

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

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13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
5th July 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 Connarty, our Parish Administrator, and ask for details of how to register on the parish roll ... **and a note to all parishioners to ask you to fill in a census form if you haven't already done so. Copies are available at the back of both churches.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence. (ie the charitable initiatives Pope Francis wants to support).

There is an additional insert to the newsletter this week for St John's parishioners. Inside you will find the minutes of the St John's Parish Open Meeting which took place on Sunday 14th June.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th July: 7pm: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate:
Monthly Mass to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair.

Sunday 12th July: 9.30am: St John's Church: Children's Mass.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Saturday 18th July: 7.15pm: Lauriston Hall (Sacred Heart parish hall), Edinburgh: **GUIDES & SCOUTS OF EUROPE.** An invitation from Fr Lawrence Lew OP: "*What happens when young people take the lead? The Guides & Scouts of Europe, a vibrant international Youth Movement that is uniquely approved by the Vatican, invite young Catholics and their families to discover 'Scoutisme'. Our Movement combines Baden-Powell's traditional Scouting method with the spiritual power of the Gospel so that you can set the world on fire as God intends! Come and meet us to find out more: Sat 18 July, 7:15pm in Lauriston Hall (Sacred Heart parish hall), Edinburgh EH3 9DJ, immediately after the 6:30pm Vigil Mass in Sacred Heart church.*"

Monday 20 – Friday 24 July: 9am-12.45pm each day: PJPC Halls on Bellfield St (previously known as the Old Parish), Portobello: WASTE WATCHERS – PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY CHILDREN: 'Come along for games, crafts, drama, music and Bible stories as we learn about caring for our world. Cost £5 per child or £1 per day, ages 3 (pre-schoolers) to 12 (p7). Email: portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com to register by 13/7/15.'

Nb; If you want to find out more, there's a DVD available from Fr Jock describing what's involved in the week....

NOTICEBOARD

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY St Joseph's House are seeking a volunteer for Reception Duties. Alternate Saturdays 2pm to 9pm at St Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9NG. In the first instance please contact Mary Lewis 0131 229 5672 or email Filecentre@aol.com for further details.

VOLUNTEER TEACHING IN THE DARJEELING HILL REGION. St John's parishioner, Pauline Macinnes, writes: 'I shall be returning to the Darjeeling Hill Region to help in the 2 schools which the "**Himalayan Children Education Trust**" helps to support, on the 12 Oct for 8 weeks. I wonder if any retired teacher or a teacher taking time out, would like to come and help in the schools for a few weeks. Unfortunately all expenses have to be met personally, as all money raised through the Charity goes to the schools. If you are interested you can contact me on 0131 657 3411 or by e-mail pauline_macinnes@hotmail.com.'

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Edinburgh City Council are currently recruiting volunteers to work with older people in our community. Alexis Cumming, Volunteers Coordinator for Health & Social Care, City of Edinburgh Council, has asked us to publicise details of **two projects currently seeking friendly and committed individuals.** **Jewel Day Service, Bingham Drive,** is offering the opportunity to work a full or half day per week alongside staff focusing on cognitive stimulation therapy for people with dementia. Opportunities are also available for musicians and those who can sing as part of a group to work with the **Singing Pilot Project** meeting fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons. For more information or to arrange a chat please contact alexis.cumming@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone Alexis on 0131 469 6186.

WEDNESDAY WORD. Copies available at the back of each church. Highly recommended. Please help yourself!

A YOUNG PARISHIONER WRITES ABOUT HER VISIT TO TAIZE: Bethany Burgess, a Holy Rood High School pupil and altar server at St John's, recently went on a school trip to Taize, the ecumenical community in Burgundy, France, where young people from all over the world gather in their thousands each week. Below she recounts her experiences:

'Before I went to Taize I wasn't sure what to expect. I had been told what it was like by people who had been before but they said that you have to go to know exactly what it's like. So after a 3 and a half hour journey, I arrived at Taize with the 8 other young people and 3 leaders from my school.

Life in Taize is quite basic and structured, with prayer services 3 times a day and meals at set hours, bible study after breakfast and a set time of work. Regardless of the structure to each day, there is still plenty of time for doing whatever you want whether it's going to song practice, going to workshops, visiting the local villages, hanging out with new friends at oyak the local Taize shop, walking in the surrounding fields, or having some "me time" at the lake. There's always something to do.

During my stay, I managed to create friendships with people from different parts of the world who shared my Taize experience. The beauty of Taize life is that everyone works together as a community and everyone is able to talk to anyone. There are no barriers between people, everyone gets along.

