

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

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29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18th October 2015

Monsignor James T Rae

Parish Priest of St John the Evangelist Parish

September 1980 to September 2013

Rest in Peace

Mike Knox writes:

‘Monsignor Rae has completed the last part of his journey and died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday evening 15th October, 2015, after receiving the Sacrament of the Sick and an Apostolic Blessing from the Archbishop. He took his leave in a very blessed and graced way.

Over the last ten days he had been free from pain and last Sunday was talking about offering the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius again and taking up his painting.

Monsignor Rae has accompanied many people on the same road that he has travelled in recent months and was fully aware of what was happening to him. The celebration of Mass in his room was the focal point of his day and he spent many hours saying the rosary and composing new mysteries.

He was very appreciative of the well wishing kindness of so many people and felt held in prayer. He so valued the love, care and support of the Little Sisters of the Poor and all the staff at St Joseph's.

He slipped peacefully away with his favourite picture of the Sacred Heart at the foot of the bed, holding his rosary beads in his hands and listening to music he loved. He is the first person I have ever been with when they died. I now know in a new way what Rest in Peace means.’



This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Missions. There will be a Special Collection at all Masses this weekend for the work of the propagation of the Faith.

VISITORS FROM TANZANIA. Mike Knox writes: ‘*There will be 3 Tanzanian Primary Teachers here for the next 2 weeks visiting their partner primary schools. This is their first experience of our world, culture and climate. Anna Kessy will go to St Mary's Cathedral Primary, Christina Swai to St Cuthbert's Primary and Monica Temu to Duddingston Primary. This weekend Monsignor Paul will be visiting St Catherine's Parish who are developing a partnership with Mweka Parish and with St Gregory's and St John Vianney's Parishes. St Catherine's and St John Vianney's Primary Schools also have partnerships. Fr Reginald is in Glasgow this weekend. They return to the warmth of Tanzania on Wednesday and are both very grateful for the warmth of your hospitality and the welcome from St John's and St Mary Magdalene's communities.*

Bereavement Services in November:

During the month of November, Catholics traditionally pray for those who have died. It is an opportunity for us to remember all whom we have loved. There will be two Memorial Masses in November, one in either parish, at which there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of family members or friends who have died. The dates for the Masses are as follows:

St Mary Magdalene's: Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm

St John the Evangelist: Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm

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.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday 18th October: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Rowan Sutherland.**

1pm: leaving from St John's Church: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus going to Nunraw on Sunday 18th October. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and arrive back at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich or snack.' Please contact Maria Igoe for further details (669 0247 or 07981333219).

Monday 19th October: 8pm: Church Café, Bellfield Street: **Portobello Amnesty Group Meeting**, with speaker Andrew Jackson, Eritrea Coordinator.

Tuesday 20th October: 11am: Parish House: Pastoral Team Meeting.

7.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Enquiry Group for those who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic.

Thursday 22nd October: 7pm: Parish House: St John's Fabric Committee Meeting.

7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Evening 1.**

Sunday 25th October: 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's: **'Do This In Memory Of Me' Mass** focusing on the P4 children preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

7pm: St John's Church Hall: **Makutano Meeting.** Mike Knox writes: 'Makutano is a growing network of relationships bringing together young people who seek to develop and bring about a vision of life as it could be. **This is a meeting for any young adults in the 16 to 20's age group** who may be interested All most welcome!'

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Saturday 24th October to 29th October: St Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow: **Visit of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** 'The Pilgrimage visit begins with Solemn Mass at 5.15pm. The Cathedral will remain open until 6.30pm from Sunday to Thursday 29th October to allow pilgrims to visit. On the final day, Thursday 29th, following the Torchlight Procession for Life (Rosary starts 6pm at George Square), there will be, at 7.30pm, the Life Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Service of Return. For further details, please see posters or visit www.relicourladyofguadaloupe.co.uk or www.cathedralG1.org.'

Monday 26th October: 7pm: St. John's Church Hall: (P3) **Sacrament of Reconciliation Meeting** (parents only). Contact Arlene Lauder on 07950880833 or lauder.82@btinternet.com for further information.

