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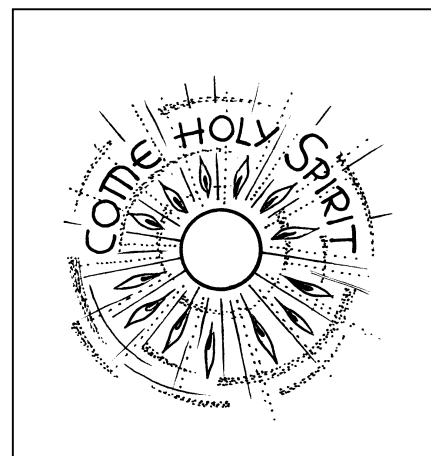
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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*24<sup>th</sup> May 2015*



**A warm welcome to Archbishop Leo Cushley, and also to Fr Isidore OFM and Fr Brian OFM who join us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday at 3pm at St John's with 43 of our young people from St Teresa's, St Mary Magdalene's and St John's. Please pray for all of the candidates**

... Sean Brannen, Erence Canilao, Nicholas Carr, Chiara Crolla, Grant Daly, George Davie, Tara Divito, Peter Foo, Kerry Gallagher, Przemyslaw Gasek, Ailee Gormley, Cara Gormley, James Gribben, Paulina Hanczak, Keira Jamieson, Beth Johnston, Krystian Kisiel, Cyprian Kreft, Filip Kreft, Aaron Kubasik, Danny Lewis, Emily Mckenzie, William McLaughlin, Conor McNamara, Finlay McWilliam, Julia Malcher, Kacper Malcher, Lance Malicdem, Leigh Milligan, Mia Morrison, Liam Murray, Samara Omorere, Alessandro Pacitti, Lara Pawlicka, Alex Roy, Lukasz Stepien, Marcin Stepien, Lucy Stewart, Adrian Szucio, Julia Urban, Patrick Welsh, Hazel Whyte-McKercher, India Young, and Olivia Zdyd. Please pray that, through the Spirit who lives and works in each one of us, they will be strengthened to carry out the task Christ left to his Church, "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 18:10).

**We also welcome Juliet McKellaig and Sr Kathleen Curran, from the diocesan retreat team, who will lead us on an ICON RETREAT between 7pm and 8.30pm this THIS SUNDAY in St John's Church Hall – a chance gently to reflect and pray with them around an Icon of Pentecost – and draw out the meaning of the great feast.**

**Next Saturday – at 10am at St John's – there is our second Bereavement Mass, a three-monthly initiative of our new bereavement group...the Mass will have specially chosen readings and hymns, and there will be tea and coffee in the Hall afterwards for all who wish.**

**Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday ... and also NAMETAG SUNDAY – (another chance to put names to faces ...).**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May is also the Annual Day for Life** (since it is the Feast of the Visitation, when the expectant mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, met in the hill country of Judaea – see Luke: 1. 39 -56). Excerpts of a letter from Bishop Stephen Robson will be included with next week's newsletter and there will be a **Special Collection** on behalf of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland 'Day for Life 2015'.

With this newsletter is a copy of **the eulogy given by Jim Gallagher at Fr Tom Hennessy's Requiem Mass.**

**SCIAF 'WEE BOX' APPEAL.** We have received a letter from Rachel Lamb, Parish Officer at SCIAF, thanking parishioners for the most generous response to this year's Lenten appeal which raised £2,948.76. With match funding from the UK government this means that the final total raised by the sister parishes to support SCIAF's life changing work amounts to £5,897.52. Many thanks to all who donated

**Many thanks again to Fr John Robinson, covering the 6.30pm Vigil Mass (while Fr Jock is marrying a couple at St Mary's, Eskadale, north of Inverness) and the Tuesday morning Mass (while he is covering for Fr Clarke in Musselburgh, celebrating Angus McIsaac's Requiem Mass).**

**ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

**'JONAH: A FISHY TAIL'**  
on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm  
(doors open at 6.45pm)  
at St John's Church

**ENTRY FREE....donations encouraged as you leave!**



## **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: 3pm:** St John's Church: **Archbishop Leo Cushley celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation with the three parishes in our 'cluster' – St Teresa's, St Mary Magdalene's and St John's.**

**7-8.30pm:** St John's Hall: **ICON RETREAT** – with Juliet Mckellaig and Sr Kathleen Curran

**10am – 6pm:** outside St Mary's Cathedral: **Public Reading of 'Joy of the Gospel'**. Mike Mineter of the Vigil Group writes: 'Motivated by enthusiasm for Pope Francis' letter *Evangelii Gaudium* ('Joy of the Gospel'), we are holding a public proclamation of this text. It will be opposite the steps of the Cathedral, near York Place, Edinburgh, on Pentecost Sunday from 10am to 6pm'. If you wish to participate, google 'The Vigil Group' and sign up.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May: 7pm:** St John's Church Hall: **Primary 4 parents' meeting in preparation for First Communion.**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May:**

**10.30am-1.30pm:** East Neighbourhood Centre, Craigmillar: **Craigmillar Employment and Learning Fair.**

**7.30pm:** St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Meeting of St Mary Magdalene & St John's Eucharistic Ministers.**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May: 7pm:** St John's Church: **Performance of Musical, 'Jonah & the Whale', by St John's Primary School.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May: 10am:** St John's Church: **Mass for those who've been Bereaved** – a new initiative in our parishes, taking place every three months, and organised by our two parishes' bereavement group.

