

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

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27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4th October 2015



A fond farewell to **Fr Loreto Tabone**, who flies back to Gozo today
.....and a warm welcome to **Monsignor Paul** and to **Father Reginald Sipendi**,
from Moshi Diocese, Tanzania, who arrived on Thursday on a three week visit
During their time here they will visit parishes and schools involved in Twende Pamoja partnerships.

Welcome, too, to the children who will be enrolled in our 'Do this in Memory of Me' sacramental preparation programme at the 9.30am Mass at St John's.

A message from the Justice and Peace group. Jim Roarty writes: "Calaid, who are gathering donations for the refugee camp at Calais, need volunteers to assist with sorting and packing donations of clothes etc. They are in **24-26 Calton Road** and are open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7pm**. If you are interested in giving an hour or two, please go to the Calaid Edinburgh Volunteers Facebook page to sign up. Calaid use Facebook to ask for volunteers when there is a surge in donations."

THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th October: 6.00pm: Stockbridge Parish, Saxe Coburg Street, Edinburgh: **Action of Churches together in Scotland 25th Anniversary Concert** featuring 'Gen Verde' the international music group of the Focolare Movement. Tickets £7.00 at the door or from Archie & Claudine McLulich 0131 667 8850 or archie.maclulich@btinternet.com

7.30 pm: St. Martin's: **PACT (Portobello Area Christians Together)**

8pm: St Columba's Free Church: Origin Scotland present '**How Long O Lord?**' **Reflections in the Psalms.**' Free tickets available from www.originscotland.org or 0131 208 0095. See poster at back of church.

Monday 5th October: 10.30 am: St. John's Church Hall: **Charity Coffee Morning in aid of SCIAF refugee appeal**

Wednesday 7th October:

7.30 pm: Parish House: **St. John's Parish Pastoral Council meeting.**

7pm - 9pm: Gillis Centre: '**School of Evangelisation**'. The first topic for the School of Evangelisation is '**Growing Churches**'. This will be led by Monsignor Philip Kerr VG. The purpose of these sessions is to help parishes to focus more intently on the need for Evangelisation with a view to setting up Parish Evangelisation Teams. Please come along if you are interested or would like to form a team. The remaining sessions will take place on the following evenings: 4th November, 2nd December, 4th February, 3rd March, 5th May and 2nd June. To register for these contact jacqueline.heron@staned.org.uk

7.30pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello: 'Folk Concert – given by 2 talented folk musicians from Sweden – and joined for a couple of numbers by Sally Simpson, Portobello's fiddling genius! Tickets are £5 – under 16's free (all must have a ticket though – available from Dr Sophia Marriage.'

Thursday 8th October: 7.30 pm: Parish House: **St. John's and St. Mary Magdalene's Justice and Peace Group meeting.** All welcome.

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th October: Conforti Centre, Coatbridge: (Residential) Beginning Experience Week-end - for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation, or widowhood. For further details contact: Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk .

Saturday 10th October:

10.00am: **St. John's:** Our Sister Parishes' **St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Mass**, followed by a Coffee Morning in the Hall. All warmly invited.

10.00am: Renfield St. Stephen's, Bath Street, Glasgow. '**Creating a Fairer Scotland: What Matters to You?**' **The Craighead Institute** invites you to join in a discussion of how the country can be a fairer and more equal place to live. This forum will provide an opportunity for individuals to set out their vision of a fairer Scotland and suggest practical solutions based on local and personal experience from the perspectives of people of all faiths and backgrounds. The event is free but please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creating-a-fairer-scotland-what-matters-to-you-tickets-18540382784>

10.00am **Christian Recovery Scotland Networking Day**, Life Church, West Richmond Street, Edinburgh. (Tea/coffee available from 9.30am, light lunch is provided and day will finish at 3.30 pm.) 'There will be a presentation by Shirley Sim the Counselling Service Manager at St. Paul's and St George's Church in Edinburgh and opportunities **to share, pray and meet other Christians involved in the addiction and recovery field**. Contact Stan Malloch 07804642643 for further information.'

NEXT WEEK

Monday 12th October: 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.

Friday 16th October: 10.00 pm – 8.00am. St. Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens: **Legion of Mary All-Night Vigil to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**. The event begins with Benediction at 10.00 pm and ends on Saturday morning with Mass at 8.00 am. Drinks and snacks available throughout the night.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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.

Monday 28th 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.

NOTICEBOARD

18TH EDINBURGH NORTH EAST SCOUT GROUP – are you interested in working with young people, playing games, achieving badges, camping, have you ever thought of becoming a Scout Leader? We require enthusiastic leaders to assist on a weekly basis with Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) or Cub Scouts (8 – 10.5 years). Training is provided and also lots of fun. Please contact **Roseanne Allison, Deputy District Commissioner** on 07963970005 or r.p.allison@talktalk.net for further information. The 18th Group meets in St. John's Primary School, Beavers on Monday 6.00 – 7.00 pm and Cubs on Tuesday 6.30 – 8.30 pm.

