

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

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**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Cycle B)**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

*WELCOME! . . . and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

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.

**A Bridge Club on Monday evenings:** Jean Douglas writes: 'A small, friendly Bridge Club will meet in St John's Church Hall every Monday at 7pm and will welcome new members. If you play bridge, or have done so in the past, please come and join us.' For further details please phone Jean Douglas on 0131 657 9962.

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** recommences this **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30 to 3.30pm**. 'Meeting weekly in St John's Church Hall, the Thursday Club extends a warm welcome to new members over the age of sixty, from both parishes and beyond. This is the place to come to meet old friends and new, so why not come along on Thursday and find out what's on the menu for our next event which will be our popular Burns Supper! For further details please contact Gena Gallagher on 661 1311.'

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January: 9.30am: St John's: Mass with Baptism of Flora Jane Gibson**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:**

**7.30pm: Lauriston Centre:** As part of the Centre's Environment Series, a talk on **Fracking**, by **Adrian Shaw**, the Climate Change Officer, Eco-Congregation, Scotland.

**7.30pm: St John's Pastoral Council Meeting POSTPONED until Wednesday 21st January.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January: 1pm: Seafeld Crematorium: Funeral service for Jean O'Flaherty.**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January: 7pm: Portobello and Joppa Church Hall:** (St Philips), Brunstane Road, ED15 2DL

**Portobello and Churches Together Annual Burns Supper:**

**Siobhan Sellar** writes: The annual Burns Supper organised by Portobello Area Churches Together (PACT) for Christian Aid will take place 7pm on Saturday 17th January in the Portobello & Joppa Church Hall Brunstane Road North. **Tickets are £15 with BYOB. Some tickets still available.** Please let Siobhan Sellar (0131 6573805, [sasellar@gmail.com](mailto:sasellar@gmail.com)) know asap if you would like to attend from St. John's or St Mary Magdalene's so we can confirm the numbers with the organisers.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January:**

**7.30: Parish House: 'THE WAY' – A St Vincent De Paul Initiative – All Welcome:**

Mary Iannarelli writes: 'Father Jock has given our (St John's & St Mary Magdalene's) St Vincent de Paul conference permission to hold a showing of the film 'The Way', starring Martin Sheen, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the parish house. The film will be shown in Fr Jock's sitting room so numbers are limited to 15. The film is going to be shown in two halves (one half on each of the dates) with time for discussion after each showing. In total each session should be around an hour and a half. Posters, which give a background to the film, will be displayed at each church. Please sign up on the list provided if you wish to come along.'

**7-9pm** at Portobello Joppa Parish Church (St Philips), Brunstane Road, ED15 2DL: **Life Under Occupation in a Divided Land:**

'Portobello & Musselburgh Quaker Meeting has invited Bronwen Currie to give a talk about her experience in the West Bank on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7 to 9pm, at Portobello Joppa Parish Church (St Philips), Brunstane Road, ED15 2DL.

Bronwen served as human rights observer this year with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel <http://eappi.org/enbased> in Al Ram just north of Jerusalem and covering the Ramallah governorate, as well as travelling within Israel and further afield in the occupied West Bank. While there Bronwen wrote a weekly blog which can be found at <https://broncurrie.wordpress.com/>

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Jean O'Flaherty, Eithne MacNeil, Sylvia Osenda, and David Godsall.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Baby Orla Christie, Andrew Neilsen, Edward McGovern, Mary Scollan, James Clarke, Donald Montgomery, Elizabeth (Betty) Peddieson, Arthur J Cockburn, James Marshall, Maureen Molloy, Elizabeth Doherty, Bridget Meldrum, Veronica Black, Anne Wood, Lizzie Waugh, William Smart, Richard Watt, Jean Holligan, John McLoughlin, Kitty Durkin, Isabella Thomson, Rita Santangeli, Nancy Hancock, Cyril Gorman, Angus McKinnon, James Gilchrist, George Tunley, Vincent McGlinchey, and Canon Hugh Gordon.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Monsignor James Rae, Mary Grady, Mike Iannarelli, Eddie Clark, Sarah Clark, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Mona Scoular, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Betty Diponio, Erin Corbett, Sheila Alexander, Fay Dignán, 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, Paul Bainbridge, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Monica Gorman, Chris English, 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:** Anne Gallagher, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, Denise O'Donnell, baby Ava Gillies, Margaret Davis, Christine Wilson, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christian Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

## **ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

**Readers for this Sunday:** Pat Marin & Robert Moyes  
... and for next Sunday: Mary McGovern & Bob Allan

**Bidding Prayers:** John Cunningham  
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### **200 CLUB**

**Linda Brown writes a reminder:** 'As this is the start of the New Year, the money is due in again for this year which is £12 for the year. This £12 gives a monthly prize of £20 (which would increase if more people joined) and also a chance to win the £200 twice a year (summer and Christmas). If anyone would like to join, please contact Linda Brown on 665-1464.'

**Your church needs you!** Your church needs you. Three fire wardens are needed. No previous experience is necessary as training will be given. Duties - to test the fire safety system regularly and to direct people to the fire exits in the event of a fire. Please let Father Jock know if you are willing to help.

