

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

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CORPUS CHRISTI

7th June 2015

KARIBU!

We are delighted to welcome to Portobello a group of teachers from Tanzania who are being hosted by Mike Knox and will be staying in the parish for the next 3 weeks. They are Sara, Leons, Martin, Elizabeth, Medard, Mary, Victoria and Priscus. Please do give a warm Portobello welcome to our Tanzanian visitors if you meet them in or around Sandford Gardens.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi; Mass with First Communion for one of our young candidates, Beth Johnston, will take place at 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene's.

Next Sunday our 23 remaining candidates will receive their First Communion at St John's Church at the 9.30am Mass (which will therefore be slightly longer - and the church more full - than normal, so 'regulars' feel free to choose one of our other two Masses if so inclined...!).

Next Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart – there will be Mass at 10am at St John's.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptisms of Leo Horne, Macy Harper, and Jessica & Patrick Murphy.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass with celebration of First Communion.**

7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: **St Mary Magdalene's Open Parish Meeting.**

Monday 8th June: 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 tea and homebaking after Mass.

7pm: Sacred Heart Hall, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh: The Diocesan Ecumenical Core Group present **'Vatican II from the Reformed Perspective'**. Guest speaker - **Prof David Fergusson**, Professor of Divinity & Principal of New College.

Tuesday 9th June: 8pm: Portobello & Joppa Parish Church: **'Seeing the Bigger Picture'**. An opportunity to see 3 award winning independent short films and meet the directors. Two of the films have a Portobello connection. 'Bra-et Al Rouh' is a film inspired by a Mairi Campbell song; and 'Arty Anne', is a short film which 'documents the life (and the local community) from the perspective of Portobello's lively, ambitious visually impaired artist, Anne Dignan.' **Highly recommended!**

Thursday 11 June: 7pm: St John's Church: **Rehearsal for First Communicants.**

7.30pm: Parish House: **Justice and Peace Group Meeting.** Please let Paul Bevan know if you have any items to be included on the Agenda (07784490155). **All welcome.**

Saturday 13th June: Gillis Centre, Edinburgh: **Catholic Education Commission Open Forum:** The theme of the first Open Forum meeting is: 'Developing Catholic Teachers and School Leaders to ensure the future of Scotland's Catholic Schools'. Members of the Scottish Catholic community – parents, teachers, clergy – are invited to discuss issues such as: How are teachers being recruited, educated and supported to work in Catholic schools? For further details phone 0131 623 8900 or go to gilliscentre@staned.org.uk.

Sunday 14th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with celebration of First Communion.**

3pm: St Mary's Cathedral: SCIAF'S 50th Anniversary Mass. 'All are warmly invited to attend this Mass in celebration of SCIAF's life changing work over the last 50 years with the enthusiastic support of parishioners throughout Scotland. There will be the opportunity to hear Pope Francis' 50th Anniversary message to SCIAF and to enjoy refreshments in St Mary's Parish Hall after Mass.'

7pm: St John's Hall: **St John's Open Parish Meeting.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 15th June: 7pm: St Francis Xavier's, Carfin: **9th Anniversary of Cenacolo Community UK.** For more information visit the website at www.cenacoluk.org.

Wednesday 17th June: 6pm: Bingham Community Centre, 1a Bingham Avenue. Annual General Meeting. All welcome.

Sunday 28th June: St Margaret's, Dunfermline: ST MARGARET PILGRIMAGE:

Fr Christopher Heenan writes: 'The roots of the summer pilgrimage date back to June 1250 when the relics of St Margaret were translated to a new shrine in Dunfermline Abbey following her canonisation that year by Pope Innocent IV.' A pilgrim booklet has been prepared to help pilgrims explore the sites. From 12 noon onwards pilgrims can visit the holy sites associated with St Margaret's life. (Bring a picnic to eat in the "The Glen"). At 3pm gather at the gates of Pittencrieff Park for the procession. At 4pm pray together at Mass offered by Archbishop Leo Cushley at St Margaret's Memorial Church. Groups from each parish are invited to attend. If you plan to attend as a group please let Fr Jock know so that we can give Fr Heenan an indication of numbers (before 7th June).

30th 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

NOTICEBOARD

TANZANIAN VISITORS JUNE 2015 Mike Knox writes: 'A group of 8 teachers have just arrived from Tanzania and will be staying in the Parish for the next 3 weeks. They have come to spend time with their partner schools in the same way that Sr Conjestia and the teachers who came last October did. The teachers and the schools they are going to are as follows: Sara Mosha (Royal High Primary), Leons Paskali (Towerbank Primary), Martin Kalula (St Ninian's Primary), Elizabeth Fanuely (St Mary's Primary, Leith), Medard Tengia (St John Vianney Primary), Mary Kitiku (St Peter's Primary). Victoria Maleko and Priscus Shabani are from Olaleni Secondary School and will spend half their time here and the other half in their partner school St Peter's High School in Clydebank.'

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ... now twice a week at St John's church on **Monday 7pm to 8pm and Friday 9.30am to 10am.** At the recent Eucharistic Ministers' meeting it was felt that if people shared their experiences, others might be encouraged to come along and pray too ... so thanks to Hugh Brown and Pauline MacInnes for their words below.

