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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE*

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TRINITY SUNDAY
31st May 2015



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity and also the Annual Day for Life.

Bishop Stephen Robson has written on behalf of the Bishops Conference of Scotland to remind us that **the Day for Life** couldn't be more urgent this year in the context of debate in the Scottish Parliament relating to the proposal to introduce new laws on euthanasia and assisted suicide. Introducing this year's Day for Life leaflet he reminds us of the Scottish Bishops' recent statement that '*... the sanctity of human life, protected from its beginning to its natural end, is not a single issue. It is the fundamental issue. It demands that we proclaim the Gospel of Life in all places and at all times, for if human life is not sacrosanct then no other human right makes any sense at all.*' Copies of the Day for Life leaflet are available at the back of both churches and you will find **Pope Francis's Prayer for Life printed on the back of this week's Sunday Plus.**

There will be a Special Collection at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the Bishop's Conference of Scotland 'Day for Life 2015'.

This weekend at all Masses nametags will be distributed – giving each of us the chance to put names to faces 'old and new'!

Please continue to pray for the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's last Sunday. **Archbishop Cushley** has asked to convey his thanks to all for the warm welcome he received and to say a particular thank you to all those who contributed to this wonderful day of celebration and sharing between our 3 cluster parishes

Warm congratulations to Alex and Nuala Scott who celebrate their Golden Wedding this Friday, 5 June.

... and many thanks to **Claire Miller and the St John's Primary School Choir** for bringing their spectacular production of '**Jonah: A Fishy Tale**' to St John's Church – never have we seen so many Spanish señoritas, pirates and sailors ... not to mention a talking crab and a whale! The good news is that Jonah with the help of his friends Peg It and Leg It lived to tell the tale. Congratulations to the cast and choir for a wonderfully entertaining performance!

THIS WEEK

Sunday 31st 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.

Tuesday 2nd June: 11am: Parish House: **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

6pm: St John's Church: Rehearsal for the wedding of Moray Walker & Theresa Nisbet.

7.45pm: Parish House: **Meeting of Lenten House Group leaders.**

Wednesday 3rd June: 7pm: Portobello High School: **St Mark's Music Festival** continues with performances by Portobello High School's cello ensemble and The Spurtle Ceilidh Band.

Thursday 4th June: 1pm: St John's Church: **Wedding of Moray Walker & Theresa Nisbet.**

7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Reconciliation Service for First Communicants and their families (and prayer partners if available), and first reconciliation for Lorcan McNally.

7pm: Parish House: **St John's Fabric Committee meeting.**

Friday 5th June: 7.30pm: St Mark's Church: **Dalkeith & Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band.** One of the UK's top brass bands!

Sunday 7th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptisms of Leo Horne, Macy Harper, and Jessica & Patrick Murphy.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass with celebration of First Communion.**

7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: **St Mary Magdalene's Open Parish Meeting.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 8th June: 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 homebaking after Mass.

7pm: Sacred Heart Hall, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh: The Diocesan Ecumenical Core Group present **'Vatican II from the Reformed Perspective'**. Guest speaker - **Prof David Fergusson**, Professor of Divinity & Principal of New College.

Saturday 13th 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.

Sunday 14th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with celebration of First Communion.**

3pm: St Mary's Cathedral: SCIAF'S 50th Anniversary Mass. 'All are warmly invited to attend this Mass in celebration of SCIAF's life changing work over the last 50 years with the enthusiastic support of parishioners throughout Scotland. There will be the opportunity to hear Pope Francis' 50th Anniversary message to SCIAF and to enjoy refreshments in St Mary's Parish Hall after Mass.'

7pm: St John's Hall: **St John's Open Parish Meeting.**

Monday 15th June: 7pm: St Francis Xavier's, Carfin: **9th Anniversary of Cenacolo Community UK.** For more information visit the website at www.cenacoluk.org.

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

Fr Christopher Heenan writes: 'The roots of the summer pilgrimage date back to June 1250 when the relics of St Margaret were translated to a new shrine in Dunfermline Abbey following her canonisation that year by Pope Innocent IV.' A pilgrim booklet has been prepared to help pilgrims explore the sites. From 12 noon onwards pilgrims can visit the holy sites associated with St Margaret's life. (Bring a picnic to eat in the "The Glen"). At 3pm gather at the gates of Pittencrieff Park for the procession. At 4pm pray together at Mass offered by Archbishop Leo Cushley at St Margaret's Memorial Church. Groups from each parish are invited to attend. If you plan to attend as a group please let Fr Jock know so that we can give Fr Heenan an indication of numbers (before 7th June).

