

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

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*SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

*THE GOD OF EVERY  
NATION*

**Christian Aid week commences this Sunday.** Christian Aid envelopes will be available at the weekend Masses in both parishes on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May. The envelopes will be collected at the end of the Masses on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May. The funds raised from 'teas & coffees' after Masses on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May will also go to support the great work done through Christian Aid.

**Next Sunday is World Communications Day:** there will be a pastoral letter from Archbishop Tartaglia, and a second collection which allows our Catholic communicators to respond to the demands made on them by the media and to take the message of Jesus Christ into that complex, powerful and influential world.

**SCIAF 'WEE BOXES'.** The final count for donations to the SCIAF Lenten Appeal from the sister parishes amounts to £2948.76. This includes £425 donated from the proceeds of St John's 'Schwopping Night' on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Every £1 donated via this scheme will be matched by the UK Government so this represents a substantial sum. Many thanks to all who have donated so generously (and thanks to the counters too who totted up all the loose change!)

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm: Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, Joppa:** *The Feast of Life: A Musical of Hope from Christian Aid.* Tickets £5 (accompanied children free) from Ian Warwick 669-4906 or any Feast of Life Singers. Refreshments after the performance. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: 11.00am: Gillis Centre:** Meeting of Edinburgh deanery priests with Archbishop Cushley.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 4.00pm: Parish House:** Meeting of St John's & St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Team.

**6.00pm: St John's Church:** Wedding Rehearsal for Stephen Finlayson and Sharleena Asiatico.

**8.00pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns:** Mass and meal for the RCIA candidates and catechumens who were baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm: Parish House: Meeting of St John's Pastoral Council.**

**7.30pm: Sacred Heart Hall, Lauriston:** 'Good News about the Domestic Church', with Sally McElroy, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Co-Ordinator.

**7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns, Edinburgh, EH3 9HH:** 'The Theology of Pope Francis', presented by Dr Sara Parvis, Senior Lecturer in Patristics at Edinburgh University, who will present the topic by way of New Testament, Early Church and Dominican thought. All welcome. £5 donation requested.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Feast of the Ascension: Holy Day of Obligation & Celebration:**

**10.00am: St Mary Magdalene's Church:** Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School.

**12.15pm: Holy Rood High School Oratory:** Mass with pupils and staff.

**7.30pm: St John's Church:** Mass

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May: 1.00pm: St John's Church:** Wedding of Sharleena Asiatico and Stephen Finlayson.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Stewardship Sunday.** (More details next week.)

**7.30pm: Duddingston Drive Nth:** PACT Meeting

## IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May: 7.00pm: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate:** Inter Parish Archdiocesan Choir rehearsal for Pentecost Mass. (This Mass for Catholics who have recently been received into the Church will be held at St Patrick's Cowgate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Vigil of Pentecost, at 5pm. All are welcome to join the choir, and there is no audition. Please register by emailing [Jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk).)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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?

## NOTICEBOARD

**HOLY ROOD HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS.** Lesley Hind, Acting Co-ordinator of Chaplaincy Services, writes to remind parents that when Holydays of Obligation occur during term time, the Chaplaincy provide a lunchtime Mass in Holy Rood High School for pupils and staff. Fr Jock will celebrate Ascension Thursday Mass at 12.15pm this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May in the School Oratory.

**RCIA** Our candidates and catechumens who were baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil will meet for Mass and a celebration meal this Tuesday at 8pm in the Parish House. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

**THE MINISTRY OF SEEKERS** is Edinburgh's Catholic young adult group, for those in their 20's or 30's who seek to grow in faith together with others. Meetings take place at St Mary's Cathedral on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and at the Sacred Heart Church on every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. For more information visit: [www.seek-er.org](http://www.seek-er.org) or contact us at 07780666429 or on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/1hyJ7pc>

**SUMMER CAMP:** Are you aged 11 – 15? Would you like to take part in 5 days of adventure activities such as mountain climbing, abseiling, rafting, and more? Oblate Youth are running a Summer Camp at Blue Peris Mountain Centre, Wales from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August. The cost of the Summer Camp will be £180 and this will include all travel, meals, accommodation and hiring of specialised equipment. To find out more or book a space contact Oblate Youth Worker Andrew Cassidy (07975718278) or email [Andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com)

**OBLATE YOUTH SERVICE** are offering the opportunity to young adults aged 17 – 30 to travel to Lourdes to assist with pilgrims from 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Estimated cost £450. To find out more contact Oblate Youth Worker Andrew Cassidy (07975718278) or email [Andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com)

**FRESH START: A Sponsored Walk will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** ... setting out at 10am from Jubilee Gardens, Stockbridge, and walking an 8 mile route along the Water of Leith, around Colinton Dell and on to the Union Canal towpath, finishing at the Fresh Start Food Station at Harrison Place where lunch will be served. This popular event helps to raise vital funds for FRESH START to support the most vulnerable in our community to move forward in their lives after homelessness. Walk as an individual or a team and raise money to support FRESH START. No registration fee, but entrants are asked to raise a minimum of £25 per person. To register please phone 0131 476 7741 or go to [admin@freshstartweb.org.uk](mailto:admin@freshstartweb.org.uk).

