

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

3RD APRIL 2016



Many thanks to all who have returned SCIAF 'wee boxes'. The UK Government will match every £1 donated to SCIAF this Easter, but we must have this money counted and returned to SCIAF in early May. Please do remember to hand in your 'wee box' soon if you haven't already done so.

'Sponsored Slim' – Fr Jock peaked at 9lb weight loss on Holy Saturday and is very grateful to all his sponsors (if less so for the considerable number who accompanied their generous donations with a 'Now, don't stop there' ...). He writes: 'I received an email in Holy Week from St Margaret Mary in Rwanda: 'Our first big group in the new extension comes on 15th April – 37 married couples – so a prayer please. Two priests and a sister are helping us.' Thanks so much to all whose generosity is helping to furnish that extension.'

Next week-end, 9/10 April, will see the official '**introduction**' of our new deacon-in-training, **Eddie White**, and his wife **Tanya**, and their family – and an explanation of the background to married deacons.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th April: 9.30am: Mass with baptism of Fionn Briain Collingwood

Tuesday 5th April: 7.30pm: Parish House: RCIA Resumes.

Wednesday 6th April: 7.45pm: Parish House: Parishes' Communications Meeting.

Saturday 9th April: 10.30am: St Catherine's Convent of Mercy, Lauriston Gdns: Legion of Mary Retreat and Acies Service of Consecration to Our Lady. Maria Igoe writes: 'This Retreat will be given by Fr Stefan Park, OSA, and the Acies will be conducted by Canon Joseph McMullan. There will be a charge of £5. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please assemble for the Retreat at 10.30am. The Acies will begin at 3pm.' For further information, please contact Maria Igoe - 669 0247.

Sunday 10th April: 9.30am: St John's Church: Please note there will be no Children's Mass

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Mass with 'Do This in Memory' for P4 Children & the presentation of the Our Father.

THEATRE ALBA LEISURE GROUP PRESENTS

'THE WORLD'S WONDER'

Thursday 7th April & Friday 8th April at 7.30pm at Netherbow Theatre Scottish Storytelling Centre,
43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1AR. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions). Phone 0131 556 9579.

Something out of the ordinary ... by the group that practices in the St John's Church Hall.

PAMOJA FASHION SPRING FORWARD IN STYLE

Spring Forward in Style - an opportunity to update your wardrobe and accessories for the new season. Friday 15 April 7.30pm onwards in St John's Hall. £3 entry donation which includes a glass of wine and refreshments. Donations of designer, new and nearly new clothes and accessories welcome. Please leave them in the basket at the back of the church. (There will be no Twende Pamoja sale on Saturday 2nd April.)

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 11th April: 7pm: St John's Church Hall: **Lenten House Groups Get-Together.** All participants in the Lenten House Groups are invited to meet up to reflect on the experience – and relax over tea and coffee and home baking!

LAURISTON JESUIT CENTRE 'Remembering the Easter Rising'

Monday 11th April: 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, SJ. Admission by donation. For further information contact James Crampsey SJ on 0131 477 5788 or email jcrampsey@lauriston.org.uk.

Monday 18th April: 7.30pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: **'The Easter rising: its impact on Scotland'**, presented by Professor Sir Thomas Devine.

Monday 25th April: 7.30pm: Lauriston Jesuit Centre: **'God and the Easter Rising'**. Owen Dudley Edwards.

NOTICEBOARD

A Pilgrimage and a Retreat at the Schoenstatt Shrine in the Campsie Hills.

1. **The Residential Pilgrimage 2016: God's Mercy in Our Lives (A Year of Mercy Pilgrimage).** Friday 20th May (arrive 10.30am) to Saturday 21st May (depart 11.30am). Cost £65 (includes lunch, dinner & breakfast, refreshments & materials.)
2. **Mind, Body & Soul 2016.** A One Day Residential Retreat. Friday 27th May (arrive 10.30am) to Saturday 28th May (depart 11.30am). Cost £80. This retreat focuses on the holistic health of the individual, and incorporates diet, and wellness. If you are looking to improve your health, wishing to lose weight or are diabetic or with other health issues, this course will provide guidance on healthy eating, juicing for health, advanced nutrition and much more. Includes lunch, dinner & breakfast as well as a range of tastings, refreshments, and a selection of materials for a healthy lifestyle.

Full details of both these retreats can be found on the Schoenstatt website by clicking events on the homepage at www.schoenstatt.co.uk or phone 01360 312 718.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. For further details visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or phone 0161 941 3498.

