... thank you all for your kind gifts of Easter Eggs for the more unfortunate in our society in Edinburgh ... this little sign of care meant a lot to them. Wishing you all a year blessed with the joy and peace of the risen Lord Jesus.'

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning held on 6th April raised £74, which will be divided between Lifeline and SPUC.' Many thanks.

Summer Fayre in St John's Church Hall on Saturday 2nd May. If you would like to volunteer to help with our Summer Fayre please come along to a meeting in the Church Hall after Mass this Sunday 19th April or for more information please contact Linda and Hugh Brown 665 1464. Donations for the tombola and raffle would be most welcome and can be left in the designated box at the back of the Church or handed in to the parish office (phone Pauline Connarty 669 5447).

Reflection: The Wounds of Love

'Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds.

There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones - a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts.

But there can be also a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude, and betrayal.

These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are the proof of our love.

Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies (Yr B)

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 18th April	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Canon Michael Cassidy	
Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Mass: Helen Budge 1.15pm: Baptism of Jay, Ellie & Layla Porteous	11.15am Mass : People of the Parish
Monday 20th April	2.30pm Anointing Mass: SI - 90 th Birthday 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 21st April <i>Memorial of St Anselm of Canterbury & Memorial of St Maelrubha</i>	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Patrick Green
Wednesday 22nd April	10.00am Mass: SI – Golden Wedding	
Thursday 23rd April <i>Memorial of St George</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Special Intention
Friday 24th April <i>Memorial of St Fidelis of Sigmaringen & Memorial of St Egbert</i>	10.00am Mass: Vincent Tamarit (Mass followed by Rosary.) 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 25th April FEAST OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST	10.00am Mass: Special Intention 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Fr Thomas Flynn	
Sunday 26th April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)	9.30am Mass: Margaret Connelly	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

‘But there was no need to be ashamed of tears, for tears bore witness that a man had the greatest courage, the courage to suffer.’

Viktor E Frankl, Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, 1905 - 1997.