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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE*

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

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

**TUESDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> IS THE 400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ST JOHN OGILVIE IN GLASGOW IN 1615**

**CONTINUING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY** ... Pope Francis has invited us to share the Joy of the Gospel with those around us and his practical ideas about how to do this are included in a leaflet entitled, 'How to Evangelise Everyday' which has been produced by the Diocesan Evangelisation Team. In response to a suggestion from a parishioner we are enclosing copies with this week's newsletter. Also available at the back of both Churches are copies of the reflections for Week 3 of the diocesan Lenten programme, 'Living in the Light of the Gospel', to guide you on your Lenten journey. 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.**

**REMEMBER THE MOST IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR: HOLY WEEK – FROM 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (PALM SUNDAY) TO 5 APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY).**

...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.

**Special collection next weekend at all Masses - for the work of the Papal Charities including SCIAF.**

**AND ... A 'Schwopping Evening' in aid of SCIAF and the Tanzanian Trust partnership on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm in St John's Church Hall.** This is 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 and accessories all welcome. These can be handed in to the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, from Tuesday onwards (between 11am to 4pm) or by arrangement with Pauline Connarty (669 5447) or contact Bronagh Power on 07748982675. Please come along (£3 entrance fee includes a complimentary drink). Bring a friend. All welcome!

**THIS WEEK**

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** 7pm: Parish House: **Meeting of St John's Passkeepers/Welcomers.**

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 14<sup>th</sup> March:** 10am to 3.30pm: Lauriston Hall: **An Initiative of the Vigil Group - 'The Future of Church'.** For further details contact the [vigilgroup.org.uk](http://vigilgroup.org.uk).

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 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 home-baking after Mass.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 2.30 to 4pm & 5.30pm to 8pm: Portobello Town Hall: 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.**

**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**

**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** will be away from Friday to Sunday next 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.

**Legion of Mary Annual Retreat and Acies Ceremony of consecration to Our Lady.** Maria Igoe writes: 'The Legion of Mary Annual Retreat and Acies Ceremony of consecration to Our Lady will take place in St Catharine's Convent on Saturday 21st March, from 10.30am until 3.30pm. The 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.'

**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.'

**ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP** **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: A chance for pre-schoolers, siblings and parents to get crafting, playing, snacking, chatting and having fun. Craft materials and snacks provided for little ones. Tea and biscuits for parents. (£3 for 2 yrs + and £1 for under 2's.) For more information on events request to join our Facebook Group 'St Johns Porty Toddler Group' or send your contact details to [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com). **And in the weeks ahead the Toddler Group will meet on the following Tuesdays: 24 March, 7 April, 28 April & 12 May.**

**FRESH START Sponsored Walk.** Jim Roarty writes: 'Last year's sponsored walk raised over £10,000. Can you help to beat that this year? The 8-mile walk will start from Jubilee Gardens, Stockbridge at 10am on Sunday 29 May. Entry free but participants asked to raise a minimum of £25 per person.'

**FRESH START** are appealing in particular for glass tumblers (not alcohol glasses), dish cloths and dusters, plates (side and dinner) and hand/small towels.

**TEACHER JOB VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.** Please see noticeboards.

**AND NOT TO BE MISSED ... 'THE GONDOLIERS':** A Portobello & Joppa Parish Church Drama Group Production: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> to Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March: Tickets: Adults £10/Children & Students £5. Contact 0131 669 3123.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 7pm: St Patrick's, Cowgate: Invitation to Sing:** Fr Simon Hughes is sending out an invitation to all parishes to take part in the Inter Parish Archdiocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass which takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome and new voices are particularly encouraged to come along. Please email [Jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk) to register.

**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*'.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Gdns, Edinburgh. '**An illustrated talk on Mercy in World War One.** Discover how the war was experienced by the Sisters of Mercy and their communities, their efforts on the home front and the work of the Catholic military chaplains. Presented by archivists Jenny Smith and Claire Childs.'

