

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

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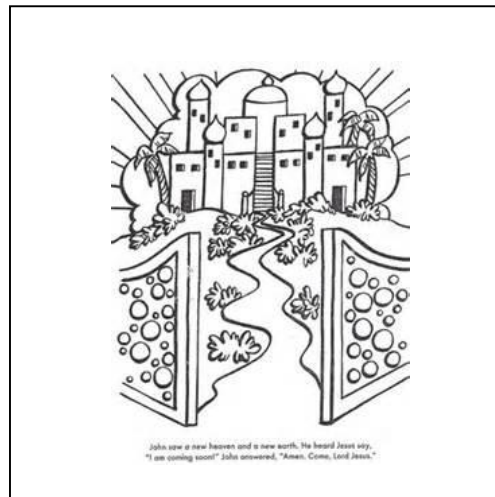
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 24th APRIL 2016

We remember with affection and gratitude Fr Tom Hennessy, parish priest of St Mary Magdalene's for two decades, whose first anniversary is today, Sunday 24 April. The 11.15am Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for his ministry.

In response to a request from Pope Francis, **there will be a special collection at all masses next weekend to help alleviate the tragic consequences of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.** On Sunday 3rd April in St Peter's Square the Holy Father spoke about the grave situation facing the Ukrainian people. Armed conflict in eastern Ukraine continues still, resulting in many dead and injured. It is estimated that there are over 1.5 million people displaced throughout the country, and more than half a million people in urgent need of food. All funds raised will be used to help those living in conflict zones and those displaced who have not benefited from international aid.



Sr Margaret Mary writes with grateful thanks to parishioners who have been so generous in supporting **Fr Jock's sponsored slim to raise money for the pastoral centre in Rwanda.** 'Here it has been a race against time to get the new building ready'. Accommodation was provided for 108 people, and '...in the end only 5 had to sleep on the floor, as the beds were not ready! Neither were the chairs, but the people said "We came for something else so comfort is secondary". ... I hope the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies were blessed. ... Human effort does not seem able to stop the advance of war & genocide ... yet the Christian message is there as life, joy and peace. I think Pope Francis has found a way of convincing people of that.' Two events taking place in the coming weeks will also raise funds for the project in Rwanda - St John's Church Summer Fayre on Saturday 7th May which will donate half of the proceeds raised, and a concert, taking place **on the evening of Wednesday 4th May in St John's Church.** **Martin Aelred, will present an evening of songs and music from around the world in a concert entitled 'Around the World in 80 Minutes'.** Entrance will be free, with a retiral collection from which half of the proceeds will go to Sr Margaret Mary's project in Rwanda (the other half will cover Martin's own costs).

'AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES'

MARTIN AELRED

PRESENTS

SONGS & MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTOBELLO.

Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm.

ENTRANCE FREE

(There will be a leaving collection from which half of the proceeds will be donated to Sr Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre in Rwanda.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th April: 9.30am: St John's Church. **Children's Mass.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church. **Mass with Anointing of the Sick.**

6pm: St John's Church: **Reception of Mona Scoular's body into church.**

Monday 25th April: 11am: St John's Church. **Requiem Mass for Mona Scoular.**

5pm: Parish House. **St Mary Magdalen Finance Committee meeting.**

7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church. **Confirmation Parents' Meeting. (Please note change of venue.)**

7.30pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: **'God and the Easter Rising'**. Owen Dudley Edwards.

Wednesday 27th April: 7pm: St Mark's Church Music Festival featuring **Spurtle** along with **Philomusica of Edinburgh:** 'The Four Seasons with sonnets read by Roger Chalmers-Lang.

Thursday 28th April: 7.30pm: St Mary Star of the Sea Church Hall. **Hustings for Scottish Elections.** All the MSP Candidates for the area have agreed to attend and the event will take the form of the BBC programme Question Time.

Saturday 30th April: 7pm: St Mark's Church Music Festival featuring Ciaran & Katy with special guest Brian McGlynn. 'Folk music with highlights of country and jazz.'

Sunday 1st May: 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church. **Mass with baptisms of Daisy & Eve Williamson and Reece Gianblanco.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 2nd May: 2.30 pm: St John's: **Mass with Anointing of the Sick**

Wednesday 4th May: 7pm: St John's: **MARTIN AELRED. Charity Concert 'Around the World in Music'.**

Sunday 8th May: 7pm: St John's Church Hall. **St John's Open Parish Meeting.**

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock, will be away on two midweek breaks in the coming month. From Tuesday to Saturday next week he will be meeting two Canadian priests from Vancouver who were with him at the Beda College in Rome in the 1980s; and in the second week of May he will be with his priests' support group (4 priests from the diocese) on a pilgrimage of sorts to St Ninian's Whithorn, a cradle of Christianity in Scotland. **Fr John Robinson** will kindly be covering for him on both occasions, as well as this Saturday evening (Fr James Tracey is recovering from illness).