Thursday 29th October: 7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Evening 2.**

Sunday 1st November: 10.30am: St John's Church Hall: **Fairtrade Stall.**

Monday 2nd November: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Memorial Mass.**

Saturday 7th November: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Conforti Institute, Coatbridge: **Conference on Mission and Evangelisation.** Cost is £10.00 per person. For further information please contact The Conforti Institute on 01236 607120.

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

NOTICEBOARD

PAMOJA FASHION. Mike Knox writes: 'Any quality, vintage or designer clothes and accessories much appreciated. These can be left in the designated basket at the back of St John's Church. Many thanks.'

Medjugorje Youth Festival (Wednesday 30th July to Wednesday 6th August) Maria Igoe writes: 'Accommodation has been booked and, although the flights are not yet on sale, it is estimated that the total cost with bed and breakfast will be approx £320. This is an amazing opportunity for our young people to meet other young people from all over the world. There will be 50,000 attending and it will be a very joyous event. If you wish information please contact Maria Igoe on 669 0247 (Mob: 07981333219) or email mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk'.

And finally ... A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The hills are alive ... with the sound of people singing!
Brighten up gloomy November by singing along with Julie Andrews
in a sing-a-long version of 'The Sound of Music'.
Friday, 13th November at 7.00pm
St John's Church Hall. (Admission £6.)
Proceeds to SCIAF's Syrian Refugees appeal.
See any member of the Justice & Peace Group for tickets.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Monsignor James Rae

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Nan McCreadie, John Young, Mrs Kelly, Joseph Gracie, Mary Breen, Hamilton Scott, Isabella Duffy, Elizabeth Durkin, Gerald Allan Strong, Roseanne Sangster, Arthur Scott, John Donnelly, Mary Theresa Kimber, Arthur Patterson, Francis Fusco, James Scott, John O'Brien, Francis John Sweeney, John Walsh, Jim McMartin, Vera Headspeath, Peter Ferrier, Franco Cupo, John Ginnelly, John Joyce, Sarah O'Connor, and Jackie Cairns.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Patrick McCafferty 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: Chuck Buchanan, Fr Tony McDonald, 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.

Welcome to the world ... **Elise Marie Aitken**, a daughter and first child for Agnes and Hugh, and granddaughter for Jim and the late Anne- Marie.

... **Gabrielle & Isabelle Emetuche**, twin daughters for Petra and Magnus.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Readers for this Sunday: Irene Duncan & Mary Fenwick **Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir **Next Sunday is a 'Do This In Memory Of Me' Mass focusing on the P4 children preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.

FOOD PARCEL SERVICE: Remember that if you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, boxes are 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.

St. John's

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 in aid of SCIAF's Emergency Fund for Refugees raised £150. Grateful thanks to those who gave so generously.'

Linda Brown writes: 'The Fairtrade Stall is returning for Christmas, on the 1st Sunday of the month, along with teas and coffees. The dates are Sunday 1st November & Sunday 6th December in St John's Church Hall, so come along and buy some Christmas cards and gifts and support fairtrade.'

Offertory Collection on 10th & 11th October 2015

St Mary Magdalene's

St John the Evangelist

£290.25 (inc Gift Aided: £151)

£913.00 (inc Gift Aided: £496.40)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 17th October <i>MEMORIAL OF ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH</i>	10.00am Mass: SI - Birthday 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 18th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Michele Gradone	11.15am Mass: Helen Budge
Monday 19th October <i>Memorial of St John of Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues & Companions</i> <i>Memorial of St Paul of the Cross</i>	10.00am Mass: SI - Thanksgiving 7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 20th October	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: SI - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 21st October	10.00am Mass:	
Thursday 22nd October <i>Memorial of St John Paul II</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00 pm Mass: Special Intention
Friday 23rd October <i>Memorial of St John of Capestrano</i>	9.25am to 9.55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass: 3pm to 4pm: Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 24th October <i>Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 25th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Fiona & Peter Klaus	11.15am 'Do This In Memory' Mass:

The Human Family

‘Humanity in its entirety is a body, and in the body each member is important. Groups, nations or races which cut themselves off from others, or seek to dominate by imposing their own culture, ideology and customs, by suppressing the identity of another’s culture, wound and hurt not only that particular people but the whole of humanity and themselves. Today, more than ever before, we are called to become more conscious of the fundamental unity of the human family and to help each group of people to find their identity and place in it, and to grow in openness towards others.’

Jean Vanier in “Community and Growth”