

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

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25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20th September 2015



This week, there will be a Special Collection at all Masses for the **Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund**.

SCIAF emergency appeal for Refugees and Migrants (to help thousands of people fleeing from war and persecution in places like Syria). Many thanks for your generous response to this appeal. The retiral collection taken at all Masses on 5th/6th September raised **£1477.09**. If anyone missed the collection and would like to contribute, please hand in an envelope to the parish house – or contact SCIAF directly.

A message from the Justice and Peace group. **Jim Roarty writes:** The refugee crisis leaves us feeling helpless to respond meaningfully but there are a few things we can do.

Money is always useful! We have responded generously to the SCIAF refugee appeal but the need goes on.

Calaid is supporting the refugees in the camps at Calais by gathering men's clothes, toiletries, camping gear etc – a full list is on the noticeboards at the back of both churches. You can deliver donations directly to **Studio 24, 24-26 Calton Road, Edinburgh on Tues/Thurs from 2-7pm** or leave donations at the back of the church for the Justice and Peace group to deliver.

Could you host a refugee for 1-2 weeks? Positive Action in Housing has a register of volunteers – see their website paih.org/host-a-refugee.

RCIA Enquiry group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic? Or do you know anyone who would – or who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again? All would be warmly welcome at our informal gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please contact Alice Codling (0131 657 1862), email alicecodling@btinternet.com or Fr Jock (0131 669 5447) email stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com .

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th September: Annual **Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage** at St. Patrick's Church, Cowgate.

2.00 pm: **Holy Hour** 4.30 pm: **Mass**

Sunday 20th September: At the commencement of **World Week of Peace for Palestine and Israel**, under the theme '*God has broken down the dividing walls*', congregations all over the world are invited to worship and pray using a special liturgy developed by Palestinian Christians. This can be found online at <https://pief.oikoumene.org/en/world-week-for-peace> .

Wednesday 23rd September: 7.30pm: St Andrew's & St George's West, George St, Edinburgh: '**Love God, Love God's World: Why Christians Care for Creation**'. After our celebration of the first worldwide day of prayer for the Care of Creation on Tuesday 1 September, the Eco-Congregation Scotland invites us to hear leaders from four Scottish Denominations give their views on why caring for creation is a vital part of Christian living.

Thursday 24th September: 7pm: St Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gdns, EH3 9HH. **Edinburgh Schools Community Mass** - 'The Year of Mercy: Learning To Be Merciful'. **An invitation to all retired school staff, teachers and support staff to celebrate Catholic Education....**

Saturday 26th September: 12.00 noon: **St. John's: Baptism of Abbie Craigie**

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 29th September: 4.00 – 6.00 pm **Open Evening: St. Augustine's R.C. High School**

Wednesday 30th September: Gillis Centre: **RCIA Catechists' Evening** - 'Celebrating the Rites' with Patricia Carroll.

Thursday 1st October: 6.30 for 7.00pm Gillis Centre: **The Gillis Lecture 2015** delivered by *Reverend James Crampsey SJ* – **POPE FRANCIS AND HIS JESUIT LEGACY**. RSVP to O. Gormley, 44 Park Street, Lochgelly, KY5 9JU; ogormley46@gmail.com

Friday 2nd October: 10.00am: St. John's: **St. John's School 'New Beginnings Mass'** for the opening of the new school year.

Saturday 3rd October: 12.30pm to 4.30pm: Lauriston Centre, Edinburgh. **ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON THE MISSION & VOCATION OF THE FAMILY TODAY**. **If you are willing to re-visit either parish, please contact Fr Jock on his return from holiday.**

ORIGIN SCOTLAND present '**How Long O Lord?**' **Reflections in the Psalms**. **Saturday 3rd October at Glasgow City Free Church, 7.30 pm and Sunday 4th October at St. Columba's Free Church, Edinburgh 8.00 pm**. Free tickets available from www.originscotland.org or 0131 208 0095. See poster at back of church.

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 McLullich 0131 667 8850 or archie.maclullich@btinternet.com

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

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Thursday 1st October: 4.00pm: **Bereavement Group Meeting**.

Saturday 10th October: 10.00am: St. John's: **St. Vincent de Paul Annual Mass** followed by a Coffee Morning in the Hall. All warmly invited.

