

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

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18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2nd August 2015

WELCOME!

If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th August: 11am: Parish House: **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

7pm: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate: Monthly Mass to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair.

Thursday 6th August: 7pm: Parish House: **St John's Fabric Committee Meeting.**

Sunday 9th August: 9.30am: St John's Church: Baptism of baby Harrison.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 10th August to Friday 14th 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

Sunday 16th August: 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass).**

1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a group going to Nunraw on Sunday 16th 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 17th 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 5th 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

Sunday 13th 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 for further details.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Three Courses to consider for the Coming Year

1. Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living: October 2015 to April 2016

Facilitated by the Epiphany Group, this course will take place in Christchurch Centre, 6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh. Sessions will be held on Thursdays 7pm to 9.30pm. The course fee is £340, but bursaries are available and no-one should feel excluded because of cost. For further details please see noticeboards at the back of each Church or contact Sharon Laidlaw (07557104380). Email Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com

2. **Six Days: A series of six reflective, themed Saturday workshops: October 2015 to June 2016.** Organised by the Epiphany Group, this series of themed Saturday workshops will take place once a month, commencing Saturday 3rd October, at Christ Church Hall, Morningside Rd, Edinburgh. Each session is £25, though bursary help may be available. Further details or application forms can be found at the back of each Church or contact Elizabeth White (07952198379). To download an application form please go to: www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/trainingcourses.htm
3. **Course in Spiritual Accompaniment: October 2015 to November 2016.** This course, based on Ignatian Spirituality, is facilitated by the Garden Cottage Spirituality Centre, Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn. The aim of the course is 'to deepen one's personal prayer experience, furthering the capacity to reflect and engage in spiritual conversation'. The course content includes approaches to prayer; retreat in daily life with individual guidance; and training in different aspects of spiritual accompaniment. The course fee is £650 (some bursaries available). Application form from the Administrator, Garden Cottage Spirituality Centre, Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire, PH2 9HN, (01738 813618), or email adminorchard@byconnect.com

Further details of these and other courses, retreats and events can be found at: www.epiphanygroup.org.uk

NOTICEBOARD

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP ANNUAL ACCOUNTS. Jim Roarty writes:

'For the last financial year, the J&P Group income was £1354, made up of regular donations to our "Hunger for Justice" account along with various fundraising activities. Over the year, we paid out £1768 (we had some money left over from the previous year) to a variety of causes – SCIAF emergency appeals, and number of other smaller charities.

Over the last ten years, we have disbursed £10,235 to various good causes. Our Hunger for Justice account was registered as a charity a number of years ago, enabling us to reclaim tax on donations under the Gift Aid scheme. The claim for last year, which we received this month, amounted to £335. If you would like to find out a bit more about our Hunger for Justice account or would like to make a small regular monthly donation (which, if you are a taxpayer, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will top up by another 25%), please speak to me or any of the other members of the J&P Group.'

A REMINDER ... about putting your affairs in order (for those who wish to think ahead!)

Fr Jock writes: 'It can't be said too often that when thinking about your funeral plans, it is important to inform those who will be in charge of the arrangements of what you want. It is a good idea to talk to your family and write into your will if you would like a Requiem Mass so that your wishes are known and respected.'

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.

BINGHAM & DISTRICT 50+ PROJECT. An opportunity for the over 50s to meet new friends, keep active and try something new. Summer activities include weekly Seated Gentle Exercise and Dance classes, ... 'awaydays', Art/Craft classes, and social events. Transport provided. Phone 0131 669 0606 for details.

HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS. Copies of the Summer edition of the Holy Rood Review have been left at the back of each Church. Please help yourself. Alternatively, the newsletter can be accessed on the news section of the school 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>

VOLUNTEER TEACHING IN THE DARJEELING HILL REGION. St John's parishioner, Pauline Macinnes, writes: 'I shall be returning to the Darjeeling Hill Region to help in the 2 schools which the "Himalayan Children Education Trust" helps to support, on the 12 Oct for 8 weeks. I wonder if any retired teacher or a teacher taking time out, would like to come and help in the schools for a few weeks. Unfortunately all expenses have to be met personally, as all money raised through the Charity goes to the schools. If you are interested you can contact me on 0131 657 3411 or by e-mail pauline_macinnes@hotmail.com.'

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Jim Bews

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Peter Wilson, James McQuade, William & Bridget Gillespie, James Cochrane (Jnr), Paula Gara, Graham Miller, Mary Ann Black, William Passmore, Emma Hamilton, Michael Glancy, Elia Santangeli, Charles McMullan, William McKiernan, Denise Morrison, May Cooper, Sara McCue, Edward Heron, Denis Ford, Arthur McLean, Christopher McDonald Laurie, Anthony Lonie, Gerrardo Ranaldi, William Murray, Kathleen Innes, Adam Black, Mary Thornton, Charles Boyle, Andrew McGovern, and Alberto Tanzi.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Josie Martin, Michele Gradone, Ina McNama, Mgr James Rae, 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 Matrundala, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: 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, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Marie Crolla, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

Prayer

'Praying is like opening a door to something which gives meaning to all the pain of the finite. And yet it's something we can just rest in. I think fundamentally, prayer is to rest.'

Jean Vanier, Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, PBS, May 26, 2006.

Fr Jock is away at a family funeral in Herefordshire on Saturday 8th August. The Vigil Mass that evening will kindly be celebrated by Fr James Tracey.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: John Cunningham & Anne Jabir
... and for next Sunday: Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher
Bidding Prayers: Kate Neilson

200 CLUB. Linda Brown writes: 'The winner of the 200 Club for July is **Peggy Ferguson** who wins the £25 with number 27. Congratulations Peggy!'

St. John's

Charity Coffee Morning: Maria Igoe writes: 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on **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.'

St John's Church Hall Refurbishments: Refurbishment of the Hall continues, and the painter is returning this Monday to work on the Hall corridor and doors. Please contact Chris Vinestock or Pauline Connarty in the parish office (669 5447) if you are concerned that this may affect your plans to use the Hall in the meantime.

Offertory Collection on 25th & 26th July 2015

St Mary Magdalene's
£250.37 (inc Gift Aided: £109.63)

St John the Evangelist
£935.41 (inc Gift Aided: £488.40)

MANY THANKS!

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 1st August MEMORIAL OF ST ALPHONSUS LIGOURI	10.00am Mass: James Dignan 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Peter Wilson	
Sunday 2nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Jim Bews
Monday 3rd August	10.00am Mass: Mary O'Connor 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 4th August MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: SI – Sick Person
Wednesday 5th August <i>Memorial of the Dedication of St Mary Major</i>	10.00am Mass: Angus McIsaac	
Thursday 6th August FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach	
Friday 7th August <i>Memorial of St Sixtus II and companions</i> <i>Memorial of St Cajetan</i>	9.30am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am: Eucharistic Service 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	10.00am Mass: Sr Anne O'Mahony
Saturday 8th August MEMORIAL OF ST DOMINIC	10.00am Eucharistic Service 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Special Intention	
Sunday 9th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: William & Bridget Gillespie

‘Experience is that marvellous thing that enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.’

Franklin P Jones