

*THE PARISHES OF
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Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

1st March 2015

CONTINUING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY ... this week we have an **Icon Retreat on Monday**, the **Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Leith on Wednesday**, and the **World Day of Prayer on Friday**. With this week's newsletter you will find a copy of the reflections for Week 2 of the programme, '**Living in the Light of the Gospel**', and in the following weeks copies of the weekly reflections will be available at the back of both Churches. Please see the timetable inside this newsletter for details of all the services and meetings taking place this week in the sister parishes.

More supplies of SCIAF 'wee boxes' have arrived, so please do pick one up and remember that **every £1 SCIAF receives by 17th May will be doubled by the UK Government**.

Monday 2nd March: 7-8.30pm: St John's Hall: An Evening praying with Icons – led by Sr Kathleen Curran and Juliet McKellaig of the Diocesan Retreat Team. (The first of 2 such evenings – the second is at St Mary Magdalene's on Friday 27 March). Sr Kathleen and Juliet will gently open up for us the beauty and wonder of Icons, so central to prayer in the Orthodox Church. All welcome: no charge but a donation gratefully received.

Wednesday 4th March: 7pm: St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith: Lenten Station Mass for the Edinburgh Deanery of St Giles (ie all the Edinburgh parishes), with Archbishop Cushley.

In Rome, during Lent, traditionally a 'Station Mass' was celebrated by the Pope at a different Church each day. In our diocese, this tradition is continued as the archbishop celebrates Mass in a different part of the diocese each Wednesday. Please continue to pray **for our seven RCIA catechumens and candidates** who receive the Creed from the Archbishop during the Mass as part of their preparation for their baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil: Angela McGreevy, Stephen Finlayson, Chelsea Foley, Dionne Harper, Albert Caballero, Sharleena Asiatico, and Vito Simone.

Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer – but men now welcome, though the women continue to lead it...) – with the service created this year by the Christian women of the Bahamas. **10.30am: St Martin's Church, Magdalene Drive, and 2pm: St John's, Brighton Place.**

The theme this year is 'Jesus said to them 'Do you know what I have done to you''. **ALL MOST WELCOME.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 8th March: 7pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: **Liturgy Planning Meeting for Holy Week.**

Wednesday 11th March: 7pm: Gillis Centre: **The Lent Lecture: 'Trafficking: Reflections on a Catholic response' – with Cecilia Taylor Camara**, senior policy adviser for Migrants, Bishops Conference of England & Wales.

Saturday 14th March: 10am to 3.30pm: Lauriston Hall: **An Initiative of the Vigil Group** ('a group with a commitment to pray for renewal of the church, including ourselves') - **'The Future of Church: An opportunity to explore different ways of being "Church" - a day of prayer, reflection and discussion on the future of parishes in the Archdiocese.'** For further details contact the vigilgroup.org.uk.

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

Tuesday 24th March: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Taize Evening**

Saturday 28th 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. To register contact:

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AND COMING SOON... Schwopping Night! Friday 13th March from 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall. A chance to spring clean your wardrobe and support a good cause. Dig deep and give those unwanted purchases a new lease of life. Why not donate 3 or 4 quality items, then come along to our 'schwopping' night and bag a bargain. Donations of nearly new clothes, shoes, bags, belts, scarves, and jewellery all welcome. See next week's newsletter for more details of how you can support this Lenten fundraising project or contact Bronagh Power on 07748982675.

Offertory Collection - 22nd February 2015

St Mary Magdalene's - £ 272.94 St John's - £ 735.86

MANY THANKS

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Wanda Kosok, Christine Wilson, and Fr John McLaughlin.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John Mctighe, baby Lauren Grassick, Gerald P Stone, Thomas Malcolm, Hugh Christie, John Gillon, Vincent McGlone, Mary Young, William Thomas Laydon, Agnes Denning, Paddy Dixon, Helen Ryan, Helen Wright, Catherine Green, Charles Ward, Margaret McIntosh, Nancy Bryce, Elmar Begg, Thomas Rooney, Elizabeth Forsyth, Agnes Boyle, Conal Boyle, (Patrick) Joseph Ward, Lilian Watkins, James Docherty, and Anne Holt.

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, 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, 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: Sue McDevitt, Teresa Gallagher, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, Jeanette Amos, Ellen Green, Anne Gallagher, baby Ava Gillies, 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.

Apologies, it was Fr John Robinson's (43rd) anniversary of ordination, not his birthday, last Friday 27th February!

