

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

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

29 NOVEMBER 2015



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Our Advent plans include:

- ‘**Life in Christ**’ seminar continuing on Monday evenings. A chance to reflect on our Community and grow deeper in our relationship with God. (See ‘This Week’ for details).
- ‘**Reconciliation Sunday**’ next weekend, 5/6 December, the second Sunday of Advent, anticipating the beginning of **THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY on 8 December** (more details next week). Several priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Mass. With this week’s newsletter is an Advent ‘**Examination of Conscience**’ – please take time to prepare ...
- **An Advent Carol Service: the annual Christian Aid Advent Carol Service will take place at St Mary Magdalene’s this year on Sunday 6th December at 5pm.**
- ... **and a Carol Concert.** Following the success of last year’s Christmas Concert at St John’s, we are delighted to welcome back the Edinburgh Telephone Choir and the St John’s Primary School Choir who will be performing on **Thursday 10th December at 7pm.** (Please come along. Entrance is free, but there will be a leaving collection for FRESH START, a charity that seeks to help homeless people adapt to being householders.)
- ... **also ‘Carols in the Car Park’ at St Mary Magdalene’s on Friday 18th December at 5pm.**
- ... ‘**Morning Prayer**’ each morning at St John’s at 9.30am.
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

	<u>St John the Evangelist</u>	<u>St Mary Magdalene</u>
Christmas Eve	6.00pm: Christmas Children’s Mass 8.30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass	- 8.30pm: Christmas Carol Service (TO BE CONFIRMED)
Christmas Day		10.30am: Christmas Children’s Mass



THE EDINBURGH TELEPHONE CHOIR

and special guests

THE ST JOHN’S SCHOOL CHILDREN’S CHOIR

will perform an evening of carols here at St John’s Church
on Thursday 10th December at 7pm.

An unmissable event to raise funds in aid of ‘Fresh Start’.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th November: 3pm: St Andrew's Sq Gdns, Edinburgh: **Blessing of the Edinburgh Nativity Scene** – by Archbishop Leo Cushley and other church leaders. **An invitation** to celebrate together at this popular event which brings together people from all denominations and will include carol singing led by the Exile Gospel Choir.

Monday 30th November: 9.15am: St John's Primary School: **St Andrew's Day Mass.**

10.30am: St John's Church: **Requiem Mass for Jude Payne.**

7.30-9.00pm: St John's Church Hall: **'Life in Christ' Evening (2).** Our parishes' faith formation Autumn programme continues, focusing this week on **Jesus and the Holy Spirit.**

Wednesday 2nd December: 7.40pm: Parish House: **St John's Liturgy Meeting.**

Thursday 3rd December: 1pm to 4pm: St John's Church Hall: **SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Gena Gallagher writes: 'If you would like to come please put your name on the list at the back of St John's Church, or phone Gena on 661 1311. If you require transport, please tick the box on the list or let Gena know. (Any driver who can pick up or drop off home, please put your name on the list at the back of St John's Church or phone Gena.)'

Friday 4th December: 5.45pm: Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston: **The Legion of Mary Annual Reunion** beginning with Mass at 5.45pm. The minibus will leave St John's at 5pm. The cost is £5 (or £3 for return journey only). For further details please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR BOTH PARISHES

Friday 4th December 7.30pm to midnight.

Jewel Miners Club, 56 Duddingston Park South.

Welcome drink on arrival. Live music.

Tickets £7.50 available after all weekend Masses

or contact Bronagh Power (07748982675) and Kate Neilsen (669 2405).

(If you would like transport or if you are able to offer a lift to a fellow partygoer, please contact Pauline Connarty in the Parish Office on 669 5447 by Tuesday 1st December.)

Saturday 5th December: 10am to 12pm: St John's Church Hall: **PAMOJA FASHION.** Sale of quality clothes & accessories (including Children's Section) ... and your **last chance to buy African Christmas Decorations.** Tanzanian Tea & Coffee served. (Supporting our partnership with Tanzania.)

10am to 12pm: Baptist Church Hall: **Portobello Monday Centre Christmas Fair.**

10.30am to 1pm: **St John's Church 'Open Doors'.** If you are free to help, please put your name on the sheets at the back of St John's Church (2 'welcomers' in each one-hour block).

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December: Reconciliation Sunday.

Sunday 6th December: 5pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Christian Aid Carol Service.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Tuesday 8th December: Holy Year of Mercy Begins.

Wednesday 9th December: 7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns, EH3 9HH: Edinburgh Newman Circle Meeting: **'Parish Experiences'.** A panel of lay people share their experiences.

Thursday 10th December: 7pm: St John's Church: **Christmas Carol Concert** (Please see front page for details.)

