

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

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle B)

4th 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.

CHRISTMASTIDE . . . continues till 11th January!

Remember the Christmas season continues - in the Church's eyes - right through to **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (on the 11th - a week today) - so to help us continue to celebrate we offer

A short evening retreat on ICONS - today, Sunday 4th January (The Feast of the Epiphany) from 7-9pm in St John's Hall - and Church: **"This is my son, the beloved"** - **Images of Christ revealed through iconography**. Join us for prayer around the icon of The Baptism of Jesus.

This retreat evening is facilitated by our Diocesan Retreat Team, **Sr Kathleen Curran UJ and Juliet MacKellaig** - **everybody in our sister parishes most welcome**.

NB Nobody needs to know anything about Icons to come...the evening will begin with a short explanation about their origin and about how to pray with them.

Special Collection this Weekend: There will be a Special Collection for the work of **Justice and Peace** - nationally, for the Commission, and in our diocese -- at all Masses this Saturday evening and Sunday. There is also a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Peter Moran which can be read on the back of the Sunday Plus.

PACT Annual Burns Supper - 7pm - Saturday 17th January:

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. Please let Siobhan Sellar (0131 6573805, sasellar@gmail.com) know by Sunday 11th January if you would like to attend from St. John's or St Mary Magdalene's so we can confirm the numbers with the organisers.

Diocesan Directory Copies of the 2015 Directory for the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh have arrived and are available for purchase from your Church Stall for £2.00.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Gytha Somervell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John Brown, Lucia Maher, John Browne, Fr Thomas Gaffney SJ, Bernard McAllister, Hedley Smibert, John J McWilliams, Douglas Shannon, Renee McMartin, Joseph & Isobel Simpson, Kathleen McGovern, James Bannon, Jessie Handren, James Huntly, Rita Scott, James Meehan, John Christie, Mary Galton, James McNamara, William Turnbull, Kathleen Fusco, Alexander Gilroy, Charmaine McIntyre, William Birrell, Hugh Robertson, Brigid Theresa Stuart, Leo J Stone, Anne Hughes, Andrew Blaney, Andrew Durkin, Frank Davey

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: 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: Sam Henry and Tessa Haring **Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir
... and for next Sunday Laura Tweedie and John Wallace **Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher

200 CLUB

The winners of the 200 club for December are **Jane Marin** (£20) and **Maureen Scott** (£200).

Linda Brown writes: 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.

LEGHO Over the years parishioners at St John's have been invited to contribute to a Christmas gift to Legho to support the projects the communities are developing. This year's **Legho Christmas Collection** has so far come to £353.23 for which many thanks. Some people will have been absent on the Feast of the Holy Family – if anyone would still like to make a donation, do feel free to hand an envelope into the parish house at 3 Sandford Gardens.

Visit www.twendepamojatrust.blogspot.com to see the latest photographs.

St. John's

The next **Charity Coffee Morning** will be held in the Hall this **Monday 5th January** at 11am after the Requiem Mass. Donations will go to **Mary's Meals**. Please come along.

Hurry along to **St John's Church Stall** where you will find a wide selection of cards and gifts and take the opportunity to buy your 2015 Calendar!

Many thanks to **John Freeman** for his energetic and much appreciated accordion playing in the hall after Mass on our patronal feast.

Christmas Mass Collection - 24th & 25th December 2014

St Mary Magdalene's - £418.84 St John's - £ 3,035.36

Offertory Collection - 27th & 28th December 2014

St Mary Magdalene's - £288.65 St John's - £ 700.82

MANY THANKS.

French Exchange Opportunity

Through Fr Jock's connection with the founding L'Arche community in Trosly, near Compiègne, in Northern France, we have been asked by a family to enquire whether any parishioner(s) would be interested in participating in a French exchange programme. They are seeking a host family for 2 twelve year old girls planning a visit in May/June 2015. Both speak English well and would be happy to host in return. Please speak to Fr Jock for further details.

THIS WEEK

This evening, 4th January (The Feast of the Epiphany): 7-9pm: St John's Church: "This is my son, the beloved" Images of Christ revealed through iconography. Join us for prayer around the icon of **The Baptism of Jesus**. A retreat facilitated by Diocesan Retreat Team, Sr Kathleen Curran UJ and Juliet MacKellaig.

Monday 5th January: 10am: St John's Church: Requiem Mass for Gytha Somervell

Tuesday 6th January: 7pm: St Patrick's, Cowgate: Mass with Archbishop Cushley at the tomb of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair. There will now be a Mass on the first Tuesday of each month at her tomb.

Tuesday 6th January: 8pm: Parish House: RCIA restarts

Wednesday 7th January: 10.45am: Pastoral Team Meeting

Sunday 11th January: 9.30am: St John's: Mass with Baptism of Flora Jane Gibson

A Meditation for Christmas - Gilbert Cesbron

When the King of Kings was born,
He chose his parents
from among the little people of this world.

And the simple people of the district
were the first he invited to his cradle -
those who slept under the stars of heaven
and could hear the angel's voice.

It was only then
that he received the great ones of the world.

They were also his children,
but their lives were threatened
by glory and honour.

He called them,
but they were so far off
that the journey took them a long time.
Those mighty kings announced their arrival
with expensive presents.

But first they kneeled down -
humility was their gift.

They kneeled down
after the shepherds.
That is how Christmas was
and that is how it will be
until the end of the world.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 3rd January	10.00am Mass: Francis Harvey – poet 6.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	
Sunday 4th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	9.30am Mass: Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>	11.15am Mass: Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>
Monday 5th January	10.00am Mass: REQUIEM MASS for Gytha Somervell 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 6th January	10am: Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Special Intention <i>Christmas Bouquet</i>
Wednesday 7th January <i>Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach	
Thursday 8th January	10am: Eucharistic Service	
Friday 9th January	9.45am Mass: Mass – with St John’s Primary School celebrating its patronal feast. Special Intention 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 10th January	10am Eucharistic Service 6.30pm Vigil: Special Intention	10.00am Mass Special Intention
Sunday 11th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Christmas Bouquet

*Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel for he has visited his people,
 He has come to their rescue and he has raised up for us
 A power for Salvation.*

Luke 1:68 (The Canticle of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist)