

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

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Fifth Sunday of the Year (Cycle B)

8th 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 returns to the sister parishes this Thursday 12th February for a week, returning to Malta next Thursday 19th February.

This week is Catholic Education Week: there is a pastoral letter from Archbishop Tartaglia accompanying this newsletter. There will be also a **Special Collection** at all Masses for SCES – The Scottish Catholic Education Service..

Justice and Peace at St John's Primary School: Our head teacher, **Barbara Service**, writes: 'St John's pupils are encouraged to promote social justice and peace making, to look after creation and to learn from inspiring individuals. They do this in class lessons but also involve themselves in a variety of clubs which run during term time. The newly formed Justice and Peace group meet to pray, discuss topical issues and raise money for charity. The ECO group are formed from class representatives from P3-7 and have celebrated ECO day each session, taken litter surveys, promoted healthy eating and attained a Green Flag. The Fairtrade group has been established for several years and has attained Fairtrade status. The group run stalls at school fairs, raffle Fairtrade hampers and run Fairtrade tuck shops each month. They also promote Fairtrade in class during Fairtrade fortnight. These groups encourage our children to promote our Catholic values and live out their Faith in Action.'

A visit to the Noe Tibetan Children's Home in Northern India: 9-17 February

Fr Jock writes: '*When I was teaching for a year in India in 1979 -80, I made friends with a remarkable Tibetan refugee couple, Pema, a Christian, and Mega, a Buddhist. Soon after I returned to the UK, Pema wrote asking for help with the Children's Home she had started and so in 1982 a friend and I formed 'The Friends of the Noe Tibetan Children's Home', and with a group of other friends committed ourselves to supporting Pema's initiative. Since then over 250 children have passed through the Home, and Pema, a woman of remarkable energy and exuberance, has also founded a school (now 1,000 strong) for the local Indian children. I have gone out every 4 years or so ensure the personal link of friendship, central to the whole project, is nurtured with Pema and Mega – and I would have visited them last February, except that I had only just arrived here in Portobello. So this Monday 9 February, I fly out to India for a short visit – returning on Tuesday 17 February, in time for Ash Wednesday! While I'm away, Fr John Robinson will cover Monday to Wednesday, and then Fr Tabone will be in residence from Thursday 11 February for a week ...*'. For more information on Pema and her remarkable story, google 'The Friends of the Noe Tibetan Children's Home'.

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 St John's 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	TO BE CONFIRMED
Anne Gilchrist	669 8235	10 Pittville Street	Friday, 10 am	Sheelagh Dobson

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th February: 9.30am: St John's Church: Children's Mass with a focus on Primary 3 children preparing for First Reconciliation and **Baptism of Amelia Glodek.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Mass with a focus on Primary 4 children as part of the 'Do This In Memory of Me' programme.

Monday 9th February:

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 cakes after Mass.

7pm: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate: Rite of Election Music Rehearsal.

Patricia Carroll writes: 'Parishioners are invited to join the Inter Parish Archdiocesan Choir for the first of a series of rehearsals beginning on the 9th Feb at 7pm in St Patricks Cowgate. This is the only one for the Rite of Election.

There will also be two rehearsals for the Chrism Mass during Lent. New members are very welcome, especially those who sing in existing parish choirs.'

Wednesday 11th February: 4.45pm: Little Sisters of the Poor, Gilmour Place: Reception of Nora Glancy's body.

7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns: Dr Anthony Allison, University of Edinburgh, will speak on "A New Sectarianism? Scotland in the 21st Century". £5 donation requested. For more info danjcronin@btinternet.com.

Thursday 12th February: 11am: Little Sisters of the Poor, Gilmour Place: Requiem Mass for Nora Glancy.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 22nd February: 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.'

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

Greetings from Legho! Mike Knox writes: *'We are now in the final stages of preparing for the 6 teachers coming out from schools with partnerships within the Twende Pamoja family of friendships. In Legho they are especially looking forward to seeing Gill Dick coming from St John's. They are also excited to see what Lewis and Flora's mother is like! So Gill will have to visit St Ursula's, where the children keep asking when Lewis is coming back! So I have told them Lewis cannot come but he is sending his mother.'*

The weather is perfect and the days increasingly busy. Following the Lap Top appeal we have been generously given 12 Laptops. Then providence provided us with an additional 20 identical Dell Models for only £70 each, including Microsoft Office. Small hard drive but perfect for schools to start using. This means that there is a travelling resource as well as enough to leave at least one in each school.

