

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

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Sixth Sunday of the Year (Cycle B)

15th February 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. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock or Pauline, our Parish Administrator, and ask for details of how to register on the parish roll. ... **and a very warm welcome to Fr Loreto Tabone** who in Fr Jock's absence has returned to Portobello for a week to look after the sister parishes. Fr Jock will arrive back from India on Tuesday evening.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The Pre-inscription Rite for RCIA candidates will take place on the first Sunday in Lent at St John's Church at **9.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd February**. On the same day at 3pm the Rite of Election will take place at St Mary's Cathedral.

SCIAF's WEE BOXES

have arrived and are available for collection at the back of each Church. Archbishop Leo Cushley has written a letter urging parishioners to support SCIAF as part of our Lenten preparations. He writes: *'This year sees the 50th anniversary of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. SCIAF began in a Rutherglen classroom in 1965. Since then, it has acted as a bridge for the love, compassion and concern of the Scottish Catholic community for their brothers and sisters living in poverty overseas. Everything SCIAF has achieved over the last 50 years has been because of the kindness, and generosity of Scottish Catholics. Together, we've helped millions of people overcome hunger, disease and disaster but sadly, there is still much work to be done. With your help, SCIAF will continue reaching out in love to the world's poorest people – and this Lent, the WEE BOX appeal will be twice as big. Every £1 SCIAF receives by 17 May will be doubled by the UK Government.*

In Lent 2015, therefore, through SCIAF we will all have a unique opportunity to help twice as many poor and vulnerable communities to build a better future ... I hope the Lenten appeal will be taken to heart by each parish in the diocese. The focus this year is SCIAF's work with women farmers in Africa. Through these women, our prayers and support will also touch the lives of their husbands, children and whole village communities.'

Lenten House Groups

After the success of the house groups during Lent last year, it is planned to have similar groups this year. The groups will run once a week for six weeks from the week beginning 16th February to the week beginning 23rd March. **If you would like to participate in these groups please put your name on one of the lists which can be found at the back of each Church or ring the hosts.**

The sister parish groups are as follows:

Host	Phone	Address	Day and Time	Leader
Pauline MacInnes	657 3411	56/1 Moira Terrace	Monday, 2.30	Pauline MacInnes
Joyce Martin	669 6339	38 Milton Road	Monday, 7.30	David Connarty
Jennifer Morris	669 2433	14 Duddingston Row	Tuesday, 3pm	Aileen Hall
Geoff Dobson	669 1699	11 Coillesdene Ave	Thursday, 2.30	Geoff Dobson
Ann Dockrell	657 1101	15 Duddingston Pk Sth	Thursday, 7.30	Anne Jabir
(PLEASE NOTE THE LIST FOR ANN DOCKRELL'S GROUP IS NOW FULL BUT WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM LEAD BY LAURA YOUNG.)				
Laura Young	629 0270	4 Goff Avenue	Thursday, 7pm	Laura Young
Anne Gilchrist	669 8235	10 Pittville Street	Friday, 10 am	Sheelagh Dobson

'Walk With Me'

We have ordered a supply of these booklets, the theme of which is the joy of living the Beatitudes. Please feel free to take one as an aid to your Lenten journey of prayer for 2015.

THIS WEEK

Monday 16th February: 7.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: Justice & Peace Group Meeting.

Wednesday 18th February: ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass with distribution of ashes: 10am at St John's Church and 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

Thursday 19th February: 11.30am: Cloister Chapel, Warriston Crematorium: Funeral Service for Betty Diponio.

Sunday 22nd February:

9.30am: St John's Church: Pre-inscription Rite for RCIA candidates will take place during Mass.

3pm: St Mary's Cathedral: Rite of Election for RCIA candidates.

5pm: St John the Baptist's Church, St Ninian's Rd, Corstorphine: Remembering Service.

'The service is for those who have suffered the death of a child from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, whether recently or at an earlier time. It provides an opportunity to participate in a formal acknowledgement of their grief. Those who wish to come in love and support are also most welcome. It is hoped that representatives from organisations that provide counselling for stillbirths, miscarriages, and abortions will be present and available after the service.'

Ursuline Retreat in Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns. (PLEASE SEE POSTERS AT BACK OF EACH CHURCH)

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Wednesday 4th March: 7pm: St Mary's Star of the Sea, Leith: Edinburgh Deanery Station Mass. RCIA candidates will receive the Creed from + Archbishop Leo Cushley at this Mass.

Friday 6th March:

10am: St Martin's Church, Magdalen: World Day of Prayer Service

2.00pm: St John's Church: World Day of Prayer Service.

Services will take place throughout the City at different venues. Please see notices at the back of each Church for further details.

NOTICEBOARD

Many congratulations to Maureen & John Newal, who celebrate their Golden Wedding on Friday 20th February!
... and warm birthday greetings to **Jonathan McCann, who is twenty-one** on Wednesday 18th February!

JUSTICE & PEACE There will be a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group this Monday 16th February at 7.30pm in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens.

Fairtrade Fortnight commences on Monday 23rd February until Sunday 8th March. The Fairtrade Stall will be selling a variety of goods on Sunday 1st March & Sunday 8th March after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church Hall.