My first thought of bible study and prayer service was that they were going to be quite boring and something to struggle through. However, they turned out to be something that I actually looked forward to rather than something which I dreaded. It was a chance to learn more about myself, others and my religion.

I went to Taize looking for something to take back to my life with me, but I just didn't know what. Something that stuck with me was something that the brother leading my bible study said, "God loves me not because of who I am, but because I am" and I think that is what I have brought back from Taize. That it doesn't matter what I do or how I act God will love me. This is something I hope to incorporate into my life and that is why I think a lot of people go to Taize, to find something to bring back with them to make their lives better.

Reflection on a few gardening jobs to be done.

First look at the weeds.

Weed out gossip, weed out laziness,
weed out indifference, and weed out pride.

Plant five rows of peas.

Patience, peace, promptness, politeness and prayer.

Then plant five rows of Lettuce.

Let us be faithful, let us be loving, let us be useful,
let us be trustful and let us be grateful.

Next plant the turnips.

Turn up in time, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea
and turn up with a new determination.

Happy gardening!

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Alex Whigham, William McGead and Annie Craig.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Letty Sellar, Laura Dignan, Michael Iannarelli, Audrey Reid, Irene McMartin, Elizabeth Cossar, Elizabeth Hutton, Angelo DeGiorgio, Thomas Stars, Matilda O'Lone, Peter Cosgrove, Rose Patterson, John Barrins, Grace Mills, Mollie O'Brien, James Hutton, Francis Gilmartin, Lawrence O'Brien, Emily Stone, James Douglas, Mary Clarke (Barrins), Isabella Mathieson, Mary Cosgrove, John Mackenzie, Jessie Kelly, Dorothy Hyde, Elizabeth Harrop, Francis Egan and Vincent Boyd.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Ina McNama, David Thom, John Cregan, Theresa Spence, Mgr James Rae, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Jimi Boyle, Michele Grandone, Jude Payne, baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Mona Scoular, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Sheila Alexander, Roz Byers, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Alf Macnamara, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Elizabeth Mackail, 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, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Jeanette Amos, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Marie Crolla, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Welcome to the world...Leo Stanley Whyte, a son for Emma Tweedie and Patrick Whyte, a brother for Eva and a second grandchild for Laura and Roy.

Readers for this Sunday: Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

... and for next Sunday: Mary McGovern & Robert Moyes

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

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200 CLUB. Linda Brown writes: 'The winners of the 200 Club for June are: **Maria Scott** with number 47 who wins the £200. Congratulations! And congratulations to **Jennifer Morris** who wins the £25! Well done to you both.'

St. John's

St John's Church Hall Refurbishments: Chris Vinestock writes: 'The success of St John's Summer Fayre in raising over £1700 has allowed us to start planning refurbishment of the Church Hall. The first stage of this will be to freshen up the paintwork. We have made arrangements to have the hall painted and this will commence on Sunday 19th July and continue until Thursday 23rd July. Most of our regular clubs and classes are taking a summer break so hopefully this will not cause too much disruption to parishioners, but please note there will be no teas & coffees in the Hall after Sunday morning Mass on 19th July.

... and finally, a word about the church railings and gates - weather permitting, these will be painted during the coming week(s).'

Offertory Collection on 27th & 28th June 2015

St Mary Magdalene's

£248.20 (inc Envelopes: £155.60)

St John the Evangelist

£846.96 (inc Envelopes: £527.21)

MANY THANKS.

A quick calculation this week estimates that we can reclaim a total of £171.70 from the tax man for Gift Aided donations (£38.90 St Mary Magdalene's & £131.80 St John's).

MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN!

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 4th July <i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Letty Sellar	
Sunday 5th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass:	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 6th July <i>Memorial of St Maria Goretti</i>	10.00am Mass: Special Intention 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 7th July	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass
Wednesday 8th July	10.00am Mass: Laura Dignan	
Thursday 9th July <i>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ABERDEEN</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Annie Craig
Friday 10th July	10.00am Mass: 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 11th July <i>FEAST OF ST BENEDICT</i>	10.00am Mass: Angus Mclsaac 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Special Intention	
Sunday 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass

‘When children are simply children, filling their day with life,
 spilling over, sharing love, sharing laughter,
 grabbing the whole of their once-upon-a-time,
 making us believe in happy-ever-after,
 anything at all is possible.’

Extract from ‘A Psalm About Children’