Do you have any knowledge about plumbing, electrics or building work? The Fabric Committee is looking for knowledgeable people who could offer advice from time to time on a 'consultancy' basis. Please let Father Jock know if you are willing to help.

**Fr Jock** is away midweek this week working on his book on his priest uncle Jock (as he will be two or three midweeks in the next few months – after doing so for 5 years, it needs concluding though there is some way to go still...prayers welcomed) – many thanks to **Fr Gordon Brown** who will be covering for him.

**Outing to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'An outing to Nunraw has been planned for Sunday 25th January. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and return at approx 7.30pm. Please bring a snack. Tea and coffee will be provided. The cost will be £7 or £8. If you wish to go, please speak to Maria Igoe or phone 669 0247.'

## **St. John's**

**Eucharistic Ministers' Rota** Jim Roarty writes: 'Copies of the rota for Eucharistic Ministers can be collected from the back of St John's Church.'

**Mary's Meals** Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals raised £110. Thank you very much!'

**THE WEEKS AHEAD****Sunday 18 – Sunday 25 January: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

There will be 15-20 minute meetings in 5 different local churches at midday, Monday to Friday, followed by tea, coffee and soup. Please support this new initiative – more details next week.

**Sunday 18th January: 3pm: St Mary's Cathedral. Mass for Migrants and Refugees.**

Miriam McHardy, Archdiocesan Coordinator for Justice & Peace, writes: 'On Sunday 18th January 2015, the Church marks the World Day for Migrants and Refugees worldwide under the theme: *Church without frontiers, Mother to all*. To mark this day Archbishop +Leo Cushley is inviting members of migrant communities across the archdiocese to celebrate with him the contribution of the migrant communities to the life of the Church in Scotland. The celebration will be followed by a small reception in the Cathedral Hall.' You are warmly invited to attend. - and we would be grateful if two parishioners from both St Mary Magdalene's and St John's would represent our parishes - please contact Fr Jock. If you would like to attend the reception afterwards please email miriam.mchardy@stanned.org.uk by Monday 5th January 2015

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January: 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 teas and cakes after Mass. Please come forward ... if you are available to provide transport for housebound parishioners who would otherwise be unable to attend this Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Maria Igoe (669 2960).

**7.30pm: 3 Sandford Gardens: Justice & Peace Group Meeting** in the front room of the Parish House. ALL WELCOME!

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January: 7.30pm: Ecumenical Evening Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

**Paddy Ferry writes:** 'I am writing on behalf of the Ecumenical Core Group to invite you to this service which we now host each year to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will be held this year, as in previous years, in St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh on Wednesday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

Each year, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, who together have ultimate responsibility for the Church Unity Octave, invite a national church to choose a theme and prepare worship materials for the week. For 2015 the Christian Church in Brazil chose a theme based on *John 4:1-42 (Jesus to the Samaritan woman) Give me to drink*'. The guest preacher on January 21<sup>st</sup> will be **the Very Rev. Sheilagh Kesting**, Ecumenical Officer of the Church of Scotland and former Moderator of the General Assembly. There will be a reception following the service to which everyone is invited.

**FRESH START** Paul Bevan writes: 'FRESH START are still looking for household items. If small items please place them in the box in the porch, on right hand side. If a larger item please phone Paul Bevan on mobile 07784490155 or 629 6575 for uplift. Please, no large kitchen appliances or furniture. For these, contact Bethany Christian Trust or Edinburgh Furniture Initiative.'

***COME & JOIN US!' The Singing Group at Craigentenny for People with Dementia and their Carers***

Venue: St Christopher's Church Hall, 77-79 Craigentenny Road, Edinburgh: 2 to 4pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month). Volunteers warmly welcomed, particularly to lead the singing and to play music. For further details please contact Sheila Hardie (551 1229), Kate Walker (554 4940) or speak to Una Gallagher.

**REFLECTION****BAPTISM**

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font. We are baptised by all that happens to us on life. We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified by all that is false and useless. We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion. We are baptised by joy; in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life. We are baptised by love; in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun. Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

**Offertory Collection - 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

St Mary Magdalene's - £ 366.53 St John's - £ 1,012.45

**Special Collection for Justice & Peace**

St Mary Magdalene's - £ 131.43 St John's - £ 323.60

**MANY THANKS.**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 10th January</b>	<b>10am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Special Intention	<b>10.00am Mass</b> Special Intention
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> <b>End of Christmastide</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Edward McGovern
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Deceased Members of McGeady family  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Feast of St Kentigern</i>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Andrew Neilsen	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sick Person)
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot.</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sick Person)  <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Linda Wisbach	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am Mass with 'Do This In Memory of Me'</b> Mary Scollan	<b>11.15am Children's Mass:</b> People of the Parish

### **NOT WORRYING ABOUT TOMORROW**

'I try to live in the present moment, to accept reality as it is - the reality of my body and spirit, the reality of my community, the reality of creation and of our world. Today, it is sunny and cold; yesterday, it was raining and cold. Accept each day, each moment as it comes - the different seasons - and soon it will be spring.' (Jean Vanier, "The Globe and Mail": 7.3.2009)