

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER      10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

In this week's newsletter you will find a **Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Scotland** (on the back of the Sunday Plus) concerning the forthcoming election for the Scottish Parliament.

Next Sunday is **the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**. There will be a **special collection** at all Masses next weekend for **Ecclesiastical Students**. Under new guidelines, we are advised that this is one of three Diocesan collections eligible for reclaiming Gift Aid.

**Cluster Parishes.** A two page summary from Archbishop Leo Cushley's meeting with the five Cluster Parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, St Ninian's, Restalrig, St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, St John the Evangelist, Portobello and St Teresa's

Craigmillar on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 is also included with this week's newsletter. A booklet has been compiled by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Resources team to support a series of three follow up meetings to be held over the coming year within our parish cluster. All parishioners in each cluster are warmly invited to attend any or all of the meetings, to listen and to contribute as constructively as possible. The meetings will be organised by the 'Cluster Group' comprising the Priests and Parish Council Chairs. Following the three meetings, a final report will be compiled for submission to the Archbishop by Easter 2017. The dates for your diary and the key questions the Archbishop would like our help to answer are detailed below. If you have any questions about the meeting or next stages then please let Fr Jock know or email [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com).



Date	Activity
<b>St Mary Star of the Sea, Leith</b> <b>Saturday 18th June 2016</b> 10am Mass, followed by the meeting from 11am to 12.30pm. -	- Where do you see signs of spiritual vibrancy in your cluster parishes and how could these be strengthened?
<b>St Ninians Restalrig,</b> <b>Saturday 29th October 2016</b> 10am Mass, followed by the meeting from 11am to 12.30pm. -	- Where do you see signs of physical vibrancy in terms of such things as finances and buildings?
<b>St Teresa's on Saturday 25th February 2017</b> 10am Mass, followed by the meeting from 11am to 12.30pm. -	- What pastoral provision could be shared among your cluster parishes and what, in your considered opinion, would need to remain a single parish provision?

**The Diaconate – and our new Deacon-in Training:** Fr Jock writes: 'In the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book in which St Luke follows up his Gospel by recounting the life of the Early Church, we hear of the creation of seven deacons, including St Stephen, with a particular emphasis on service (the Greek word 'diakonia' means service). In time, there emerged the Church a threefold structure of Bishop-Priest-Deacon. However, in the fifth century, the deacon as a permanent rather than transitional role (on the way to priesthood) began to disappear in the Western Church, although remaining prominent in the Orthodox Church. Incidentally, there is clear evidence that women were also deacons during these early centuries.'

In 1967, Pope Paul VI reintroduced the diaconate as something that could be permanent – and was open to married - and single - men (although there has been considerable and increasing debate as to whether the diaconate should be reopened to women too). Deacons could (and can) celebrate marriages, baptise, bury and preach at the Eucharist. Since the late sixties they have been prominent in every continent, although our archdiocese was slow to encourage men to come forward and offer themselves for service in this way. That said, married deacons have worked in different parishes in the diocese for almost thirty years.

In recent years, a full five year programme, has been in place – and three deacons will be ordained for service in the diocese this June. Eddie White, married to Tanya, a fellow teacher, and father of three, completed the preparatory year last year and is coming to the end of the first of the four year academic course.

Eddie (who taught Maths at Holy Rood High School and now teaches at Ross High School) and Tanya were members of the parish a few years ago and recently returned to the parish. We are all feeling our way as to his gradual involvement in ministry in the parish – and ask everybody’s prayers and support for him, Tanya and the children.’

**Eddie writes:** ‘As a family of five, Tanya, Eddie, Fergus, Benedict and Eloise, we returned to St John's six months ago. Such was the welcome that we never even got sat down before being welcomed with equal warmth by those who did and didn't know us. Two weeks later, our ten year old was playing guitar at mass and receiving the help and encouragement that goes far beyond the expectation of a normal parish. Even though one of us is training to be a permanent deacon, a great point of importance to both us is that we have been welcomed in both parishes as equals. If anyone wants to contact us about what’s involved in the permanent diaconate, please feel free to email [eddie@eddiwhite.com](mailto:eddie@eddiwhite.com) or see us after 9.30am Mass at St John’s. We always go for coffee as this is the highlight of the week for Eloise, our three year old. We also look forward to getting to know the parishioners of St Mary Magdalene’s in the coming months as well.’