CRAIGENTINNY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP If you have a cancer experience as a patient in treatment, patient in remission, family member or carer, cancer charity staff or volunteer, a professional practitioner or just have an interest in cancer then join this support group. Meets on 3rd Thursday of the month 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm at Craigentenny Community Centre, Loaning Road, EH7 6JE. Contact Marion on 07583263299 or ra.scotland@topicofcancer.org.uk.

SPRED – Special Religious Development for Children and Adults with learning difficulties. 'We are always looking for volunteers to be catechists or drivers and also for people who may benefit from our support given in small group sessions. If you are interested in helping form a group in the two parishes or would like more information please contact: **Emma Robertson on 07707811595** or Emma.robertson@staned.org.uk'

Medjugorje 2016: *Maria Igoe writes:-* A Group from St. John's and St. Mary Magdalene's will be going to Medjugorje next year, leaving Edinburgh Airport on Wednesday 11th May. Since last weeks' notice the cost of flights has changed. Flying from Edinburgh to Dubrovnik on Wednesday 11th May the cost at present is £63.49. The return flight on Wednesday 18th May is £48.49. Please use easyjet.com to book flights. Accommodation costs £79.00 per week b&b sharing, and £132.00 single. Transfers cost approx. £50.00, the total cost is £241.00 sharing and £294.00 single. If you wish further information, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247, 07981333219 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk

Offertory Collection on 26th & 27 September, 2015
£209.25 (inc Gift Aided: £105.20) £854.41 (inc Gift Aided: £428.60)
Many thanks

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Mary Laurie, George Calder, John Coyne, Michael Murphy, Gerard Watters, Margaret Crawford, Peter Carr, Jeremiah (Jerry) Kinane, Leonard Stovin, James Lindsay Thomson, Margaret Anne Wilson, Minnie Mc Mullan, Vincenza Leone, Mark Cunningham, Joan Cullen, David Brown, Thomas Sharp, John Loftus, Catherine Lamara, Donald O’Kane, Eva Matilda Berry, Katherine Wills, Kathleen Sharkey, Ralph Osmond, Alice Moran and John Davies.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Tricia Davies, Patrick McCafferty Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O’Neill, Lorna Dickson, Mgr James Rae, 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.

ST MARY MAGDALENE’S

Readers for this Sunday: P3 Children’s Mass

... and for next Sunday: Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes

Bidding Prayers: P3 Children’s Mass

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Thursday evening between 6.25 and 6.55pm.

200 Club: Linda Brown writes: ‘The winner of the 200 Club for September is **Bernard Ayres** who wins the £25 with number 161. Congratulations Bernard!’

Many thanks to Fr Tabone – for his generous organisation of, and payment for, the repair in Gozo of our broken ciborium.

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

Maria Igoe writes: ‘The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on **Monday 5th October** after 10am Mass. Donations will go to ‘SCIAF emergency appeal for Refugees.’

THEATRE ALBA LEISURE

An opportunity to be part of a theatre company.

‘With its healthy mix of professional & amateur actors, this renowned Company re-forms annually to create 1 or 2 productions over a 6 month period. Under the direction of Charles Nowosielski, Theatre Alba Leisure has attained a reputation for producing plays of a very high standard in the Edinburgh Fringe, Duddingston Kirk, and the Brunton Theatre. Weekly on **Wednesdays, 8pm to 10pm in St John’s Church Hall**. No experience necessary. No auditions. Adults from 18 to 80 all welcome. Leaflets available at the back of each church or check out www.theatrealba.com.’

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 3rd October	10.00am Mass: <i>Church open until 1.30 pm</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 4th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am (Children's) Mass- with enrolment in the 'Do This in Memory of Me' programme - Mary Laurie	11.15am (Children's) Mass:
Monday 5th October	9.45am Mass: Mass with Primary 7 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 6th October	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25 to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00 pm Mass: Catherine McAllister
Wednesday 7th October <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach	
Thursday 8th October	10.00am Mass: John & Angela Downes	
Friday 9th October	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Eucharistic Service 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	10.00 am Mass:
Saturday 10th October	10.00am Mass: Angus Mclsaac 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 11th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass; People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Helen Budge

Communities as a sign of peace

‘Today as never before we need communities of welcome; communities that are a sign of peace in a world of war. There is no point in praying for peace in the Middle East, for example, if we are not peace-makers in our own community; if we are not forgiving those in our community who have hurt us or with whom we find it difficult to live. Young people, as well as those who are older, are sensitive to this vision of peace. It must continually be announced so that hearts and minds are nourished.

Jean Vanier in “Community and Growth”