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**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent**, is traditionally called ‘Laetare Sunday (from the beginning of the entrance antiphon – Laetare being the Latin for Rejoice and indicating a little break in Lenten penance!) A pastoral letter from Archbishop Cushley on behalf of SCIAF will be read out at all Masses, and **there will be a Special Collection for papal charities**, including SCIAF.

Next Sunday there will be another pastoral letter from Archbishop Cushley, a particularly important one, as it introduces a document to take away which offers his vision for our Archdiocese.

Next Sunday is also our **Reconciliation Sunday** when several priests will be available for the first half of Mass to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. With this newsletter there is an **Examination of Conscience/Consciousness to help us all prepare ...** and remember the most important dates for your diary are those in Holy Week listed below.

***HOLY WEEK SERVICES***

|   | <u>St John the Evangelist</u><br>6.30pm Vigil Mass   | <u>St Mary Magdalene</u><br>-  | <u>OTHER VENUES</u>  |
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| SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> March<br>PALM SUNDAY    | 9.30am: Mass with procession   | 11.15am: Mass with procession<br>& with focus on Primary 4 ‘Do This in Memory of Me’<br>sacramental candidates |  |
| MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> March                   | 7.30pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross   |  |  |
| TUESDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> March                  |  |  | <u>St Mary’s Cathedral</u><br>7.00pm: Chrism Mass with Archbishop Cushley & the priests of the Archdiocese.  |
| THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>HOLY THURSDAY | 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed from 9pm to 11pm by watching with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.  |  |  |
| FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> April<br>GOOD FRIDAY     | 10am: Children’s Stations of the Cross<br>10.45am: Ecumenical service (followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns in the Hall).<br>7.30pm: Stations of the Cross | 3pm: Solemn liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.                         | <u>Portobello &amp; Joppa Parish Church</u><br>10am: Service followed by a walk to St Mark’s Episcopal Church and a further walk with the Cross to St John’s for a short ecumenical service. |
| SATURDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>HOLY SATURDAY | 10am: A shortened version of Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings.  | 8pm: EASTER VIGIL<br>With Baptism & Confirmation of RCIA catechumens and candidates.                           |  |
| SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> April<br>EASTER SUNDAY   | 9.30am: Children’s Mass with Baptisms.   | 11.15am: Children’s Mass with Baptisms.  |  |

**CONTINUING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY** ... To guide you on your Lenten journey you will find copies of the reflections for Week 4 of the diocesan Lenten programme, '**Reaching out to the World**', at the back of both Churches. **Please continue to pray for our seven RCIA catechumens and candidates** who will be baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil: **Angela McGreevy, Stephen Finlayson, Chelsea Foley, Dionne Harper, Albert Caballero, Sharleena Asiatico, and Vito Simone**,...and remember, too, to pick up one of the SCIAF '**wee boxes**' if you haven't already done so. This year all donations SCIAF receives by 17<sup>th</sup> May will be matched by the UK Government.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 2.30pm: St John's Church: Mass with the sacrament of 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 home-baking after Mass.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 9.45am: St John's Church: Mass with a class from St John's Primary School.**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 2.30 to 4pm & 5.30pm to 8pm: Portobello Town Hall: The Blood Transfusion Service** warmly invites donors, old and new, to support this essential service.

**March 21 & 22 March: Reconciliation Sunday** when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: Open Parish Meeting.**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday 23 March: 7pm: St John's: Celebration of First Reconciliation – with P3.**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Taize Evening** – a candlelight contemplative service of Lenten prayer and song.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 10am to 4pm: St Catherine's Convent: Justice & Peace Lent Retreat: 'The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue'**: with Gemma Lamara, Outreach Manager SCIAF. Contact [jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk](mailto:jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: Icon Retreat:** An evening of prayer with icons led by Sr Kathleen Curran and Juliet McKellaig from the diocesan retreat team ... a chance to experience the gentleness and beauty of a way of prayer central to the tradition of the Orthodox Church.

### **NOTICEBOARD**

**Fr Jock** is away this weekend, acting as chaplain at a retreat given by Jean Vanier at the founding L'Arche community at Trosly-Breuil in Northern France. **Fr James Tracey** will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening and **Fr Jim Crampsey SJ** will celebrate the Sunday morning Masses.

This week it was announced that **Jean Vanier has been awarded the 2015 Templeton Prize**. The award, which has been presented in previous years to Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama, recognises those whose life and work affirms humanity's spiritual dimension. Announcing the award on Wednesday, the John Templeton Foundation described Jean Vanier as an 'extraordinary man', whose message of compassion for society's weakest members 'has the potential to change the world for the better'. Vanier founded the first L'Arche ("Ark") community in 1964 when he invited two mentally disabled men to leave their large institution and live with him at his home in Trosly-Breuil, a village in northern France. A Catholic philosopher, theologian and author, Vanier also founded the Faith and Light network of support groups (**which included the St John's Tuesday Group**). Reflecting on the 'tyranny of normality', his life's work is focused on the belief that '...the strong need the weak to become more human, more compassionate, and more understanding'. Today, the L'Arche network incorporates faiths and communities from countries throughout the world.

**CRAIGENTINNY DEMENTIA SINGING GROUP** Una Gallagher writes: 'This group is now up and running. It meets at St Christopher's Church, Craigentenny Road on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 2 to 4 pm. It is now recognised that singing can be very beneficial to many people suffering from dementia. If you care for someone with Dementia why not bring them along and join us for a teas and coffees, a chat and fun communal singing? (All Dementia sufferers must be accompanied by a relative, friend or carer). If you would like to know more please ring Helen Fraser on 0131 661 2344 or Una Gallagher on 0131 657 2831.'