## **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

**6.30-8pm:** St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High St: **BBQ and Games for High School Children – an initiative of some of our local churches (St Mark's, St Martin's and Portobello and Joppa).** If you plan to go, it would be helpful to alert Fr Jock, but go anyway!

**8pm:** St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh: **'Symphonic Praise with the Exile Choir and Chamber Orchestra'**. Free tickets. Call 0131 208 0095 or go to [www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org).

**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? For further details phone 0131 623 8900 or go to [gilliscentre@staned.org.uk](mailto:gilliscentre@staned.org.uk).

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

Noon: Visit the holy sites associated with St Margaret's Life

3pm: Gather at gates of Pittencrieff Park for procession

4pm: Holy Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

**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)

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**JERICHO HOUSE. Appeal for volunteers.** If you have 2 hours to spare once a month and would like to join the team of volunteers from our sister parishes who serve Sunday lunch at Jericho House, please contact Jim Roarty (669 0896).

**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 each 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.

**EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN ACROSS GROUP.** If you would like to support this worthwhile cause there is still time to add your name to the list of those sponsoring St John's parishioner and music group leader, Jeremy Devlin-Thorp, who is running the Edinburgh Marathon next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Jeremy writes: '... *The Edinburgh & Lothians ACROSS Group Jumbulance takes people with disabilities to Lourdes for spiritual and emotional renewal .... I went for 10 days last year and saw for myself what an amazing impact this experience has on people who otherwise would never be able to make the trip. If you feel so inclined, please would you consider supporting me? You can do this by donating directly to this fundraising page -<http://www.justgiving.com/Maria-Thomson2> JustGiving sends your donation straight to ACROSS and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more ...'*

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 07900-278043.

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Tony Donoghue and Sr Catherine Mary Fox (formerly with the Little Sisters of Assumption at Craigmillar).

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Brendan Boyle, Maureen Leitch, Devinell Murray, John Holligan, Frank Gaffney, John Birrell, John Daly, Dorothy Flynn, Mary Foley, Jane Clarke, Charles McLauchlan Sen., Maureen-Ann McIlroy, John Lear, John Joseph Patton, Sarah Black, John Gallagher, Jane Sweeney, Catherine McCann, Sarah Christie, Catherine Brock, James Salvona, James Handren, Wilhelmina Baxter, Elizabeth Birnie, Mary-Ann Donoghue, Margaret Power, John Broadley, Alexander McCraw, Denis Davidson, Alex McCraw, and Angela Morga.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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, 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:** 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.

### Holy Spirit and Seat of Wisdom A Prayer by John Paul II

Holy Spirit and Seat of Wisdom help us in the great endeavour that we are carrying out to meet in a more and more mature way our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Through all the means of knowledge, of mutual respect, of love,  
may we be able to rediscover gradually the divine plan.

Teach us constantly the ways that lead to unity.

Help us all to proclaim Christ and reveal the power of God  
and the wisdom of God hidden in His Cross.

How greatly I desire to entrust to You all the difficult problems of the societies, systems and states  
Problems that cannot be solved with hatred, war, and self-destruction,  
but only by peace, justice, and respect for the rights of people and nations.

Amen

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** Catrina MacGillivray & Mary Fenwick    **Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson  
... and for next Sunday:    Laura Tweedie & John Wallace    **Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir

### St. John's

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

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAYRE.** Some prizes remain unclaimed and are being looked after in the parish office. Please contact Pauline (669 5447) if you would like to claim your prize ... Oscar, Henry, and Cormac.

#### Offertory Collection on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

##### St Mary Magdalene's

£183.04 (Envelopes: £103.00)

£40.00 (Ascension Thursday)

##### St John the Evangelist

£811.00 (Envelopes: £318.50)


##### *Special Collection (World Communications Day)*

£82.47

£451.59 (Envelope:s £50)

MANY THANKS

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Michael Alonzi  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>  	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Brendan Boyle  <b>3pm: CONFIRMATION MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP LEO CUSHLEY</b>	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Canon John O'Connell
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Memorials of St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, and St Bede the Venerable</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Margot Stewart (Mass followed by May Devotions) <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST PHILIP NERI</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Devinell Murray (followed by May Devotions)	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Memorial of St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> (Mass followed by May Devotions)	<b>7pm Mass:</b> Tony Donoughue
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Luisa Alonzi (followed by May Devotions)	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b> (Mass followed by May Devotions)  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Sr Catherine Mary Fox
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am Bereavement Mass:</b> Maureen Leitch  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b>	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b>

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