

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

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*3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)
13 DECEMBER 2015*



HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISHES' NEW FACEBOOK PAGE? Eddie White writes: 'You will see our new parishes' joint Facebook page if you type in www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes. To make this an effective tool for the parishes, we would like as many people as possible to "follow" us on Facebook. Archbishop Cushley has a welcome video for us to be viewed. See it on Facebook.' (Eddie White and Maryam Jabir are the two administrators of our page – many thanks to them both).

Our parishes' faith formation Autumn programme concludes this Monday evening at 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. This week's 'Life in Christ' seminar will focus on 'Mary' and 'Other Religions'. All most welcome...

There will be 'Carols in the Car Park' outside St Mary Magdalene's this Friday 18th December between 5 and 5.30pm. Please come along and sing your hearts out. You will be rewarded with mulled wine, mulled juice, and mince pies... (Bring a torch.)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH ADVENT OPEN DAYS: From Monday to Wednesday – December 21-23 – we hope to have three days when St John's will be open from 9am to 9pm...and not just open but warm and welcoming, with music playing quietly, and reading matter provided. This is part of our response to Pope Francis' Jubilee of Mercy – with the open, inviting Church there for all in our wider community who want a time of quiet in the rush before Christmas. To do this, we need as many parishioners as possible to spread the word – and to sign up to cover an hour or half an hour....

A training course for new Eucharistic ministers will take place on three Mondays in January. If you think someone would make a good eucharistic minister, please propose their name to Fr Jock, Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or another member of the pastoral team...



A big 'THANK YOU' to Gena Gallagher (chief cook & organiser) and the team of helpers who served up a delicious Christmas dinner to all those who came along to the St John's Seniors' Christmas Party. And a special thanks too, to the choir from St John's Primary School who provided the entertainment for this unmissable event. The Thursday Club will recommence on 7th January from 1.30pm in St John's Church Hall. New members are very welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

	<u>St John the Evangelist</u>	<u>St Mary Magdalene</u>
Christmas Eve	6.00pm: Christmas Children's Mass 8.30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass	- 8.30pm: Christmas Carol Service
Christmas Day		10.30am: Christmas Children's Mass

THIS WEEK

Sunday 13 December: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Children's Mass – 'Illumination' mass for Primary 3s.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **'Do this in Memory' mass for Primary 4s.**

4pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **Opening of the Jubilee Year Holy Door by Archbishop Leo.**

Monday 14th December: 7.30pm to 9.30pm: St John's Church Hall. **'Life in Christ' Evening (4).** The last of our parishes' faith formation Autumn programme meetings,

Tuesday 15th December: 10.45am: Parish House. Pastoral Team Meeting.

7.30pm: Parish House. **RCIA Mass & Meal to mark the end of the Enquiry Stage.**

Wednesday 16th December: 10.30am: St John's Church: Visit of Duddingston Primary School pupils.

Friday 18th December: 5-5.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's: 'Carols in the Car Park' .

Sunday 20th December: 9.30am: Mass with Rite of Entry into the Catechumenate for our RCIA enquirers.

1.15pm: St John's Church: Baptism of Rachel Lennox Wilder Craig.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 21st December: 10am: St John's Church: Requiem Mass for Jenny Wormald.

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. If you require transport, please phone Maria Igoe 0131 669 0247. (TO BE CONFIRMED.)

Monday 21st December, Tuesday 22nd December, and Wednesday 23rd December: 9.30am to 9pm: **St John's Church Advent Open Days.** Please sign up to be a welcoming presence ... (Sign up lists can be found at the back of St John's Church.)

Thursday 24th December: 10am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Requiem Mass for Maria Juska.

Sunday 27 December: (Feast of St John): After 9.30am Mass: **Blessing of the new Notice-Board.**

NOTICEBOARD

Ann Wardhaugh, known to many in our parish, died recently in Elgin. Her body will be received at St Albert the Great (the Chaplaincy) on Wednesday the 17th December at 6pm. Funeral Mass will be on Friday 18th December at 10.30am, followed by burial at Mount Vernon at 11.45am. Friends are invited to join the family for refreshments at the Toby Inn, Liberton, thereafter.

7/9 DAY ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI: 9-16/18 September 2016. There are a few places still available on this ecumenical pilgrimage being led by the Rev. Tom Cuthell, a Church of Scotland minister, along with Fr Jock. If you are interested or would like further details, please email Fr Jock at jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk .

VOCAL. Doing something different for carers! The VOCAL Edinburgh carer centre will remain open on **28th, 29th and 30th December 2015** from 9am-5pm for a special programme of events and services to ensure that carers have somewhere to go, access to support and someone to talk to when they need it. There will also be a **SMART Recovery Family & Friends meeting** for those affected by someone else's addiction on Tuesday 29th Dec 2-4pm. Workshops, meetings and the Carers Cafe are all free to unpaid carers and will take place at the VOCAL Edinburgh Carer Centre, 8-13 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW. For further details of how VOCAL could help you please contact Helen Gestwicki, Carer Centre Communications Worker, 0131 622 6666 or visit the VOCAL website: <https://www.vocal.org.uk/DoSomethingDifferent.pdf>

SCIAF. Jim Roarty writes: **"Your Christmas Present Problems Solved!** Don't know what to get for Auntie Jessie or Cousin Willie? Pick up the SCIAF Real Gifts catalogue or order form from the back of the church and give them something which will please both them and the beneficiaries in the poorer parts of the world."

St John's Church 'Open Doors'. In order to offer passers-by the chance to enjoy a few moments of quiet reflection, we hope to be able to continue opening St John's Church on a more frequent basis. Ideally, we would like to establish a team of volunteers to welcome visitors on Church Open Days. If you think this could be part of your ministry and are interested in supporting this initiative promoted by Pope Francis, please speak to Fr Jock or Chris Vinestock.

Offertory Collection on 5th & 6th December 2015

St Mary Magdalene's
£291.63 (inc Gift Aided: £132.51)

St John the Evangelist
£870.09 (inc Gift Aided: £446.60)

Many thanks

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Maria Juska, Jenny Wormald, Ann Wardhaugh, Helen McRae and Chuck Buchanan.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Margaret Knowles, Jim Marin, Pat McHugh, Agnes Stone, James Quinn, Joseph Patrick Gannon, Margaret Ward, Margaret Donaldson, Peter Brown, Janet Peters, Annie Christina Dobson, Jeannie O'Brien, William Cotterell (1984), Edward D Maher, Catherine Carvel, Catherine Connell, Sarah Carty, John Nolans, Patricia Scott, Margaret Mary Dick, Winifred Curran, Maurice O'Neill, Catherine Young, Mary Meehan, Elizabeth Grieve, William Cotterell (2000), Annie Nelson, Agostino Nicora, Pauline Iannarelli, Robert Devine, Derek Aitken, William Rafferty, Christina Trinder, and Robert Greenan.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Gerry Wynne, Eddie Clark, Mary Phillips, Liz Saddler, Lorna Dickson, Etta Dewar, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, 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, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

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

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Aileen Hall writes on behalf of the Ad Hoc Fabric Committee: 'We need a team to help with fire safety. Fire safety involves for example knowing where the main fire exits are, putting down the ramp at the back door should the alarm go off, and testing the alarm system. If you are willing to join the team or want further information before deciding please speak to any member of the Parish Council or add your name to the list in the porch.'

Jean McNally writes: 'If anyone would like to present a small poinsettia plant in the name of a loved one or as a thanksgiving please bring it along to Mass on Sunday 20th December to be placed around the church and crib for Christmas.' For further details please speak to Dot, Jean or Kate.

Readers for this Sunday:

'Do This in Memory of Me' Mass

... and next Sunday:

John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas

St. John's

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO LEGHO

There will be a leaving collection following both Masses at St John's next weekend, the 4th Sunday of Advent, for those who wish to contribute to a Christmas gift to Legho, supporting projects being developed by our fellow parishioners in Tanzania

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

6.00pm VIGIL: Kathy Gallagher, Bernie Gallagher, Linda Brown, Hugh Brown, Chris Vinestock.

8.30pm VIGIL: Linda Moran, Maura Spencer, Flora Dick, Moira McDiarmid, Tracy Burgess.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: H Brown, L Brown, B Kelly.

SUNDAY: B Gallagher, F Dick, K Gallagher, P Glancy, M McDiarmid.

... and finally, best wishes to Jimmy Kesson who will be 90 on 23rd December!

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 12th December <i>Memorial of our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00am Mass: Myles Vincent Durkin 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th December 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C	9.30am Mass: Nora Hannon	11.15am Mass:
Monday 14th December MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	10.00am Mass: Isabel Scott 6.45pm to 7.30pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (N.B. CHANGE OF TIME.)	
Tuesday 15th December	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10am Mass: Kitty Martin
Wednesday 16th December	10.00am Mass: Jude Payne	
Thursday 17th December	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	7pm Mass: SI - Christmas
Friday 18th December	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Joe Dykes 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 19th December <i>Memorial of our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00am Mass: Margaret Knowles 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 20th December 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C	9.30am Mass: Joyce Hughes	11.15am Mass: Jim Marin

ON WEEKDAYS DURING ADVENT ... Morning Prayer will be said in St John's Church at 9.30am before the Mass or Eucharistic Service.

‘It is said that we are “*children of information and orphans of communication*”. Dialogue requires patience, clarity and good disposition towards the other. It does not exclude the confrontation of different points of view, not as weapons but as beacons of light. Let us not give up our ideas, utopias, convictions or rights but only the claim that ours are unique or absolute.

Extract from: ‘A Year with Pope Francis’.