

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

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*26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
27th September 2015*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION.

Arlene Lauder writes: 'Please note the following dates for **Primary 3 and Primary 4 Sacramental Preparation**:

Sunday 4th October: 9.30am: 'Do this in Memory' Mass when children will be enrolled for the **Primary 4 programme of preparation for Confirmation and First Communion.**

11.15am: St. Mary Magdalene's: **Children's Mass (focusing especially on P3 children preparing this year for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)**

Monday 28th October: 7pm: St. John's Church Hall: **Sacrament of Reconciliation Meeting** (parents only)
Do contact me on 07950880833 or lauder.82@btinternet.com for further information.'

St John's Church Open Day

St. John's Church will be open on *Saturday 3 October from after 10.00am Mass till 1.30 pm* – coinciding with the market in the Park nearby in order to offer passers-by the chance to enjoy a few moments of quiet reflection and to light a candle. This initiative responds to Pope Francis' stated desire that churches should be open and not merely 'museums'. **To welcome visitors, we would like a team of volunteers doing one-hour stints from the end of 10.00 am Mass till 1.30 pm – two welcomers in each one-hour block.** If you are free to help, please put your name on the sheets at the back of the church.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th September:

10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall **St. John's Party Toddler Group.**

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

7.30 pm: Parish House: **RCIA Enquiry group** meeting

Wednesday 30th September: 6pm (prompt)-8pm: **Charity Auction and Raffle** in aid of **Mary's Meals** at Virgin Money, 28 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1A. Some tickets still available – please contact Rosalind Mackay on 0131 669 0003 or rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

7pm: **Gillis Centre: RCIA Catechists' Evening** - 'Celebrating the Rites' with Patricia Carroll.

7.30 -9.30 pm **St. Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens.** The Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association's first meeting of the year: **'Experience in Latin America - a model for our own Church?'**

- **an interview with Fr. Henry McLaughlin.** See poster at the back of the church for more details.

Thursday 1st October:

4.00pm: **Bereavement Group Meeting**

6.30 for 7.00pm Gillis Centre: **The Gillis Lecture 2015** - delivered by *Fr 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: 10.30-1.30pm: St John's Church Open Day

12.30pm to 4.30pm: Lauriston Centre, Edinburgh. **Archdiocesan Conference on the Mission and Vocation of the Family Today.** Archbishop Leo will celebrate the opening Mass at 12.30pm and give the keynote talk **(If you are willing to represent either parish, please contact Fr Jock on his return from holiday on the 30th).**

NEXT 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 McLulloch 0131 667 8850 or archie.maclulloch@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.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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.'

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.

NOTICEBOARD

PAMOJA FASHION: Saturday 3 October 10.00 to 12.00pm (or 1.00pm) St John's Parish Hall: **Pamoja Fashion - Sale of Quality Clothes and accessories.** Supporting our partnership with Legho Village and Legho Primary School. Tanzanian Tea & Coffee available ... **Karibu!**

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'

.HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST: *Rosalind Mackay writes:* 'Many thanks to all parishioners who generously supported the Quiz in aid of this charity which raised £633.00. Congratulations to **Jane Marin, Alan Davidson and Mr. Halcrow** who correctly answered all 30 questions.'

'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 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 12th & 13th September, 2015

£222.10 (inc Gift Aided: £122.50)

£804.37 (inc Gift Aided: £414.60)

**Special Collection for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund
£175.95**

£485.57

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Mary Hryhorskij, Peter Murray

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Mary Lawrie, Esther Leyland, Arnold Waugh, John Jeffrey, Kathleen (Kitty) Calder, Christine Reidy, Paul McElroy, Patricia McAuley, James Gerard Kelly, Ian Lawrie, Leo Walsh, Alan Ford, Alexander Holligan, David Erskine, Annie Hanlon, Sarah McLelland, Rosemary McDevitt, Mary O'Brien, John Creamer, Thomas O'Neill, Mrs. Reid, Elizabeth Calder, Pauline Tracy, Sarah Stone, Helen Hapke, Anthony Iannarelli, (Infant daughter) Nicora, Theresa Thomson, Louise Patricia Cunningham-Graham, George Clifford Handren and Gladys Patterson.

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 Matrundola, 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: Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall
... and for next Sunday: P3 Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: John Cunningham
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Thursday 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.

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 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:
Monday 28th September	10.00am Mass: Catherine McAllister 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 29th September FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass:
Wednesday 30th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome</i>	10.00am Mass:	
Thursday 1st October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	10.00am Mass: (<i>Funeral Mass for Peter Murray</i>)	6.25 to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass:
Friday 2nd October <i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: St John's School 'New Beginnings' Mass for the opening of the new school year. 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
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 - People of the Parish	11.15am (Children's) Mass:

Awareness and a Suggested Direction

'Once the situation of workers in the United Kingdom and France was more or less resolved through just hours and pay, then people from other countries were brought in to do the jobs others didn't want to do. There is always a need of a poorer person....Our reality is one of division and fear of weakness and death. But somewhere in our hearts there is a desire for peace. The vision of Jesus is that when we meet people at the bottom and help bring them up to trust themselves. Jesus came to announce good news to the poor ...Let's help the poor to rise up, and then help those who have money and power to see that for the sake of peace, which is the greatest food human beings can seek, they too should enter the vision and start helping the weak to rise up.'

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