**FRESH START** A reminder that donations of household items for newly housed homeless people can be left at the back of both churches (safely packaged and clearly labelled please!). Alternatively, if you would like to arrange for an uplift, particularly of large items, please contact Paul Bevan (07784490155 or 0131 629 6575). For more details about this worthwhile project see [www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

**HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.** Joan Daly, a St John's parishioner and teacher at Holy Rood writes: 'The Holy Rood Winter Newsletter PDF is now live on the news section of our website. Please use the link to have a look at all the great work going on in Holy Rood.' <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk/news.php> ... and there is certainly plenty to celebrate here in the activities and achievements of our young people.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Saturday 21st March, from 10.30am to 3.30pm: St Catherine's Convent: Legion of Mary Annual Retreat and Acies Ceremony of consecration to Our Lady.** This Retreat will be led by Father Gero McLaughlin, SJ. Canon Joseph McMullan will conduct the Acies ceremony. For further details, please contact Maria Igoe - 669 0247.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 6pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: Annual Romero Lecture** (followed by Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston at 8pm). This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the archbishop's death, and following the recent announcement, the year his martyrdom has been confirmed. The speaker this year will be Fr Brian Pierce OP, an American Dominican, who will present '*He Heard their Voice: Archbishop Romero – Mystic and Prophet*'.

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Sue McDevitt, Mary Lawson, Helena Dabrowska and Teresa Gallagher.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Rebecca O'Kane, Alexander Connelly, John Barber, Edward Molloy, Mary Anne McGrory, May Mackay, Margaret Burns, Mary Hunt, Christian Lynch, Patrick Duff, Esther Keating, Sheila Devlin, Annie Cockburn, Mary Loftus, Anne Kinane, Peter Kelly, David Philp, Gertrude Forsyth, Bernard Vinestock, Josephine Lawler, Neil Reid, Daniel Ferguson, Joseph Ufnowski, Sabatino Andreucci, Mary Kelly, Jean Ward, Patrick Coll, Kathleen Main, Very Rev Charles Canon Brodie, and Canon Joseph Donlevy.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Mgr James Rae, Gerry Gallagher, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, Jane McGuire, Mona Scoular, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Sheila Alexander, 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, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** 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:** Isabel McInrue, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, Jeanette Amos, Ellen Green, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, John Allan, Christopher Browne, Jane Morton, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Rupert Ridge, Jerzy Gladziuk, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall      **Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson  
... and for next Sunday: Mary McGovern & Robert Moyes      **Bidding Prayers:** Jean Douglas

**Food Parcel Service.** If you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, please leave donations of tinned food in the box provided at the back of the Church. Tins of tuna, hotdogs and meatballs would be much appreciated, as would any toiletries you can donate. These will be distributed from St Teresa of Lisieux Parish who are helping 8 to 10 families per week.

**SCIAF HOME BAKING ... SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: St Mary Magdalene's Children's Liturgy Fundraising for SCIAF.** Baking stall and other goodies available before & after Mass. Please support the children in their Lenten fundraising for SCIAF by buying their baking. (Donations of home baking also very welcome.)

**NEXT SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH at 7pm St Mary Magdalene's Parish Open Meeting in the Church Hall. All welcome!** If you need transport to the meeting or if you can offer to bring people to and from the meeting please ring Una Gallagher on 0131 657 2831.

## St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: '**The Charity Coffee Morning raised £110 for Aid to the Church in Need.** Thanks to everyone who came along.'

**Trip to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'The trip to Nunraw had to be cancelled, as Brother Philip was visiting his sister, who was ill. The Group will now go on Sunday 22nd March to celebrate Brother Philip's 90th Birthday. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm.'

**Offertory Collection - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**St Mary Magdalene's - £ 249.00    St John's - £ 702.80**

**MANY THANKS**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

|  | St John the Evangelist  | St Mary Magdalene  |
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| <b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b><br><b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> People of the Parish<br><b>[followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation]</b>   |  |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br><b>(CYCLE B)</b>          | <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Alexander Connolly  | <b>11.15am Mass:</b> Canon Kieran O'Farrell  |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>2.30pm Mass with Anointing [followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation]:</b><br>Joseph Gallagher<br><br><b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |  |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>FEAST OF ST PATRICK</b>                               | <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>9.45am Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School:</b><br>Mary Lawson  |  |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>          | <b>7.30am Mass:</b> Alec Linton<br><b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>10.00am Eucharistic Service (followed by Stations of the Cross)</b>   |  |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH</b>                           | <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  | <b>7pm Mass:</b> Special Intention   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis (2013)</i> | <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>10am Eucharistic Service</b><br><br><b>3pm to 4pm:</b><br><i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>  | <b>10.00am Mass:</b> The intentions of the Linton family<br><br><b>7pm:</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>  | <b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention<br><b>[followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation]</b><br><b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Betty di Ponio   |  |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br><b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br><b>(CYCLE B)</b>           | <b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish  | <b>11.15am Mass:</b> Canon Michael Cassidy   |

**Defending God's Dwelling Place:** 'I have been very influenced by Etty Hillesum, who was assassinated at Auschwitz in 1943. At one point, when she was waiting with 10,000 Jews to be carted off, she said to God, "One thing is becoming increasingly clear to me: that ... We must help you and defend your dwelling place inside us to the last." How can God come into this world if our hearts are not open to receive him so that God can be present in this world?' **Jean Vanier 'Living Gently in a Violent World'**

