

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

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**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**



This Sunday there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for all the First Communion & Confirmation candidates and their prayer partners at St Mary Magdalene's 11.15am Mass. Kerry Gallagher will be celebrating her Confirmation and First Communion at this Mass.

Geoff Dobson will be speaking at both Sunday masses this weekend on behalf of the sister parishes' **St Vincent de Paul Society**. He will also speak at the Saturday Vigil Mass next weekened.

**Louise Redwood** steps down from running our **Joint Parish Baptismal team**.

Fr Jock writes: *'Louise has recently communicated her desire to stand down from preparing parents for the baptism of their child – something she has been organising in St John's for a decade – and for 18 months across the two parishes. We owe her a great deal for her generosity, sensitivity and very effective way of communicating the essence of the baptismal service and, indeed, the sacrament itself!'*

Would anyone be interested in being involved in being part of a new baptismal team? If so, please let Fr Jock know.

**An urgent appeal for suitcases.** Mike Knox writes: 'We need suitcases to take educational resources to Tanzania when the team of teachers return this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you have a suitcase you no longer need please leave it at the back of either Church, hand in to 3 or 5 Sandford Gardens, or phone Mike Knox (07737452833) as soon as possible. Many thanks.'

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 21st June: 11.15am:** St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass of Thanksgiving with the first communicants, and confirmation and first communion of Kerry Gallagher.**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: 10am:** St John's Church: **End of term Mass for St John's Primary – remembering especially Mrs Mary McBride**, who retires from teaching after 40 years, the last 20 years at St John's.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June: 2pm:** St John's School: **Primary 7 Leavers' Mass.**

**5pm:** St John's Church: **Reception of Anne-Marie Aitken into church prior to her funeral on Friday.**

**7pm:** Parish House: **Fabric Committee Meeting.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: 10am:** **Requiem Mass for Anne-Marie Aitken.**

**7pm:** St John's Church: **Wedding rehearsal for Nicola Clark & Scott Aitchison.**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June: 1.30pm:** **Wedding of Nicola Clark & Scott Aitchison.**

**3pm to 7pm:** Tribe Porty, 19 Windsor Place, Portobello: **Fundraiser for Indreni Children's Home, Nepal.** Live music from Lorraine & the Borderlands, Various Moons & Fish to Fry, samosas, cake, chai (BYOB). Tickets (£6/£4) available at [portyshindig.eventbrite.co.uk](http://portyshindig.eventbrite.co.uk). or contact Nick Bell at [portyshindig@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:portyshindig@yahoo.co.uk).

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: 1pm to 7.30pm:** **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a group going to Nunraw on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and arrive back at 7.30pm.' Please contact Maria Igoe for further details (0131 669 0247).

### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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."*

**30<sup>th</sup> July to 2 August 2015: Stirling University: Scottish Catholic Youth Festival:** Catholic Youth Service Scotland is organising a second World Youth Day style event to follow up on the very successful "Scotland's Rio" event of 2013. Cost per person will be £150. For further details please contact [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk)

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**PERMANENT TEACHING POST.** Patricia Carroll, the diocesan pastoral resources co-ordinator, writes: 'A permanent full time teaching post is currently being advertised on [My Job Scotland](#) at the Sacred Heart Primary Penicuik with the closing date being next Monday 22 June!

For more information visit: [www.myjobscotland.org](http://www.myjobscotland.org)

**ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP** has broken up for the summer holidays and will resume fortnightly on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The **THURSDAY CLUB** is taking a break for the month of July.

The **BRIDGE CLUB** continues meeting in St John's Church Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30pm. New members welcome!

