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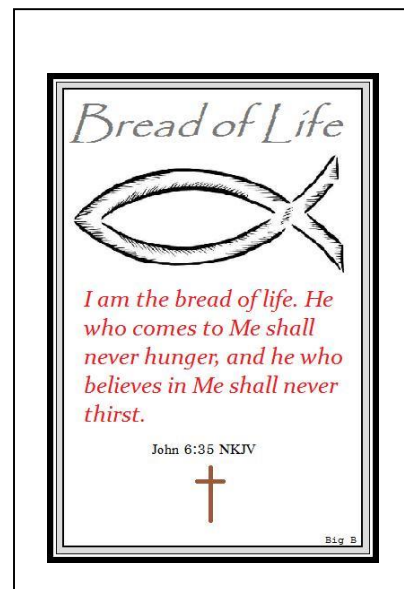
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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

With the newsletter this week there is a **Pastoral Letter** from Archbishop Cushley in response to the report of the McLellan Commission. Accompanying this you will find a leaflet entitled "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church: A Response to the McLellan Report" which has been issued by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.

Our annual Mission Appeal is made this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the **Holy Ghost Fathers represented by Fr John McFadden**. We are reminded of the words of Pope Francis in this year's Mission Sunday message: "Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: "she was born to go forth"."



**ENQUIRY GROUP: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**What does it mean to be a Catholic?**

Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic? Do you know anyone who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again? All would be warmly welcome at our informal gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please contact Alice Codling (0131 657 1862), email [alicecodling@btinternet.com](mailto:alicecodling@btinternet.com) or Fr Jock (0131 669 5447) email [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com).

**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** 10am: Warriston Crematorium: Funeral of Gordon Adams of L'Arche, Edinburgh.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** 11am: Parish House: Pastoral Team Meeting.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August:** 10am: St John's Church: **Mass for those who've been Bereaved** – a fairly new initiative in our parishes, taking place every three months, and organised by our two parishes' bereavement group.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** 3pm to 8pm: 5 Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg: **St John's Pastoral Council Retreat.**

**IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30am: St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High Street. POINTING WORKSHOP:** Learn to point a wall and help rebuild an historic Grade 2 listed wall with craftsman stonemason Mark Peaty. For further details and to book a place please contact Sophia Marriage (0131 629 1219). Email [Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org](mailto:Sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org).

**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 6<sup>th</sup> September:** 3pm: Carfin Grotto: **National Gathering at Carfin** to pray for the General Synod on the Family which will take place in October. Bishop Joseph Toal extends a warm welcome to Mass concelebrated with members of the Bishops' Conference and priests from across Scotland. Concelebrated Mass will

start at 3pm. The Carfin Pilgrimage Centre and St Francis Xavier Centre will be available for use by pilgrims throughout the day. Pilgrims will also be able to visit the recently re-opened shrines within the Grotto.

**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.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** 7.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. Enquiry group commences for those who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic. See front page of this newsletter for further details. All most welcome!

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** 12.30pm to 4.30pm: Lauriston Centre, Edinburgh. **ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON THE MISSION & VOCATION OF THE FAMILY TODAY**. Marriage & Family Life Coordinator for the Diocese, **Sally McElroy**, writes: 'There will be a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, between the 4<sup>th</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> October in Rome this year to discuss the Mission and Vocation of the Family Today. To mark this event and to help prepare for the outcome of the Synod, the Archdiocese is holding a conference on **Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 in Lauriston Centre Edinburgh from 12.30pm till 4.30pm**. Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate the opening Mass and give the keynote address. Other speakers will give talks on marriage preparation, marital spirituality and some of the challenges that face families in today's secular society.' More information about the programme is available on the Archdiocesan website. Please do let Fr Jock know if you would like to attend and/or sign up via the website.

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**SCIAF 'Thanks for being brilliant!'** SCIAF Outreach Officer, Elaine Coakley, has written to thank us for our generous contribution to this year's WEE BOX Lenten Appeal which helped raise a record-breaking £1.7 million from parishes. She writes: 'Please pass on a heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, prayed, campaigned, held coffee mornings, collected in and counted WEE BOXES, filled in Aid Match Consent forms and helped make this our biggest and best Lent ever ... Once we add on Gift Aid and the money that's being doubled by the UK government, it comes to **an astonishing £3.5 million!** This money will help to transform so many lives for the better.'