**ST MARY
MAGDALENE'S**

Readers for this Sunday:

... and for next Sunday:

Children's Mass

John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

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.

The 200 Club winner for February is Mrs Harvey with number 106, who wins £25. Congratulations!

200 CLUB

LEGHO: Mike Knox sends warm greetings from Tanzania! Mike writes describing the visit of the group of teachers from Scotland to their partner schools: '*... What was extraordinary was the similarity in views the teachers shared together ... there was agreement that the development of the 4 Capacities of the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence (to help young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens) encapsulated the vision of the educational systems of both countries. The Tanzanian teachers added another capacity - the capacity to be creative and to use the education they had in their own lives now and in the future? ... And a question I have been asking over these past weeks to all the communities, schools and groups: "Who told the chickens they should not fly?" I will share the answers on returning, which now looks likely to be a little later in March. In the light of that I would like to move the Meeting about Young People in our two parishes from 10 March to a later date, which I will arrange as soon as I get back if not before. With every best wish and thanks for the support of your prayers. Miracles do happen.*' To follow the teachers' journey go to www.twendepamojatrust.blogspot.com

St. John's

Linda Brown writes: 'Fairtrade Fortnight has started and there is a Fairtrade Stall in the Church Hall on Sunday after 9.30am Mass along with teas, coffees, rolls and cakes. All donations will go to the Fairtrade Foundation.'

A REMINDER ... St John's Parish OPEN MEETING will take place this Sunday 1st March at 7pm in St John's Church Hall. Please do come along to discuss the Archbishop's letter and to have your say! The three Open Parish Meetings each year are the key meetings of the year - when we prayerfully reflect on what has been happening - and what will and can happen - in our sister parishes.

SUNDAY 1ST March (LENTEN SERVICES & MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK)

9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Mass with 'Do This in Memory of Me' and presentation of the Creed to Primary 4 candidates for Sacramental Initiation.
11.15am	St Mary Magdalene	Children's Mass with Primary 3 candidates for First Reconciliation.

MONDAY 2nd March

9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	St John the Evangelist	Mass
2.30pm	Pauline McInnes (657 3411)	Lenten House Group
7.00pm	St John's Church Hall	Icon Retreat Evening
7pm to 8pm	St John the Evangelist	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30pm	Joyce Martin (669 6339)	Lenten House Group

TUESDAY 3rd March

9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	St John the Evangelist	Requiem Mass for Wanda Kosok
3.00pm	Jennifer Morris (669 2433)	Lenten House Group

WEDNESDAY 4th March

7.30am	St John the Evangelist	Mass
9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	St John the Evangelist	Eucharistic Service (followed by Stations of the Cross).
7.00pm	St Mary's Star of the Sea, Leith	Lenten Station Mass for the Edinburgh Deanery with Archbishop Leo Cushley

THURSDAY 5th March

9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	St John the Evangelist	Eucharistic Service
2.30pm	Geoff Dobson (669 1699)	Lenten House Group
7.00pm	St Mary Magdalene	Mass
7.00pm	Laura Young (629 0270)	Lenten House Group
7.30pm	Ann Dockrell (657 1101)	Lenten House Group

FRIDAY 6th March

9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	Morning Prayer
9.45 am	St John the Evangelist	Mass with St John's Primary School
10.00 am	Anne Gilchrist (669 8235)	Lenten House Group
10.30 am	St Martin's Church, Magdalen	World Day of Prayer Service
2.00 pm	St John the Evangelist	World Day of Prayer Service
3pm to 4pm	St John the Evangelist	Divine Mercy Devotions
7.00pm	St Mary Magdalene	Stations of the Cross

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28th February	10.00am Bereavement Mass: SI 6.30pm Vigil: John Mctighe	
Sunday 1st March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Mgr Hugh Boyle
Monday 2nd March	10am Mass: SI (Wedding) 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 3rd March	10.00am Requiem Mass for Wanda Kosok	
Wednesday 4th March <i>Commemoration of St Casimir</i>	7.30am Mass: Stephen Murrin 10.00am Eucharistic Service <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i>	
Thursday 5th March	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass: Special Intention
Friday 6th March	9.45am Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	7pm: <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 7th March <i>Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service 6.30pm Vigil: Canon John Flannery	10.00am Mass: Special Intention
Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Fr Daniel Boyd

An extract from 'Lent with Pope Francis: Reflections (Week 1)'

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