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Anne-Marie Aitken, Martina Connolly and Reg Todd.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Mary Smart, Christopher Laurie, May Durkin, Joseph Fusco, Sien Loocia Tait, Margaret Sweeney, Bridget Ginnelly, Charles O'Neill, Anne Maureen Jamieson, Rose Mary Gorrie, Patrick Knowles, Bridget Gallagher, Maria Perilla, Mary Foley, John Allen, Edward Coll, George Docherty, Freda Lynch, Marie Brown, Jemima Halliday, Roland Ogilvie, Annette Donivar, David Flynn, Margaret Crumlish, Kathleen McManus, Marie McAuley, Norma Grant, Edward Cassidy, and Rev. Francis Magee.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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, Ruby Connaghan and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** William 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**

**Readers for this Sunday:** Children's Mass  
... and for next Sunday: Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

**Bidding Prayers:** Children's Mass  
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*... and warm birthday greetings to Sam Henry, 75 last Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.*

## **St. John's**

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'The Charity Coffee Morning raised £130 for Mary's Meals. Thank you to all who gave so generously. From May 2014 to April 2015, **£1387 was raised by the Charity Coffee Mornings.** This money was donated to 12 different charities. **Many thanks** to those who helped to make this our best year.'

### ***Offertory Collection on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015***

<b><u>St Mary Magdalene's</u></b>	<b><u>St John the Evangelist</u></b>
<b>£315.85 (inc Envelopes: £226.20)</b>	<b>£1211.03 (inc Envelopes: £339.46)</b>

**MANY THANKS**

## **AWARENESS & SAFETY IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST & ST MARY MAGDALENE**

### **The annual statement of Peter Gillam and Alison Connolly, our sister parishes' safeguarding co-ordinators:**

'The Catholic Church's safeguarding programme involves us all: the Parish Priest, the Parish Co-ordinators, volunteers, and the parish community.

Here in the parish of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's we have a number of families with children of all ages and at all stages of their faith development. We are fortunate in having a number of Catechists who undertake the task of introducing the children to their faith and of preparing them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation. We also have a number of volunteers who provide support to the children by presenting the Liturgy of the Mass of the day through a range of appropriate planned learning activities aimed specifically at meeting the needs of the age range of the children. A further group of volunteers undertake the role of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, taking Communion to the sick or housebound.

As a parish we warmly welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all those who volunteer, in whatever way and using whatever skills they may have, to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of our parish.

In law anyone who works with children or adults at risk is obliged to undertake a Disclosure check, and in our parish this process is carried out by Peter Gillam and Alison Connolly who have been approved by the Diocese to carry out the administration work involved.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has a further requirement that anyone who offers their services as a volunteer with vulnerable groups must complete an application form, self-declaration form and provide two character references.

They are provided with a role descriptor and go through an interview procedure with the Parish Clergy and/or the Parish Co-ordinator and, finally, all volunteers are obliged to attend presentation sessions to learn about '*Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities*'.

This information is presented to reassure you that all possible steps are taken within our parish to ensure that the children, young people and adults at risk are as safe as they can be when they are in our care.

To anyone thinking of volunteering their services in this parish community of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's, please let this information be an encouragement and not a deterrent.

Please feel free to read the '*Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities*' folder for more detailed information about the Safeguarding Policy of the Catholic Church in Scotland.'

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Maria Crolla  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Thanksgiving & rejoicing
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Christopher Laurie	<b>11.15am Mass of Thanksgiving with</b> <b>First Communicants:</b>  May Durkin
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Memorial of St Paulinus of Nola</i> <i>Memorials of SS John Fisher</i> <i>and Thomas More</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> SI – Wedding Anniversary  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed</i> <i>Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b> Maria Crolla
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY</b> <b>OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>10.00am St John's School end of term</b> <b>Mass:</b> Mary and Andrew Smart	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>5.00pm: Reception of Anne-Marie</b> <b>Aitken into church prior to her funeral</b> <b>on Friday.</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Margot Stewart
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am: Requiem Mass for Anne-Marie</b> <b>Aitken</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Memorial of St Cyril of</i> <i>Alexandria</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Linda Wisbach  <b>1.30pm: Wedding of Nicola Clark &amp;</b> <b>Scott Aitchison.</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Angus McIsaac	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> SI – Martina Connolly's Family	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish

‘A hug is a great gift – one size fits all, and it’s easy to exchange.’

*Anonymous*