**LEGION OF MARY.** Maria Igoe writes: '*The Legion of Mary have 2 Projects taking place from 29th August to 5th September.*

(1) *St Patrick's in Edinburgh - A Team of 10 will be visiting from door-to-door and taking part in other works of evangelization at the request of Mgr Philip Kerr.*

(2) *St Patrick's in Soho, London - A Team will be visiting homes and also making contacts in the 'Red Light' area. The Parish Priest is Father Alexander, who is a friend of Fr Jock, and has visited St John's and St Mary Magdalene's. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the members and make these Projects successful.'*

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: Krakow, Poland: 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.** There will be 35 places for young people from the Archdiocese, travelling with Archbishop Leo to Krakow. 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 coach 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.)**

**ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP.** The toddler group resumes on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am to 11.30am in 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 John's Porty Toddler Group**' or send your contact details to [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com). ... and **watch this space** for news coming soon of a coffee morning and sale of children's clothes, books, and toys, on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** to raise funds towards St John's Church Hall refurbishment. Donations of home baking & children's clothes, etc., most welcome. For further details and if you are able to offer help on the day please contact Pauline Connarty in the parish office 0131 669 5447.

## PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Erminia Notarangelo and Margaret Holt.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Jean McQuade, Len Buckley, Jim Martin, Mary Martin, William Power, Nora Stone, Thomas Bannon, James Anderson, Norah Hall, Kitty Demarco, Ian Bain, Thomas Tracy, Sarah McDonough, Francis Bell, Theresa Bell, Bridget Halpenny, Guido Avella, Sarah McDonough, John Fegan, Mary Robertson, John Clarke, Joseph McCulloch, Maureen Lacey, Denis Kelly, Agnes J McKay, Charles (Tony) Emslie, James Flucker (Sen), Patrick Birnie, Michael Meldrum, James Waldie, Mary Holligan, Jean Connelly, Norrie Lamb, and Ann Hughes.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Mgr James Rae, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, 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: Denis O'Donnell, Austen Tod, Cameron Hall, baby Marnie Josie-Sophia Cree, Roy McGillivray, Cameron Hall, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Jeanette Amos, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, 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.

A very Happy Birthday to Etta Dewar who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August!

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** Mary McGovern & Robert Moyes  
... and for next Sunday: C Macgillivray & M Fenwick

**Bidding Prayers:** Jean Douglas  
**Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson

### St. John's

In response to a suggestion made at the Parish Open Meeting, cushions are now available and can be found at the back of the Church. Please help yourself to a cushion if you find the church pews a bit hard!

**FOOD PARCEL SERVICE:** Remember that if you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, boxes are provided at the back of each 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.

### HIMALAYAN CHILDREN EDUCATION TRUST.

**Why not test your general knowledge?** Quiz sheets available after Mass in aid of the "Himalayan Children Education Trust" (the charity founded by Pauline McInnes of St John's – see next page). Price £1.00. (£20 prize for first correct entry drawn.) The more we sell the more funds we can raise for this wonderful project, so if you would like extra copies to sell to friends & colleagues please phone Rosalind Mackay 0131 669 0003.

#### *Offertory Collection on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015*

#### St Mary Magdalene's

£402.05 (inc Gift Aided: £225.50)

#### St John the Evangelist

£1267.34 (inc Gift Aided: £773.96)

#### *Special Collection for African Missions & Holy Places*

£138.91

£432.38

**MANY THANKS!**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Margaret Holt  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b>	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Erminia Notarangelo	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Valerie Alison  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St Louis</i> <i>Memorial of St Joseph Calasanz</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Memorial of St John Eudes</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Jim Martin	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF ST MONICA</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>(Please note earlier Mass time today.)</b>	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF ST AUGUSTINE</b>	<b>9.30am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> James & Jean McQuade	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Len Buckley	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish

### Human Being

‘The person who is hungry, abandoned or in need is first of all a heart who needs to find another heart; someone who will listen, understand and love. Above all, they need friendship: friends who love them and are willing to do things with them.’

*Jean Vanier, An Ark for the Poor, p. 57.*