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** 7pm: St John’s Church Hall: **Lenten House Groups Get-Together. All participants and leaders most welcome as we reflect on and evaluate the Lenten meetings....**

7.30pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: **Remembering the Easter Rising.** A series of talks over three Mondays, commencing with ‘**The Irish Catholic church and the Easter rising**’ presented by Professor Oliver Rafferty.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** 9.45am: St Mary Magdalene’s Church: **Mass with St John’s Primary 4 pupils.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** 4pm: St Mary Magdalene’s: **Reception of Liz Davis’ body.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April:** 12noon: St Mary Magdalene’s Church: **Requiem Mass for Liz Davis.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** 1pm: St John’s Church. **Baptism of Harry Mclaughlin.**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** 9.30am: St John’s Church. **Mass with Baptism of Katie Waite.**

1pm: St John’s Church. **Visit to Nunraw.** A Group will be going to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw on Sunday 17th April, leaving St John's at 1pm and returning at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich. Tea and goodies will be provided. Further details from Maria Igoe 669 0247.

#### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.30pm: Parish House. **St John’s Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.**

#### **NOTICEBOARD**

**ROCK TRUST.** Nightstop Edinburgh is seeking volunteer hosts to offer an occasional spare room for the night to a young person in a moment of crisis. All young people are assessed before placement and 24 hour support is available. If you would consider offering a safe and warm home for the night to prevent a young person from sleeping rough and would like to find out more about this project you are warmly invited to an information evening on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm to 8pm,** The Underground, 55 Albany Street, Edinburgh. RSVP to [admin@rocktrust.org](mailto:admin@rocktrust.org).

**PAMOJA FASHION ..... SPRING FORWARD IN STYLE!**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL @ 7.30pm in St John’s Church Hall.**

**An opportunity to update your wardrobe and accessories for the new season.**

**£3 entry donation (Includes a glass of wine and refreshments.)**

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Ellie Meagher, Liz Davis, Margaret Grieve, Barbara Muchall, and John Mitchell.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Jimmy Igoe, Elizabeth Meagher, George Peddieson, Alexander Holligan, Mary Quadbeck, Michael Gilmartin, John Burns, John Heron, Edmund F Flannigan, Kathleen Scott, Charles McCann, James Ward Snr, John Rae Snr, Andrew Mannering, Alexandrina Rae Mackay, Mrs Duffy, Elizabeth Demarco (Fusco), Catherine O'Brien, Veronica Rowley, and Elizabeth Delaney.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Mary Phair, Mona Scouler, Patrick Doherty, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, Lorna Dickson, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Laurie Wallace, Sean McGovern Jnr., Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Bernard Traynor, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, 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:**

... and for next Sunday:

**'Do This in Memory of Me Mass'**

Mary Fenwick & Catriona MacGillivray

**Bidding Prayers:** Peggy Ferguson

*In the news! Parishioners, Kathy Gallagher and Bernard Ayers, who were awarded Diocesan medals by Archbishop Leo Cushley on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March are featured in this week's Scottish Catholic Observer [www.sconews.co.uk](http://www.sconews.co.uk)*

## St. John's

*Many congratulations to Sr Rosemary Kirkland (sister of Joyce Martin & Evelyn Buckley) who celebrated her Diamond Jubilee as a Sister of Marie Reparatrice on 19<sup>th</sup> March, and for whose intentions Mass on the morning of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April will be celebrated.*

Fr Jock writes: 'Many thanks to Maria Igoe and all who supported last Monday's coffee morning. £150 was raised for Sr Margaret Mary and the Pastoral Centre in Rwanda. Thanks, too, to all those who have contributed to the sponsored slim – over £1000 has been donated already.'

**Parish Mass Book.** There are 40 copies of the Parish Mass Book (Year C Volume 1) available at the back of the Church for those who like to follow the Mass and the readings ... St Mary Magdalene's use the book regularly and it was used at St John's at the 3pm Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**VIGIL:** P Hunter, V Paterson, O Brooks.

**SUNDAY:** L Moran, T Burgess, P Connarty, C Dempsey, G Gallagher.

**Parish Pastoral Council.** Jim Roarty writes: 'The next meeting is on **Monday 18 April**. If you have any items you wish included on the agenda, please forward them to Pauline Connarty, Parish Administrator.'

### *Offertory Collections for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April*

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
£450.71 (inc: £311 Gift Aided)

**St John the Evangelist**  
£921.22 (inc: £472.20 Gift Aided)  
*Easter Offering*  
£174.50 Gift Aided

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> Michael Hayes <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Agnes Clyne	<b>11.15am Mass</b> Bishop Ian Murray
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST STANISLAUS</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Simon Benson  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> SI – suffering in Gethsemane	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Memorial of St Martin</i>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>9.45am Mass with Primary 4 pupils from St John's</b> SI – Bernard & Ella Ayers, in thanksgiving for them.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7pm Mass</b> Hugh Jack
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.15am 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>12 noon: Requiem Mass for Liz Davis</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> SI – Sr Rosemary's Diamond Jubilee <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> Jimmy Igoe	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass</b> Bishop Ian Murray

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