A sad event this week was Frank Mosh's funeral. He was the Head Master of Lombeta who had visited Scotland with a group of students and stayed in the Parish here. He was a real gentle-man and had a long journey with cancer. The huge church at Kilema was packed with over 1,500 people in a Liturgy that lasted over 2 hours. Everyone then accompanied him to his home where, as is the custom here, he was buried. Everyone waits while the grave is filled in and then flowers are laid by family and friends. I laid a rose on his grave on behalf of Holy Rood.

Monsignor Paul send his greetings. At this time next week I will be back in Moshi waiting for Gill and the others

Regards, Mike'

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.

Volunteering Opportunity: The Just World Shop, 54 Portobello High Street.

An appeal from Morag Baird: 'Do you have two hours to spare on a Saturday morning from 10 – 12noon? Due to sickness we are requiring two volunteers to work in the shop to cover for the time our staff are off. If you can help please phone Morag or Jim on 669 8819 or at home (665 9962) or pop into the shop for a chat to see what is involved.

Medjugorje: Maria Igoe invites anyone interested in going to Medjugorje to contact her on 0131 669 0247. A small group is going in July and there are also a few rooms still available for the trip in May.

Offertory Collection - 1st February 2015
St Mary Magdalene's - £ 392.41 St John's - £ 832.05
MANY THANKS

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Nora Glancy, Lily Nolan, Kay Crozier, Maureen Brown, and Mary Quinn, Jeannette Moira White.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: William Anderson, Rose Ann Jamieson, Bill McCann, Ada Iannarelli, Sheila Devlin, Alex Nielsen, Mary Cullen (O'Brien), D V McCaughan, David Young, Edward McCabe, Hannah Knowles, Lucy Hughes, Margaret Young, Janet Anderson, Margaret Mulvey, Marie Buchanan, Bill Jacob, Pat Kelly, William Lawrie, Annie Nicholson, William Hughes, Bernard Halpenny, Patrick Gilroy, Mary Kathleen McConville, and Canon Albert Franklin.

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, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Mona Scoular, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, 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.

Welcome to the world ... Leo Robert Tobias Horne, born on the 23rd January, a first child for Maddy and Terry, and a grandson for Vincent Knowles.

**ST MARY
MAGDALENE'S**

Readers for this Sunday:	Children's Mass	Bidding Prayers:	Children's Mass
... and for next Sunday:	John Cunningham & Anne Jabir	Bidding Prayers:	Jim Gallagher

St. John's

Pauline Connarty writes: 'Work has started this week in the church, house and hall. This is being carried out in order to meet insurance requirements and health and safety regulations. Please bear with us while the work is ongoing, and apologies for any disruption in the meantime ... normal service will be resumed as soon as possible! This week we have completed an upgrade of fire safety equipment and are in the process of renewing locks to reduce the number of keys required to gain access to the church, house and hall, and also to monitor keys more effectively. If any key holder has not been contacted yet about the new arrangements for management of keys, please get in touch with me in the Parish Office. It would also be helpful to meet with regular key users to demonstrate how the newly installed key safes work. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of the Church if you would like to find out more.'

Linda Brown writes: 'Teas & Coffees after Mass on Sunday raised £37.60 towards refurbishment of St John's Church Hall.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 7th February	11am Requiem Mass for Paul Bainbridge 6.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th February <i>5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CYCLE B)</i>	9.30am Mass: Fr Terence Friel	11.15am Mass: Canon Michael Milton
Monday 9th February	2.30pm Mass with Anointing Bill D'Agostino 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 10th February <i>Memorial of St Scholastica</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Special Intention (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 11th February <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10.00am Mass: Mary Crozier	
Thursday 12th February	10.00am Eucharistic Service (11.00am St Joseph's: Requiem Mass for Nora Glancy)	
Friday 13th February	10.00am Eucharistic Service 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	10.00am Mass: Lily Nolan
Saturday 14th February <i>FEAST OF ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS</i>	10.00am Mass: Special Intention 6.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th February <i>6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CYCLE B)</i>	9.30am Mass: Special Intention	11.15am Mass: Kevin Crow

THE TABLE

'Around the table we can see the relationship between food, prayer, and celebration. It's the place of our covenant. We are bonded together.'

Jean Vanier, 'Living Gently in a Violent World', p38.