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March (PALM SUNDAY):** 2pm to 6.30pm: Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell: **National Youth Gathering.** To register contact [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk) (All names should be registered by 20<sup>th</sup> March.)

**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 to follow or please contact [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk)

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Josie Flanagan, Gearoid Fitzgerald, and Fr Michael Bell.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Alexander Connolly, Annie Tunley, Joseph F Gallagher, Thomas Connor, Michael Murphy, James A McGrory, Thomas Gilhooly, Thomas Gilroy, James Docherty, DM of the O'Donnell Family, Edward Quin, Helen McNulty Duke, Margaret McMillan, John O'Donnell, Michael D'Arcy, Mary D'Arcy Hughes, Alfred O'Brien, John O'Brien, George Ogilvie, Norah Mullan, Joseph McElroy, Dorothy Fusco, Annie Gannon, James Kelly, The Wood Family, Margaret Adams, Patrick G Hunt, Cecily Docherty, Thomas Henderson, Roseanne D'Arcy, Jessie Quin, Elizabeth Binnie, Eva Nolans, James Wynne, Winifred Wynne, Chris Lynch, Margaret Adams, Margaret Elizabeth Fettes, Mary Kelly, Fr James McGill, Fr Sylvester Gilmartin, and John T Clarke (killed in action).

**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, 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.

### ***Facing Pain Together***

'When we listen to stories of terrible pain and we know we can't do anything about it, we touch our own vulnerability. We have heard the scream of pain, but we don't know what to do with it. None of us knows what to do with the deep brokenness of our world. Maybe that realisation can bring us back to community. We can do nothing on our own. We need somewhere to be together.'

**Jean Vanier, "Living Gently in a Violent World", p67.**

### **ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

**Readers for this Sunday:** Laura Tweedie & John Wallace  
... and for next Sunday: Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

**Bidding Prayers:** John Cunningham

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**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.

**AND LOOK OUT FOR ... St Mary Magdalene's Children's Liturgy Fundraising for SCIAF.** Baking stall and other goodies. Please support the children in their fundraising.

### **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. We would like to thank everyone again who supported the Fairtrade Stall as volunteers and as shoppers. We hope to put a Stall on again at Christmas.'

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'As Brother Philip, who keeps the shop at Nunraw, had his 90th birthday this week, a group will be going on Sunday 8th March to have a little party for him. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm.'

**AND FINALLY ...** work commences on Tuesday to replace the flooring in the sacristy corridor so there may be some disruption on Tuesday and Wednesday in this area which will limit access to the Hall via the Church. In the meantime, please look for the new light switch outside the door that provides access to the toilet at the back of the Church.

**Offertory Collection - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**St Mary Magdalene's - £ 361.95 St John's - £ 830.85**

**MANY THANKS**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Commemoration of Ss Perpetua and Felicity</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> Canon John Flannery	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Fr Daniel Boyd
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Commemoration of St Frances of Rome</i>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10am Mass:</b> Beatrice Crolla  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FEAST OF ST JOHN OGILVIE</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Mass:</b> Alf O'Brien	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Commemoration of St Casimir</i>	<b>7.30am Mass:</b> Gearoid Fitzgerald <b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i>	<b>9.45am Mass (with Primary 2 from St John's School)</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7pm Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis (2013)</i>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>7pm:</b> Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil:</b> People of the Parish <b>[followed by Confessions]</b>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Alexander Connolly	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Canon Kieran O'Farrell

### ***An Insight from Jung***

'Carl Jung in one of his letters says this: I find you Christians a very good people. When you see somebody in prison, you see Jesus. When you see somebody hungry, you give him food and see Jesus. When you see someone naked, you see Jesus. But what I don't understand is why you don't see Jesus in your own poverty. Why is it that you see him in the poor that are outside of you but you don't in the poor one that is inside of you?'

**Jean Vanier**