Sunday 13 December: St Mary's Cathedral: **Opening of the Jubilee Year Holy Door by Archbishop Leo.**

NOTICEBOARD

St John's Church 'Open Doors'. In order to offer passers-by the chance to enjoy a few moments of quiet reflection, we hope to be able to continue opening St John's Church on a more frequent basis. Ideally, we would like to establish a team of volunteers to welcome visitors on Church Open Days. If you think this could be part of your ministry and are interested in supporting this initiative promoted by Pope Francis, please speak to Fr Jock.

Offertory Collection on 21st & 22nd November 2015

St Mary Magdalene's
£261.69 (inc Gift Aided: £122.65)

St John the Evangelist
£883.43 (inc Gift Aided: £491.86)

Special Collection: Pastoral Formation
£83.27

£394.65

Many thanks

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Jude Payne, Nora Hannon, Anne Martin, Margaret Cuerden, Richard McGlinchey, and Dan McGinty.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: James Pyper, Bill Brogan, James Magee, Margaret Philips, Henry McKenna, Catherine Begg, Margaret Mary Freeman, Alfred Reading, Grace Knowles, Helen McKinnon, Frank Refferty, Margaret Davie, Joseph & Catherine Smith, Robert Watson, Catherine Gannon, William O'Donnell, Annie Donati, Elizabeth Ogilvie, Barbara Walker, Jean Tunley, Patrick McLory, Andrew & Mary Malcolm, Hugh Walsh, A. Duffy, John Lawler, John Scollon, Ronald Godley, Robert Kerr, Sarah Jessiman, Edmund Z Schmelter, Elizabeth Quinn, Neil Donoghue, Nancy Syme, George Forrest, Mary Bisset, Helen Cassidy, and the Connelly family.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Eddie Clark, Jenny Wormald, Mary Phillips, Liz Saddler, Lorna Dickson, Etta Dewar, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, 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: Maria and Basil Juska, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Simon Benson, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Chuck Buchanan, Austen Tod, Cameron Hall, baby Marnie Josie-Sophia Cree, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Rupert Ridge.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: Robert Moyes & Laura Tweedie
... and next Sunday: Mary Fenwick & Catriona MacGillivray

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir
Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

St. John's

Linda Brown writes: 'The Fairtrade Stall and Christmas teas and coffees, turkey and cranberry rolls, festive mince pies etc., will be in St John's Church Hall after morning Mass on Sunday 6th December'.

Eucharistic Ministers for Masses next weekend: VIGIL: J Roarty, M Spencer, B Tansey.

SUNDAY: L Moran, J Rynn, L Dick, L Young, E Buckley.

Cleaning our Church: Christina Vinestock writes: 'We owe a huge debt of thanks to the small team of regular volunteers who clean our church each week. Why not show your appreciation by offering an hour or two of your time in the coming weeks to give the place a little extra polish? You can take the chance to spend a quiet moment in the church on your own (with a duster!), or work as part of a small team.' Please speak to Chris, phone 669 5447, or email stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

TWENDE PAMOJA. Mike Knox writes: "I return to the 30 degree warmth of Tanzania on Wednesday and will be back in the springtime. I will be spending some time in Legho during the Christmas Season and working in all the schools and communities that have partnerships there. We have a Makutano Youth Weekend from the 18 to 21 December on the theme of 'Peace on Earth' and already over 30 have enrolled. This will be the Makutano young adult theme for the coming year.

Thanks again to everyone in both parishes who have done so much in offering such a warm welcome to all our various groups of Tanzanian visitors over the year. And thanks to everyone who has helped set up Pamoja Fashion - those who give their time so generously and those all of you who have donated so many pieces of fine clothing.

I will keep in touch and restart the Blog (twendepamojatrust.blogspot.com). Please keep praying for the people of Legho and all the schools and communities there who feel an ever growing closeness to the people of Scotland and Portobello (and Newcastle). Happy Advent and Christmas. Mike"

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28th November	10.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Hanley family. 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass Charlie & Mary McLauchlan
Monday 30th November SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW	9.15am: St Andrew's Day Mass at St John's Primary School. 10.30am: Requiem Mass for Jude Payne 7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 1st December	10.00am Mass: Elspeth Culligan	
Wednesday 2nd December	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25pm to 6.55pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass: Dan McGinty
Thursday 3rd December MEMORIAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER	10.00am Mass: Richard McGlinchey	
Friday 4th December <i>Memorial of St John Damascene</i>	9.25am to 9.55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass: Jackie Cairns 3pm to 4pm: Divine Mercy Devotions	10.00am Mass:
Saturday 5th December	10.00am Mass: Bill Brogan 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Mgr. James Rae	
Sunday 6th December 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C	9.30am Mass: Anne Martin	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

ON WEEKDAYS DURING ADVENT ... Morning Prayer will be said in St John's Church at 9.30am before the Mass or Eucharistic Service.

CHALLENGE

‘It would be much simpler if we all belonged to the same tradition or if our spiritual life could be reduced to each person’s private affair. However, our challenge is to unify the need to respect each person in his or her faith journey with each person’s need to belong to a community of faith.’

Jean Vanier, An Ark for the Poor.