Hugh Brown writes: '*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - My thoughts on Adoration: I was confirmed into the Church at Easter 2010. It has been an amazing journey so far and it is still ongoing and always will be. I go to Adoration because I know Our Lord Jesus is truly present in The Holy Sacrament and to give thanks for the graces and gifts I have received at this late stage in my life. I know it has helped me overcome problems I have experienced in my life. You can speak to Our Lord one-to-one, you can give thanks, you can pray for family, friends, the sick and for peace in the world. Also you can ask for forgiveness (which I feel helps with confession), you can also pray the Divine Mercy and the Rosary, read meditations from Scripture or just sit in silence with Our Lord and open your heart to him. IT TRULY WORKS, PRAISE BE TO JESUS.*'

Pauline MacInnes writes about spending time in silence in the company of Jesus. One Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament that this is '... A wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus: No distractions, peace and quiet; time to talk to Jesus about our worries, disappointments hopes and aspirations and time to say thank you for all that He has given us, especially His unchanging Love and forgiveness for all our faults and failings, and TIME to Praise and Glorify Jesus our Saviour.'

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRIMARY ADVISOR

The opportunity has arisen for a Religious Education Primary Advisor to support curriculum development in primary schools. This is a new role that requires a proven track record in religious education. Further details posted at the back of both churches. For a full job description and application form please contact Helen.Gardner-Swift@staned.org.uk. Closing date Friday 19th June.

FRESH START. An opportunity to volunteer and participate in a new project, 'Helping Hands', based in Craigmillar. Dan Styles, Development Worker, writes: The project will provide new supported volunteering opportunities through cooking classes and gardening sessions, and will also provide our well-established decorating service. ... Benefits will include gaining new skills and qualifications, taking part in physical and social activity and developing employability skills.' If you or somebody you know would be interested in volunteering please contact Dan Styles (0131 476 7741) or at dan@freshstartweb.org.uk

SINGING GROUP OF CRAIGENTINNY. St Christopher's Church Hall, 77-79 Craigentenny Rd, Edinburgh, EGH7 6QL. Come and Join Us! For people with dementia and their carers on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. For further details see leaflets at the back of each Church or email SingingGroup@cma17.fsnet.co.uk.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Maria Domenica Crolla, Mark Harkins, Hugh McGeady and Louis Valente.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Philip Cullen, Patrick Walsh, Tom Fagan, Thomas Lear, Margaret Hunt, Mary Cosgrove, Kenneth Jones, Peggy Neilson, Kate Browne, Duncan Donnelly, Kate Browne, Douglas Napier, Margaret Connor, Elizabeth Dyer, Mary Lavery, David McCartney, Dorothy Montgomery, Brian Coll, John Reidy, Patricia Pyper, Michael Joseph Kempton, Andrew Carey, Isabella Young, Mrs Young, Catherine Regan, Peter McLaughlin, Lyndsey Jacob, Christina Mullan, Bernard Holligan, Sally Eadie, John Govan, Beatrice Nimmo, Antonio Crolla, James Mulvey, John Bannon, Walter & Mary Smith, Bridget & Charles McCole, Kathleen Ogilvie, and John Brown (killed in action).

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: John Creegan, Theresa Spence, Mgr James Rae, Anne-Marie Aitken, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Jimi Boyle, Michele Grandone, Gerry Gallagher, Maureen Lawrie, 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: Madge Moyes, Elizabeth Mackail, Pat Gilmartin, 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: William Mcgeady, Hew Dalrymple, 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**

Warm birthday greetings to Liam Gallagher, 21 this Wednesday, 10 June.

Readers for this Sunday:

Mass with First Communion

... and for next Sunday:

John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

200 CLUB. Linda Brown writes: 'The winner of the 200 club for the month of May is Kate Neilson with number 123 and Kate wins £25 Congratulations !! This month of June is the draw for £200 Good luck everyone !!'

... and a reminder that **this Sunday 7th June at 7pm there will be an Open Parish Meeting** in St Mary Magdalene's Hall.

St. John's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jim Roarty writes: 'Following discussion at the recent Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting, there will now be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am to 10am every Friday morning as well as on a Monday evening from 7pm to 8pm.'

CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Collins, sacramental team member for both parishes, and St John's musicians, Simon Collins and Jeremy Devlin-Thorpe, who successfully completed the Edinburgh marathon last Sunday. If you would like to support Jeremy who was running on behalf of the Edinburgh & Lothians ACROSS Group Jumbulance you can do this by donating to the justgiving site -<http://www.justgiving.com/Maria-Thomson2> which is raising funds to take the Jumbulance to Lourdes in 2016. Several of our own parishioners have travelled to Lourdes with ACROSS over the years, and the Jumbulance allows those who are unable to travel by plane to make the pilgrimage supported by an experienced medical team. If you would like to find out more please contact Jeremy at 07900-278403.

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Offertory Collection on 23rd & 24th May 2015

St Mary Magdalene's

£244.62 (Envelopes: £153)

St John the Evangelist

£801.37 (Envelopes: £433.75)

Special Collection: 'Day for Life'

£93.90

£367.73 (Envelopes: £33)

MANY THANKS

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 6th June	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Tom Fagan	
Sunday 7th June SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	9.30am Mass: Patrick Walsh	11.15am Mass with celebration of First Communion People of the Parish
Monday 8th June	2.30pm Mass with Anointing: SI – Clare Cavanagh 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 9th June FEAST OF ST COLUMBA	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Margot Stewart
Wednesday 10th June	9.45am: Requiem Mass for Maria Domenica Crolla	
Thursday 11th June MEMORIAL OF ST BARNABAS	10.00am Mass: Philip Cullen	
Friday 12th June SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART	9.30am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Ellie & Cameron Armstrong 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 13th June MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	10.00am Mass: Eucharistic Service 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	10.00am Mass: Thanksgiving & rejoicing
Sunday 14th June ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass with Celebration of First Communion: Louis Valente	11.15am Mass: SI – sick person

‘I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.’

Abraham Lincoln