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

**ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** 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 John's Porty Toddler Group' or send your contact details to [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com).

### The Seasons of Life

'Then there are the seasons of the body. Sooner or later, something will happen to me - an accident, sickness or disease will unfold, or I will just become weaker, slower and unable to read or write, unable to give talks. To tell you the truth, I do not ponder too much on tomorrow. Live today well. Each season has its beauty. I have the strength for today and hopefully too for tomorrow. Why waste time worrying or even questioning? Write me a letter when I am 86 - I'll tell you then what I feel!'

*Jean Vanier. "The Globe and Mail". March 7, 2009.*

#### **Offertory Collection on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**St John the Evangelist**

**£330.84**

**£883.09**

**MANY THANKS**

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Andrew Hayward, Benjamin Allan McVey, and Audrey McLachan.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Cillian Dempsey, John Rennie, James Paterson, William Cunningham, Theresa Henderson, Rena Tow, Michael McGovern, Sante Christini, Jane O'Neill, Veronica Ginely, Laurence McGovern, Helen McGuire, Kathleen Ogilvie, Ninian Connolly, Lawrence Kelly, Ian John Berry, Edward Black Sen., Sr Marie McAllister, Margaret Gorman, John Bonar, John Gordon Kerr, Ann Murphy (McCann), Sr Mary Tait, James Waugh, Cecelia McKenzie, John O'Brien, James Kelly, Maureen Quinn, John Rooney, Sarah Taylor, Vincent Rowley, Philip Hazlett, Mary Patricia Bassi, Patricia Bassi, and Christine Pugh.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Mgr James Rae, Anne-Marie Aitken, Tom Brown, Jean McCraw, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Jimi Boyle, Michele Grandone, Gerry Gallagher, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Maria Domenica Crolla, Mary Grady, Mona Scoular, Baby Ailsa Fitzgerald, 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, 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:** Veronica Mackenzie, William and Hugh 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, Vera Hawkes, Maria St. Denis, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, and baby Ray Donovan Syme.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Warm congratulations to Laura Tweedie on her election as chairperson of St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council - and many, many thanks to Una Gallagher who has stepped down after 4 years of generous and fruitful service in that role.

#### Readers for this Sunday:

Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

**Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir

... and for next Sunday:

Mary McGovern & Robert Moyes

**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.

## St. John's

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'The Charity Coffee Morning raised £353 for SCIAF's Appeal for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Thank you for your generosity. Due to holidays the next Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.'

**SUMMER FAYRE** Many thanks to all who supported this fundraiser which was organised to raise funds for refurbishment of the Church Hall. A grand total of £1786.47 was raised, and we couldn't have achieved this without great team work. Special thanks to all who gave their time to set up and run stalls, and to all those who donated so generously to the stalls (especially the crack team of home bakers) and not forgetting the tea ladies (and gentleman) who surpassed themselves! There are still some prizes to be claimed for the treasure map. Fr Jock has the names of four prize winners, so please speak to him after Mass, or contact the Parish Office (669 5447).

**Eucharistic Minister Rota** Jim Roarty writes: 'Copies of the new rota covering May to August are available for collection from the back of the Church. If you are unavailable on your due date, please arrange a substitute.'

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'May Devotions (Rosary and Litany of Loretto) will be said at Our Lady's altar from Monday to Friday after Mass or the Eucharistic Service.'

**AND A REMINDER** ... to all members of St John's Pastoral Council that there is a meeting this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns.

**'Of all the small nations of this earth, perhaps only the Ancient Greeks surpass the Scots in their contribution to mankind.'** (Winston Churchill)

*This quote is taken from 'Bizarre Scotland' by David Long.*

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> SI – Silver Wedding	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Benjamin Allan McVey <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Memorial of Ss Nereus &amp; Achilleus</i> <i>Memorial of St Pancras</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>7.30pm Mass:</b> James Paterson	<b>10.00am Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School:</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Fr Thomas Flynn</div>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> (Service followed by Rosary.)  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Special Intention
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> <b>1.00pm: Wedding of Sharleena Asiatico &amp; Stephen Finlayson</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>PAPAL WORLD DAY OF COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Cillian Dempsey	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Deceased members of the Gorman Family

**'If "thank you" is the only prayer you say, that is enough.'**

Meister Eckhart (14<sup>th</sup> Century holy man)