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: Laura Tweedie & John Wallace

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

... and for next Sunday:

Mass with First Communion

... and a reminder that **next Sunday 7th June at 7pm there will be an Open Parish Meeting** in St Mary Magdalene's Hall.

St. John's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jim Roarty writes: 'Following discussion at the recent Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting, there will now be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.30am to 10am every Friday morning as well as on a Monday evening from 7pm to 8pm.'

Offertory Collection on 23rd & 24th May 2015

St Mary Magdalene's

St John the Evangelist

£226.90 (Envelopes: £102.50)

£808.69 (Envelopes: £387.14)

Confirmation Mass: £400

MANY THANKS

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Paddy Mulholland and Walter Landon.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Mary & Andrew Smart, David Devlin, John Gorrie, Catherine McCann, Carmine Demarco, Thomas M Henderson, Margaret McCluskey, Margaret McIntosh, Andrew Smart, Thomas Brennan, Charles Ward, William Marshall, Mary Boyle, Alex McFarlane, Andrew Durkin, Thomas Burke, Jane Clarke, Georgina Meldrum, Mr & Mrs Brennan, Francis McLeod, John Cooney, Isabella Watson, Dorothy Flynn, Jennie Cox, Rose Brown, Margaret Barrins, Mrs Quinn, Stuart Aitken, Patrick Taylor Jun., and Mary Morrison.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: John Creegan, 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, Mona Scoular, Maria Domenica Crolla, Mary Grady, 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.

NOTICEBOARD

LEGION OF MARY PROJECT OF EVANGELISATION. Please pray for parishioner **Maria Igoe** who will be going to the Parish of Sts Simon and Jude, Streatham Hill, London, from Saturday 30th May for a week on a Legion of Mary Project of evangelisation.

PREPARE/ENRICH PROGRAMME: **Would you consider supporting couples preparing for marriage?** There will be a Marriage Preparation Training Day this Saturday 6th June at the Gillis Centre from 10am to 4pm for individuals or couples who would like to train as Prepare/Enrich Facilitators. **If you are interested please contact Fr Jock** as soon as possible. There are 2 key roles in our Archdiocese for this ministry – Marriage Catechist and Relationship Facilitator.

ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP Tuesday 2nd June: 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.

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.

SISTER PARISHES' DISCUSSION GROUP: A reminder that anyone interested in joining this informal discussion group suggested by Elisabeth Elton should contact Fr Jock or Pauline Connarty in the Parish Office (0131 669 5447) ... or please do make yourself known to Elisabeth herself (whom you will find at most morning Masses at St John's in one of the front pews on the left!).

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

The Significance of Each Life

'It is always good for individuals, communities and indeed nations, to remember that their present situation is a result of the thousands of gestures of love or hate that came before. This obliges us to remember that the community of tomorrow is being born of our fidelity to the present. We discover that we are at the same time very insignificant and very important because each of our actions is preparing the humanity of tomorrow; it is a tiny contribution to the huge and glorious final humanity.'

Jean Vanier, 'Community & Growth', p 152.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 30th May	10.00am Bereavement Mass: Maureen Leitch 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Angus Mclsaac	
Sunday 31st May SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Special Intention
Monday 1st June <i>MEMORIAL OF ST JUSTIN</i>	10.00am Mass: Mary & Andrew Smart 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 2nd June <i>Memorial of Sts Marcellinus and Peter</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7pm Mass: Margot Stewart
Wednesday 3rd June <i>MEMORIAL OF ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS</i>	10.00am Mass:	
Thursday 4th June	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass:
Friday 5th June <i>MEMORIAL OF ST BONIFACE</i>	9.30pm to 10pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Special Intention – Golden Wedding 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 6th June <i>Memorial of St Norbert</i>	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 7th June SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	9.30am Mass: People of the parish	11.15am Mass with celebration of First Communion

MARIST PRAYER

LORD let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer Your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to Your will.
Amen.