FRESH START have sent the following message: "We had an amazing response, with numerous donations being handed in over the past few weeks of items we appealed for. These donations have made a massive difference to our stock levels and ability to send out even more packs to those who need them. Please pass on our thanks to your congregations!" Jim Roarty writes: 'Items they are particularly looking for this month are: teaspoons, glass tumblers (not alcohol glasses), pots, frying-pans, duvets (single & double). If you can help, please leave these items (or any other items useful to a homeless person getting a house for the first time) at the back of the church and the J&P Group will ensure their delivery to Fresh Start.'

Census Forms are available at the back of both Churches. Please fill in a census form (if you haven't done so already) so that we can update the register for the sister parishes.

Portobello Holiday Club ... an ecumenical holiday club for children from P1 – P7 running from July 21 to 25: 9am to 1pm each day. We are very much in need of a volunteer to represent our parishes at the planning meetings – and for others interested in being involved in this new initiative ... do contact Fr Jock or Pauline Connarty if interested.

Bridge Club meets in St John's Church Hall on Monday evenings at 7pm. If you play bridge, or have done so in the past, you are most welcome to join. Please phone Jean Douglas on 0131 657 9962 for further details.

Outing to Nunraw: Maria Igoe writes: 'It is proposed to visit Nunraw on Sunday 22nd February. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and return at approx 7.20pm. The cost is £8. The Community really appreciate our support. So come along and enjoy good company, chat and prayer, and if you are fit a pleasant walk. For further details contact Maria Igoe - 669 0247.'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Kay Crozier, Robert Lamb, Beatrice Crolla and Betty Diponio.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Kevin Crow, Dr Palli Jonsson, Rita Wright, John Duffy, Margaret O'Driscoll, John Denning, Ellen Gray, Bridget Fletcher, James McDonald, Betty McGuire, Charles Malcolm, May Lacey, Patrick Hughes, Helen Tweedie, Sarah Taylor, James J Stone, Molly Carr, Bartek Gordon, Rebecca Thomson, Annie Wallace, Lilian Donnelly, Theresa Bannon, James Hughes, John McCann, Catherine McGovern, Margaret Henery, Helen Mackersy, Margaret Wood, Michael McCreadie, Jean Creamer, Catherine Mathieson, John Meagher, and Fr Michael Hollings.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mgr James Rae, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Jane McGuire, Mona Scoular Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignan, 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: 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: Sue McDevitt, Jeannette Amos, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, Ellen Green, Anne Gallagher, baby Ava Gillies, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christian and John Parham, Christine Wilson, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

Christine Pugh Memorial in the Figgate Park Jeremy Devlin-Thorp writes: 'There is now a bench installed to Christine's memory in Figgate Park, a place that Christine loved. At a small, private ceremony last week, on the occasion of what would have been Christine's 60th birthday, Father Jock blessed the bench; it is there for people to go to remember Christine and also to enjoy the lovely view to Arthur's Seat and the meadow garden behind, when it is in bloom. As you enter the park from St John's Primary School it is the first bench you come to. Christine will be forever in our hearts and in our memories.'

Blessing for a bench

'Lord God, your beauty is ancient yet ever new, your wisdom guides the world in right order, and your goodness gives the world its variety and splendour.

The choirs of angels join together to offer their praise by obeying your commands.

The galaxies sing your praises by the pattern of their movement that follows your laws.

The voices of the redeemed join in a chorus of praise to your holiness as they sing to you in mind and heart.

We your people wish to join our voices to the universal hymn of praise. So that our song may rise more worthily to your majesty, we present this bench for your blessing: grant that it may bring comfort and lead us to express our prayer and praise in ways that are pleasing to you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

This adaptation was borrowed from 'The Veritas Book of Blessings for All Occasions'

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday:

John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

... and for next Sunday:

Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning raised £100, which will be divided between the Apostleship of the Sea, and Lifeboats. Grateful thanks!'

Morning Prayer during Lent There will be Morning Prayer in St John's Church at Our Lady's altar at 9.30am on Thursday and Friday this week.

Coming soon ... Fairtrade Fortnight commences on Monday 23rd February until Sunday 8th March. The Fairtrade Stall will be selling a variety of goods on Sunday 1st March & Sunday 8th March after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church Hall.

AND FINALLY... a reminder to get in touch with Pauline Connarty in the Parish Office if you wish to find out more about the new arrangements for key holders and how to operate the newly installed key safes.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 14th February	10.00am Mass: Special Intention 6.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CYCLE B)	9.30am Mass: Special Intention	11.15am Mass: Kevin Crow
Monday 16th February	10am Mass: Robert Lamb 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 17th February <i>Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Special Intention
Wednesday 18th February ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am Mass with distribution of ashes: <div style="text-align: center;">Dr Palli Jonsson</div>	7.30pm Mass with distribution of ashes: <div style="text-align: center;">Special Intention</div>
Thursday 19th February	10.00am Mass: Special Intention with Renewal of Vows	
Friday 20th February	10.00am Eucharistic Service 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	10.00am Mass with Renewal of Vows of Maureen and John Newal
Saturday 21st February <i>Commemoration of St Peter Damian</i>	10.00am Mass: Hugh Kellacher 6.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	
Sunday 22nd February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)	9.30am Mass: John Hughes	11.15am Mass:

Offertory Collection - 8th February 2015
St Mary Magdalene's - £ 372.66 St John's - £ 830.11
Special Collection for Scottish Catholic Education Service
St Mary Magdalene's - £ 125.46 St John's - £ 307.30
MANY THANKS