NOTICEBOARD

The Legion of Mary: *Maria Igoe writes*:- The Legion of Mary would like to thank those parishioners who gave accommodation to the Team working in St. Patrick's. You made them very welcome and comfortable.

PAMOJA FASHION Wanted - Parish Fashion Designers, expert charity shoppers, people with tailoring & sewing skills and entrepreneurs. 'We have set up a Community Interest Company (**Twende Pamoja Enterprises**) to generate income for our partnerships with schools and communities in Tanzania. **Pamoja Fashion** will collect, recycle and upcycle quality clothes and accessories and sell them here in the Hall on the first Saturday of the month (we raised £350 last Saturday) and also export to Tanzania.'

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'

CHARITY AUCTION AND RAFFLE in aid of **Mary's Meals: *Due to unforeseen circumstances this event has been postponed for the time being. A new date will be confirmed in the near future.***

'BEGINNING EXPERIENCE'. The Beginning Experience are holding a residential weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation, or widowhood. **The weekend will take place from 9th to 11th October, at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge**. For further details contact: Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk.

Medjugorje 2016

Maria Igoe writes :-A Group from St. John's and St. Mary Magdalene's will be going to Medjugorje next May leaving Edinburgh Airport on Wednesday 11th and some will return on Wednesday 25th. Others will be there for 7 nights or 11 nights and some will be flying on 18th and returning on 25th. Unfortunately the flight prices have gone up considerably this year, but it is still possible to get flights for under £200. The accommodation is very reasonable: €15 per night sharing and €25 single room for bed and breakfast. With transfers from Dubrovnik, cost will be approx. £320 sharing or £375 single. Flights are with Easyjet, flying from Edinburgh to Dubrovnik. If you wish further information, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247, 07981333219 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk

Offertory Collection on 12th & 13th September, 2015

£241.75 (inc Gift Aided: £143.15)

£858.51 (inc Gift Aided: £429.20)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Frank Ford, Denis O'Donnell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: William McLaughlin, Phyllis Doherty, Sam Cunningham, Sophia Gollogly, Robert Forbes, Andrew Joseph (Joe) Davies, Margaret (Greta) Davies, Thomas D'Arcy, Thomas Walker, Charles Doherty, Eileen McCarthy, James Tunley, Helen Parry, James Syme, Mary Phair, Roseanna Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Rena Fusco, John Patrick Laydon, Rena Quigley, Josephine Kempton, Joseph Phair, James & Mary Boyle, John McCue, Josephine Ross, Molly Tracy, Annie Kathleen O'Neill, Robert Munro, Peter McDonald, Elizabeth Hoy, Colin Kemp, Robert McArthur and Bridget Allen.

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: Sam Henry & Tessa Haring
... and for next Sunday: Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesday evening between 6.25 and 6.55pm

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. *Jim Roarty writes: Thank you for your ongoing support of this initiative and to the parishioner who generously donated excess food stock from a shop. Many families will benefit from your kindness.*

St. John's

Welcome to the world....Kirsty Anne, a sister for Emma and Douglas, a daughter for David and Sharon McLeay

THEATRE ALBA LEISURE

COMING SOON!! 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. Commencing weekly on Wednesdays, 8pm to 10pm, from 23rd September, 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 19th September	10.00am Mass: 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 20th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass:
Monday 21st September FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW	10.00am Mass: Phyllis Doherty 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 22nd September	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25 to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00 pm Mass:
Wednesday 23rd September <i>Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	10.00am Mass:	
Thursday 24th September	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass:
Friday 25th September	9.30am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 26th September	10.00am Mass: William McLaughlin 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 27th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass:

Being Transformed

‘During the football season, everybody screams with joy or bursts into tears because they want their own side to win. We have our cultural identity, our religious identity – or our irreligious identity. When we are governed by our national or ethnic identity, we quickly fall into rivalry. To avoid a rivalry that can turn to hate, we need to discover something more fundamental...If we develop that which is most intimate in us, we are transformed. We no longer seek glory from the group; instead we become free. That is transformation.’

Jean Vanier in “Living Gently in a Violent World”, p 37.

