

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

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32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 NOVEMBER 2015

‘LIFE IN CHRIST’ - Our major Autumn/Winter initiative in the two parishes gives us a chance to reflect on our Community and grow deeper in our relationship with God. Covering such issues as ‘Creation’, ‘Being Human’, ‘Jesus’, and ‘The Holy Spirit’, this series of four Monday evenings will introduce some main themes from our Catholic faith, encouraging reflection, sharing and prayer. Starting on Monday 23rd November, the meetings will take place each week from 7.30pm to 9pm in St John’s Church Hall.

FAITH FORMATION AUTUMN PROGRAMME

‘LIFE IN CHRIST’

23 November:

Creation
Being Human

30 November:

Jesus
Holy Spirit

7 December:

Models of Church
One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

14 December:

Other Religions
Mary

Each evening will begin with prayer, a DVD presentation followed by reflection, sharing and closing with a prayer. All are welcome to take part in this Autumn programme which leads us into Advent. If you would like further information, please contact Alice Codling on 657 1862 or email alicecodling@btinternet.com.

Memorial Mass: The second of our Memorial Masses, will take place this **Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm at St John’s**. There will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of family members or friends who have died. If you would like a name read out during the Memorial Mass, please write the name (or names) of those you would like to be remembered on forms to be found at the back of both churches and place the completed form in the box provided. (Please remember to PRINT THE NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS so that it can be clearly read.)

N.B. The service takes place in near darkness, so if you want to be able to read your hymn sheet please bring a torch.

MARY’S MEALS will be visiting the parishes next weekend for their **Annual Rags to Riches Clothing Collection**. Mary’s Meals Van will make their collection after Mass at both churches on Sunday morning. They are appealing for **TEXTILES** in any condition (Clothes, Household Textiles, Shoes, Bags, etc.). Please leave bags clearly labelled for ‘MARY’S MEALS’.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th November: 7pm: St John’s Church Hall: **ST JOHN’S OPEN PARISH MEETING** followed by cheese and wine.

Monday 9th November: 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. If you require transport, please phone Maria Igoe 0131 669 0247.

Tuesday 10th November: 12noon: Seafield Crematorium: Funeral Service of Kevin Simpson.

7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene’s Church Hall: **Pastoral Council Meeting.**

7.30pm: St John’s Church Hall: **MAKUTANO Meeting:** See below for further details.

7.30pm: Lindisfarne House, 5 Sandford Gdns: **Pamoja Fashion Meeting.** See below for further details.

Wednesday 11th November: 7.30pm: St John's Church: **Memorial Mass.**

Thursday 12th November: 7.00-8.00pm: St Mary's Star of the Sea, Leith. **AN EXPERIENCE OF TAIZE...** 'Beginning on Thursday 12th November, 2015 and continuing through Advent, come and experience faith through music, silence, reflection and community in the spirit of Taize. All are welcome whether you want to stay for the hour or even if you just want to pop in say a prayer and go. For more information please contact: Andrew Cassidy andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com or 0131 555 2179.'

7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Meeting for all St Mary Magdalene's and St John's Eucharistic Ministers.**

Friday 13th November: 7pm: Parish House: **Mass and meal with St John's School Staff.**

7.00pm: St John's Church Hall: **Justice & Peace fundraiser for the SCIAF Syrian Refugees Appeal – SINGALONG SOUND OF MUSIC...! Tickets £6 on the door or contact Jim Roarty 669 0896.**

Sunday 15th November: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Mary da Silva**

4.30pm: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate: Mass followed by praise and worship with the **River of Life Mission Community:** 'From Slovakia comes this team of ordinary people with stories of hope from struggle and songs of life unlimited. Mass followed by praise, worship, healing prayer and adoration.'

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Wednesday 18th November: 7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns, EH3 9HH: Edinburgh Circle Newman Meeting: '**The Church Here and Now**'. Speaker: Archbishop Leo Cushley.

Saturday 21st November: 7.30pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **Capella Caeciliana.** Free Concert (with leaving collection!) for The Feast of St Cecilia featuring '**THE PRIESTS**'!

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd November (Feast of Christ the King): '**Nametag Sunday**' returns ... linked this year with its first cousin '**SIAP**'(Sit In Another Place) Sunday.

Sunday 22nd November: 3pm to 8pm: 5 Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg:: **St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council retreat.**

Friday 27th November: 7pm: St John's Church Hall: **Christmas Shopping Night.** See below for further details or contact Kathryn O'Loan 07713 258031.

NOTICEBOARD

MAKUTANO. Mike Knox, Director, Twende Pamoja, writes: '**Makutano** is Swahili for the place where we meet. It is a growing network of relationships bringing together people in the senior student to mid-twenties age group, who seek to develop and bring about a vision of life as it could be. There are over 50 Scottish and Tanzanian young adults presently involved. The group includes young people of all faiths and none. **Between now and the end of 2016 we are arranging** (amongst other things) an open event before Christmas, an expressive arts based presentation, and an ICT and coding project. **Makutano** also offers opportunities to develop business skills in our Fashion, Art and Coffee businesses, as well as volunteer opportunities in schools in Tanzania. If you are interested in any of these projects, or in joining a Scottish / Tanzanian climb of Mt Kilimanjaro in the summer of 2017, you can find out more at a meeting which will take place on **Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm** in **St John's Church Hall**, Brighton Place, Portobello. For further information visit www.twendepamoja.org.uk or request to join our Facebook Group '**Makutano SctTz**'.

