

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

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**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



**A warm welcome to Emma Robertson,** the director of **SPRED** (Special Religious Development for children and adults with learning difficulties). Emma will speak briefly at the end of all our Masses this weekend.

**First Eucharist & Confirmation programme for 2015/16:** Fr Jock writes:

*'We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and guardians of children in Primary 4 to an Introductory Meeting to hear an outline of the Sacramental Preparation programme 'Do This in Memory of Me' which will prepare the children to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion in May and June 2016. This meeting will be held in St Mary Magdalene's*

*Church Hall on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.** For further information please contact Arlene Lauder, Co-ordinator of the Children's Sacramental Preparation team (07950 880 833).'*

**ENQUIRY GROUP: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

What does it mean to be a Catholic?

**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, starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please contact Alice Codling (0131 657 1862), email [alicecodling@btinternet.com](mailto:alicecodling@btinternet.com) or Fr Jock (0131 669 5447) email [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) .

**THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** 12.30pm: St John's Church: **Baptism of Leena Winifred Marshall.**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Cillian Graham.**

1.15pm: St John's Church: **Baptism of Chloe Pirie.**

3pm: Carfin Grotto: **National Gathering at Carfin** to pray for the General Synod on the Family which will take place in October. Bishop Joseph Toal extends a warm welcome to Mass concelebrated with members of the Bishops' Conference and priests from across Scotland. Concelebrated Mass will start at 3pm. The Carfin Pilgrimage Centre and St Francis Xavier Centre will be available for use by pilgrims throughout the day. Pilgrims will also be able to visit the recently re-opened shrines within the Grotto.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** 12noon: **Wedding of Genna Marcantonio and Martin Spears.**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** 10am: St John's Church: **Mass with Confirmation of Albert Caballero.**

7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall: **Meeting for P4 Sacramental Initiation parents.**

8.15pm: Parish House: **Meeting of sister parishes' new baptismal team.**

We pray for all refugees, migrants and victims of war, that they may find security,  
be restored to dignity and live in peace.

We pray especially for those who lost their lives in trying to cross borders or seas.

May they rest in peace.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** 7pm to 9pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: **Laudato Si:** The Green Group at Lauriston invites you to get to grips with Pope Francis' challenging and inspiring text, one chapter at a time, during three informal ecumenical discussion evenings (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September). Please contact Sarah at [greeningourstreet@gmail.com](mailto:greeningourstreet@gmail.com) to register and for further details.

### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** 12 to 5pm (gather at 11.45 for Angelus): **St Mary's Haddington: National Youth Pilgrimage to Nunraw Abbey, 'Celebrating Consecrated Life'**. Mass at 3pm at Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw. Main celebrant Archbishop Leo Cushley. (Please bring a packed lunch.) See posters at the back of each Church, or contact [Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:Irene.furlong@staned.org.uk) or Fr Jock for further details.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September:** 7.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Enquiry Group commences for those who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic. See front page of this newsletter for further details. All most welcome!

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** 12.30pm to 4.30pm: Lauriston Centre, Edinburgh. **ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON THE MISSION & VOCATION OF THE FAMILY TODAY.** Marriage & Family Life Coordinator for the Diocese, **Sally McElroy**, writes: 'There will be a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, between the 4<sup>th</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> October in Rome this year, to discuss the Mission and Vocation of the Family Today. To mark this event and to help prepare for the outcome of the Synod, the Archdiocese is holding a conference on **Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 in Lauriston Centre Edinburgh from 12.30pm till 4.30pm.**' More information about the programme is available on the Archdiocesan website. Please do let Fr Jock know if you would like to attend and/or sign up via the website.

### **NOTICEBOARD**

**'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 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October, at the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge.** For further details contact: Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email [rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk).

**ST JOHN'S PORTY TODDLER GROUP.** The toddler group resumes on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** 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**' or send your contact details to [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com).

**ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES. Gardener/Caretaker and Night Supervisor:** Both these posts are currently available at the Gillis centre. For a full job description and application form please contact: Mrs Helen Gardner-Swift, Vice Chancellor, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Phone 0131 623 8900 or email [Helen.Gardner-Swift@staned.org.uk](mailto:Helen.Gardner-Swift@staned.org.uk) (and see church noticeboards).

*Offertory Collection on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015*

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**£270.35 (inc Gift Aided: £142)**

**St John the Evangelist**

**£1,115 (inc Gift Aided: £597)**

**MANY THANKS!**

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those whose have died recently, including:** Alec McGillivray

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Geraldine Durkin, Mark Cunningham, Lorna Demarco, Catherine Lawler, Tom Blore, Mary Ann Lynch, Dinah Spence, Giovanni Crolla, David Docherty, Ann McKay, Bridget Allen, Dinah Spence, Josef Kraska, Thomas Molloy, Jeanette Kempton, Mary Gilchrist, Kenneth Gordon Bevan, George Malcolm, Alexander Baird, James McGrory, John McCann, Bridget Service, Catherine Menzies, Margaret Gallagher, Theresa Morrison, and William Morrison.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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:** Fr Tony McDonald, Denis O'Donnell, 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:** Laura Tweedie & John Wallace  
... and for next Sunday: John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

**Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir  
**Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher

### **200 CLUB**

Madge Moyes announces that the winner of the 200 Club for St Mary Magdalene's and St John's for August is Denis Davidson with number 72 and he wins £25. Congratulation Denis!

**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 this **Monday 7th September** after 10am Mass. Donations will go to 'Aid to the Church in Need.'

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.theatrealba.com).'**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Fr Jock Dalrymple  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Robert Phair	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Anne-Marie Aitken	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> Geraldine Durkin
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Andrew Moffatt  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF</b> <b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Memorial of St Peter Claver</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Gerry Higgins
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Walt Landon	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> SI - Birthday
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Angus McIsaac  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Margaret Green	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass: SI – Divine Mercy for souls</b>

‘Why should there be hunger and deprivation in any land, in any city, at any table, when man has the resources, the scientific know how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life? There is no deficit in human resources. The deficit is in human will.’

*Dr Martin Luther King*