

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

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**Second Sunday of the Year (Cycle B)**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 – 25 January ... and on a New Initiative by PACT (Portobello Churches Acting Together)**. Each weekday during the week 19 – 23 January **there will be a short service at 12noon** in one of 5 different local churches:

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	St Mark's, 287 Portobello High Street.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	St John's, Brighton Place.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Duddingston Kirk
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Portobello & Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Philips, Abercorn Place.)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham Avenue

Services will last 15 minutes and will be followed by tea and coffee (feel free to bring sandwiches too!) ... Please do support this encouraging attempt by our local churches to pray together – and to create and deepen friendships. **It's so good when we take up the challenge to visit each other's churches...**

**POSTPONED MEETING** The Sacramental preparation meeting for 'Do This in Memory of Me' parents which was to take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** has been postponed.

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**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.'

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

**11am: Requiem Mass for Les Garvin**

**6.45pm: Parish House: A short meeting of Advent House Group leaders.**

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January: 2.30pm: St John's Church: Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass) [POSTPONED FROM MONDAY BECAUSE OF LES GARVIN'S REQUIEM 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).

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January: 7.30: Parish House: St John's Pastoral Council Meeting.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: 7.30: Parish House: St John's Fabric Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January: 11.00: Parish House: Sister Parishes' Bereavement Group Meeting.**

**THIS WEEK****Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 representatives from parishes across the archdiocese to celebrate with him the contribution of the migrant communities to the life of the Church in Scotland.' You are warmly invited to attend, and indeed, it would be much appreciated if our sister parishes were represented at this Mass.

**7-9pm: 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/>'

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

**7pm: Sacred Heart, Lauriston: 'Good News about Marriage & Family Life'.** (Session 5 of the Evangelisation Certificate). This will be led by Sally McElroy, the Archdiocesan Marriage & Family Life Coordinator. Sally will present the new Marriage Preparation Catechesis to us called 'From This Day Forward'. All welcome.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January: 7.30pm: St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh 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.

**THE WEEKS AHEAD****Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

**1.00pm to 7.30pm: 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.'

**3pm St Kentigern's Church Hall, Banton, Edinburgh: INFORMATION MEETING - YOUTH FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2015**

**Kris Thomas writes:** 'As always, we are hoping to take a group of young people to Lourdes to help and work with the sick pilgrims from around our Archdiocese. An Information Meeting will be held this Sunday 25th January 2015 at 3pm in St. Kentigern's Church Hall, Barnton, Edinburgh. Please come along to find out about YFL and our Pilgrimage. This year we will travel to Lourdes from 10th - 17th July 2015 at an all inclusive cost of £689. For more information, email [youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:youthforlourdes@hotmail.co.uk) or give Kris a call on 07747867003.' Young people (aged 16+) are warmly invited to get involved.

**You cannot stop the bird of sorrow from flying over your head,  
but you can prevent it from nesting in your hair.**

**Chinese Proverb**

**Offertory Collection - 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
**St Mary Magdalene's - £ 280 St John's - £ 630.76**  
**MANY THANKS.**

## PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Les Garvin and Alec Linton.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Anne Cockburn, Mary Greenan, Vincent McDevitt, Mary Scollan, Mary Service, Barbara Devlin, Margaret McGuire, Elizabeth McGrory, Annie Young, Roseanne Hunter, Neil Hanlon, Jack Shaw, Margaret Forrest, Kathleen Fusco, Mary McGuire, Joan Knox, Jackie Garvey, Catherine McGovern, Janet O'Brien, William Durkin, Antonio Pacitti, Andrew Donoghue, Catherine Gilroy, Irene Cameron Crawford Wheatley, Adolf Haller, Catherine McKiernan, Agnes Gallagher, Sarah Bradley, Thomas & Mary Kyle, Mary Conner, Francis Meehan (Jnr), Francis Meehan (Snr), and Fr Harry Stocks.

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 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, 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: Ellen Green, Anne Gallagher, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, 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, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Maria St. Denis, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

### **Readers for this Sunday:**

... and for next Sunday:

Children's Mass

Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

**Bidding Prayers:** Children's Mass

**Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson

**ST MARY  
MAGDALENE'S**

**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.

NB Apologies - **Our Pastoral Council Meeting has been postponed from Tuesday 27 January to Tuesday 3 February.**

**A Date for the Diary – We will be joined at the 11.15 Mass on Sunday 1 February by several Faith and Light groups – more details next week.**

**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.'

**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.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot.</i>	<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>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CYCLE B)</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
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>11.00am Requiem Mass for Les Garvin</b>  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorials of St Fabian &amp; St Sebastian</i>	<b>2.30pm: Mass with Anointing</b> Fr Harry Stocks	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Agnes</i>	<b>10am Mass:</b> Annie Cockburn	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Vincent</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Mary Service & Barbara Devlin	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> Vincent Mcglinchey
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales</i>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Canon Michael Cassidy	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Eithne Macneil
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (CYCLE B)</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Fr Daniel Boyd

### REFLECTION

### *Healing the wounds of the heart*

All of us are wounded by sin. The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart. The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of the heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the most painful wound of all. Only love can heal the wounds of the heart. Lord, send your holy spirit to us, to heal the wounds of our hearts so that we may produce the fruits of love.

Flor McCathy, SDB, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies (Yr A)

**A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**BY THE LATE FR MICHAEL HOLLINGS**

*'God calls us by name, are we prepared to receive him? When we draw near to the Lord we understand more fully our mission, to live as part of Christ's body (as St Paul reminds us). John the Baptist, the bridge between the Old and New Testament, guides us to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Like the disciples, we must recognise him, follow him and remain in him.'*

The first reading and the Gospel this week present us with two different calls from God – Samuel in the Old Testament, John and Andrew in the New. Well, God has told us that he knows each of us by name, but recognition of the voice of God or his call seems often to be less easy than we might hope. With Samuel it is Eli, the prophet, who puts him right and assures him that he must answer the voice directly and not come running to Eli. With John and Andrew, it is John the Baptist, whose disciples they were, who actually draws their attention to Jesus. These two stories underpin the importance of each of us having someone to turn to in perplexity or doubt, when a difficult decision is called for, when there seems to be no solution, no way backwards or forwards –just a sense of being lost, a fear, a terrible indecision. This does not have to be a trained counsellor or therapist. It can be one of the family, a close friend, doctor, priest or so on. Just ponder on whether you have such a person in your life.

This weekend is also a time for each of us to say clearly to God: 'Here **I** am Lord', putting the emphasis on **I**. I seldom meet a person who at one time or another does not feel alone, forgotten by God, or even cut off from God by their own sin and self-imposed distancing. Do not be misled. We may have gone blind or deaf, but God always listens, always hears and never ceases from loving you, however far away you may seem from each other.'

**As we prepare for a New Year ... Forgiveness**

To look forward, to want life, means we have to be willing to look backwards and become more conscious of all those who have hurt us, all that is broken in us and that has brought us inner deaths, hurts that we may have hidden and stifled. It means that we acknowledge the story of our origins, of our own lives, see and accept our brokenness and the times we also have hurt others. When we have accepted who we are and what we need in order to grow in compassion and peacemaking, we can move forward to give life. To forgive is a gift of God that permits us to let go of our past hurts.

Jean Vanier, Finding Peace, page 47 - 48.