RUSSIAN CHOIR. **Anna Ryan writes:** 'The Russian Choir, led by choir master Vladimir Morozov, is looking for new members. We sing Russian liturgical pieces and sacred chants, and practice at **St John's Portobello on Monday evenings from 8pm.** Please phone Anna on 07788 2866 284 for further details.'

PAMOJA FASHION. **Tracy Burgess writes:** 'Pamoja Fashion is looking for anyone with crafting/sewing skills who would like to be involved in making things for a Christmas Craft Fair. If you are interested please come along to Lindisfarne House, 5 Sandford Gdns, this **Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm,** or contact Tracy for further details on 669 4860.'

ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP. The toddler group will meet this Tuesday 10th November from 10am to 11.30am in 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**'. All welcome!

Offertory Collection on 31st October 2015 & 1st November

St Mary Magdalene's
£572.87 (inc Gift Aided: £357.00)

St John the Evangelist
£977.76 (inc Gift Aided: £505.10)

Many thanks

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Euphemia Paterson and Kevin Simpson.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Tom Plews, Michael Clyne, Nino Nicora, Grace Gallagher, George Pennycook, Andrew Smart, William McGill, Bridget Carrol, Mrs Brennan, Marjorie Thom, James Quadbeck, George McHardy, Catherine Anderson, Francis McNulty, Mary Cook, Robert McGuire, Harry Hughes, Senga McAlinden, Edward Cubitt, Terry Callaghan, Thomas Bassi, Annie Lord, Catherine Keegan, Peter Swinney, Dorina Hadden, Stella McDevitt, Thomas McGravie, Ann Hartnett, Charles Anderson, John Cregan, Martin Black, Christina Service, Rose Fox, Anne Platt, Maisie McGrory, Anthony Gallagher, Margaret Ward, Isabella Cheape, Mario Marcantonio, Kitty McDonald, and Canon Peter Donati.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Liz Saddler, Mary Philipps, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, 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: Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, 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: Tessa Haring & Sam Henry
... and next Sunday: Aileen Hall & Irene Duncan

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas
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**The Parish Council retreat will take place on Sunday 22nd November between 3pm and 8pm at Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg, and will be led by Cath McManus. (For more details see Fr Jock.)
... AND A REMINDER that the Pastoral Council meeting will take place this Tuesday at 7.30pm.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY

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.

(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.)

St. John's

A ST JOHN'S OPEN PARISH MEETING will take place this Sunday 8th November at 7pm in St John's Church Hall. These are the most important meetings that take place in the parish. They offer an opportunity to hear what has been happening...and to participate in shaping our future plans – PLEASE COME ALONG...

October Devotions will be said after Mass or Eucharistic Service every morning from Monday to Friday at Our Lady's altar.

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning raised £130 for Mary's Meals, and this will be doubled by the Government. Many thanks to all who gave their support.'

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 7th November	10.00am Mass: Andrew Keogh 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 8th November <i>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass: People of the parish	11.15am Mass:
Monday 9th November <i>FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	2.30pm Mass with Anointing SI – Sick Person 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 10th November <i>MEMORIAL OF ST LEO THE GREAT</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass: Paddy Hanway
Wednesday 11th November <i>MEMORIAL OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS</i>	7.30pm Memorial Mass	
Thursday 12th November <i>MEMORIAL OF ST JOSAPHAT</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7pm Mass:
Friday 13th November	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Tom Plews 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 14th November	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 15th November <i>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass: Michael Clyne	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish



A CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

An opportunity to buy unique gifts and artisan products and support local artists.

Friday 27th November 7pm to 9.30pm

St John's Church Hall. (Admission £5)

Complimentary glass of fizz!

In aid of TZ16

(A partnership between Holy Rood High School & Lombeta Secondary School, Tanzania.)

'The Womb of Silence'

Our response to the invitation, 'Be still and know that I am God', is beautifully summed up in the following reflection by an unknown writer. (Extracted from 'Finding Your Hidden Treasure': Benignus O'Rourke)

Not in the whirlwind,
not in the lightning,
not in the strife of tongues,
or in the jangling of subtle reasoning
is He to be found,
but in the still small voice
speaking in the womb of silence.
Therefore be silent.

Let the past be silent.
Let there be no vain regrets,
no brooding on past failures,
no bitterness,
no judgment of oneself
or of others.
Let all be silent.

Be still and know,
be still and look.
Let the eyes of the mind be closed,
that you may hear
what otherwise you would not hear,
that you may know
what otherwise you would not know.

Abandon yourself to Him
in longing love, simply,
holding on to nothing but Him.
So you may enter the silence of eternity
and know the union of yourself with Him.
And if in the silence he does not answer,
he is still there.
His silence is the silence of love.
Wait then in patience
and in submission.
It is good to wait in silence
For His coming.