PORTOBELLO CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB (Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July: 9am to 12.45pm)

If you would like to register your child/children for this popular summer club at Portobello & Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Philip's) please contact Fr Jock or a member of the parish team. There will be a **May Activity Day on Monday 23rd May** from 9am to 12noon for primary school children who would like to sample what's on offer. **If you are interested in volunteering as a helper please speak to Fr Jock.** Further enquiries to michellebrown26@googlemail.com or contact Pauline Connarty in the parish office on 669 5447.

ST MARK'S MUSIC FESTIVAL. A series of concerts taking place during April & May at St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High Street. Tickets £6 (under 16s free). See church noticeboards and newsletter diary section for further details or visit www.stmarksportobello.org



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 7th MAY

10am to 1pm

St John's Church Hall, Brighton Place, Portobello.

Come along and enjoy teas, coffees and home baking, tombola, plant stall, face painting, and lots more!

All most welcome.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mona Scoular, Kitty Szeceres, and John Cochran.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Fr Tom Hennessy, Mollie Brogan, Eileen Jordan, Donald McLeod, Margaret Connelly, Helen Loftus, John Bell, Harry McGroarty, Beatrice (Trix) Lawler, Alice Ashburner, Hans Janik, Peggie Desmond, Mary Robertson, James Passmore, William Corrigan, Stan Brown, Christopher Rourke, George Cockburn, Alexander Hunter, Jean Flucker, Keith Rostant, Iain Wilson, Marion Holligan and Margot Tweedie.

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mary Phair, 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, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Joan Young, baby James Archibald Higgins, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dymna 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: Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes
... and for next Sunday John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas
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Many congratulations to two St John's pupils, Brodie & Lucas, who raised £108.20 for SCIAF with a cake bake at St John's and St Mary Magdalene's on Easter Day! The boys would like to thank everyone for their support.

St. John's

Congratulations to Michal Tansey... Michal, our altar boy at the vigil mass, has been chosen to captain one of two Scotland teams that are going to play in an international basketball tournament for under 12 boys in Andorra at the end of the month. (The team are fundraising to cover costs and Michal and one of his team mates, also from Portobello, have set up a Justgiving page if anyone would be able to contribute. <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/anne-budo>)...and **warm birthday greetings to his grandmother, Sheila Tansey**, who celebrated her 75th birthday last Monday, 18 April.

Summer Fayre in St John's Church Hall on Saturday 7th May. Gena Gallagher writes: 'If you would like to volunteer to help with our Summer Fayre please speak to me (661 1311) or Chris or Pauline in the Parish Office. We would be very grateful for home baking on the day, and in the meantime if you could donate a prize (or two!) for the tombola or raffle these can be left in the designated box at the back of the Church or handed in to the parish house (phone Pauline Connarty 669 5447). Many thanks.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: J Roarty, J Plews, M Watson.

SUNDAY: E Buckley, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy, M McDiarmid, C Volpe.

Many congratulations to Sandra Cooper, who retired from work on Friday 22nd April!

Offertory Collections for 16th & 17th April

St Mary Magdalene's
£277.48 (inc. £166 Gift Aided)

Ecclesiastical Students Fund
£193.45 (inc. £20 Gift Aided)

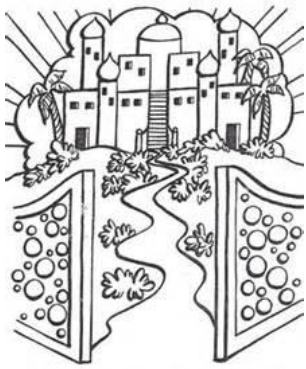
St John the Evangelist
£1,076.26 (inc. £548.70 Gift Aided)

£494.70 (inc. £85 Gift Aided)

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23rd April <i>Memorial of St George</i> <i>Memorial of St Adalbert</i>	10am Mass 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 24th April <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	9.30am Children's Mass <div style="text-align: right;">Canon John Macauley</div>	11.15am Mass with Anointing of the Sick & Elderly <div style="text-align: right;">Fr Tom Hennessy</div>
Monday 25th April <i>FEAST OF ST MARK</i>	11.00am Requiem Mass for Mona Scoular 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 26th April	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10am Mass Margaret Connelly
Wednesday 27th April	10.00am Mass Eileen Jordan	
Thursday 28th April <i>Memorial of St Peter Chanel</i> <i>Memorial of St Louis Grignion de Montfort</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass Linda Wisbach
Friday 29th April <i>FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA</i>	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass Srs Reginette, Anselm, Judith & Marguerite – martyred in Yemen. 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 30th April <i>Memorial of St Pius V</i>	10.00am Mass Margaret Grieve 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 1st May <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	9.30am Mass <div style="text-align: right;">Mollie Brogan</div>	11.15am Mass with baptisms <div style="text-align: right;">Donald Mcleod</div>

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John saw a new heaven and a new earth. He heard Jesus say,
"I am coming soon!" John answered, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."