THE GARDEN ROOM AT DUDDINGSTON KIRK. Morag Donaldson, Secretary of PACT, writes: 'Duddingston Kirk has embarked on an exciting new project to develop the glebe land between the manse and Duddingston Loch ... As part of this project we will shortly be opening a new Garden Room café in the existing glass fronted hall overlooking Duddingston Loch. This is an opportunity for us to show Christian hospitality to the many visitors to the gardens. The café will be staffed by volunteers and we would like to welcome volunteers from other Churches in the area. We know that some of you already serve in this way in your own Churches but if you have a few hours to spare and feel that this might be for you, we would love to hear from you. Or please just come along and have a cup of tea and slice of cake. The café will be open Wed to Sat from 10-2 and Sunday, 1-4 from 30th March. More information from Anne McCrossan 283 7193, anne@parametersevents.co.uk'

Offertory Collections for 26th & 27th March

St Mary Magdalene's
£519.86 (inc: £282 Gift Aided)

Easter Offering

St John the Evangelist
£1547.40 (inc: £640.15 Gift Aided)

£621.30 (inc: £501.30 Gift Aided)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Simon Benson and Michael Henry.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Terence Anderson, Agnes Clyne, James Bryce, Margaret Skead, Mary Campbell, Dennis Holligan, Norah Cavaye, Annie Bonnar, Maureen Pitter, Grace Kelegher, Elizabeth Rennie, Betty Munro, Fr Joseph Magee, Patrick Taylor, Pierino Crolla, Elizabeth Dyer, Catherine McAllister, Aaron Duffus, Elizabeth Gibson, John Haddow, Agnes Christie, Bob Grierson, Gino Nicora, George Lawler, Mary Thorburn (Hazlett), William Finn, Robert Fawcett, Anna Maria Nicholson and Patrick Cafferkie

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mary Phair, Mona Scoular, 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: Liz Davis, Laurie Wallace, Sean McGovern Jnr., 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: Bernard Traynor, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dymphna 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.

LEGHO

MR MICHAEL HENRY. Rest in Peace.

Mike Knox writes: *'Michael Henry was born in 1927 and died last week at the age of 89 and was buried at home on Wednesday, as is the custom. He had 8 children, 20 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was the first Chairman of Legho Small Christian Communities. Legho was the first place in Tanzania to introduce and implement the Small Christian Community model. Since then it has spread and become the policy of all the Dioceses in Tanzania that every Parish should be divided into these small communities of about 10 families in each. He visited St John's shortly after the partnership began in 1984 and subsequently welcomed many to Legho. It was the idea of Small Christian Communities and what we could learn, as well as share, that led to the beginning of our partnership. There is a short film on the St John's & St Mary Magdalene's Facebook page which shows something of what has developed over these years - in Legho and beyond. You may recognise many parishioners, some looking much younger!'*

Readers for Easter Sunday: Tessa Haring & Sam Henry **Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir
... and for next Sunday: **'Do This in Memory of Me Mass'**

**ST MARY
MAGDALENE'S**

SCIAF. Una Gallagher writes: 'Thank you to everyone who made the Children's Stations of the Cross such a success especially thank you to our young readers who led us so well. The collection raised £60 bringing the total the children have raised for SCIAF to £340 (and this will be doubled by the Westminster Government.)'

200 CLUB. Madge Moyes writes: 'The winner of the 200 Club this month is No. 41, Isobel Forbes. Well done Isobel!'

St. John's

Many congratulations to Ina McNama, who celebrated her 101st birthday on Easter Monday, March 28th !

Maria Igoe writes: 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 4th April in the Hall after 10am Mass. Donations will go to the Charity Fr Jock is supporting in Rwanda.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: C Vinestock, J Martin, J Roarty.

SUNDAY: K Gallagher, A Tanzi, L Dick, L Young, M Slight.

And finally ... congratulations to Theresa Durkin-Spence, who retired from work on Thursday 31st March.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 2nd April <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass John O'Donnell 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass Fr Joe McShane	
Sunday 3rd April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9.30am Mass Mary Scollan	11.15am Mass People of the Parish
Monday 4th April SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am Mass: Una Docherty 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 5th April <i>Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Kathleen Kerr
Wednesday 6th April	10.00am Mass Special Intention	
Thursday 7th April MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass SI - Thanksgiving
Friday 8th April	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass Margaret Scanlon 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 9th April	10.00am Mass Michael Hayes 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 10th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Mass Agnes Clyne	11.15am Mass Bishop Ian Murray

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