

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

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*TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
28th AUGUST 2016*

**Please remember in your prayers St John's parishioner Jimmy Gallagher** who passed away on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Jimmy will be fondly remembered by many parishioners for his service to the parish over many years in so many ways. Our thoughts are with Kathy and the family. Jimmy's funeral will take place on Tuesday 6th September at 10am at St John's.

**A fond farewell** (of sorts in that she will very much continue to be an important member of the community of our two parishes) **to Pauline Connarty, Parish Administrator for the last two years and two months**, with deep thankfulness for all she has contributed in that time. Her many qualities have ensured that all who have visited or contacted the parish house will remember her with both gratitude and fondness. **Our two parishes' debt to her is enormous....**

**...and the warmest of welcomes, and gratitude too, to our new Parish(es) Administrator, Karen Blair**, who shadowed Pauline last week and will begin in post this week. **Karen is a parishioner of St Gabriel's, Prestonpans** – we look forward to introducing her at greater length in next week's newsletter.

**This Sunday**, there is the Annual Special Collection for the African Missions and the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel/Palestine.

**As an insert** to this week's newsletter you will find **the annual statement relating to Awareness and Safety in our Parish Communities**. On the back of this insert is **the annual summary of accounts for the St Vincent de Paul Conference**, Edinburgh East (ie St John's and St Mary Magdalene's!).

**THIS SUNDAY** there is the first of two new initiatives for the Autumn in association with St Mark's Episcopal Church and with other Portobello and Area Churches.

- **'THE GOD QUESTION'** – with Revd. Russell Moffat of St Martin's Parish Church at St John's Church Hall on 3 Sunday Evenings (7pm-8.30pm) 28 August, 4 and 11 September.

Russell Moffat will introduce an acclaimed DVD with **world renowned contributors** from both sides of the **science/God debate** focusing on three main areas: **the Cosmos, Evolution**, and the hidden depths of **Mind and Consciousness**. Each session will involve presentation and discussion – no prior knowledge of science is necessary. There will be no cost either.

(And from **Sunday 6 November to Sunday 27 November**, the second initiative, **'a Retreat in Daily Life'** – a chance to pray with scripture and meet twice a week with experienced and sensitive prayer guides ... **more details soon.**)

**JUSTICE AND PEACE: Bethany Night Shelters:** Jim Roarty writes: 'Bethany Christian Trust organises night shelters in church halls – a different hall each evening – during the winter months where homeless people sleeping rough can get a hot meal, a wash and a warm place to sleep for the night. Although our halls are not big enough, we can provide teams to prepare the hot meal. Can you offer your services for one or, at most, two nights over the 6 months from mid-Oct – mid April, please, from 6.30 – 11pm approx. Those of you who did the SVdP soup kitchen in Jericho House will confirm that it is not a difficult task but it makes such a difference to those in such difficult circumstances. A list for volunteers is at the back of the church. If you would like any more info, contact Jim Roarty (669 0896 or [jimroarty@talktalk.net](mailto:jimroarty@talktalk.net)) or any member of the J&P Group.'

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

### What does it mean to be a Catholic?

Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic?  
Do you know anyone 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 6<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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** 9.30am: St John's - Mass with baptism of Cormac Sutherland.

1pm to 7.30pm - A minibus will be going to Nunraw for the celebration of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Archbishop Leo Cushley. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.

7.00pm: St John's Hall - 'The God Question'. All welcome.

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August** 10.30am - St John's - Funeral service of William Burns

2.30pm St John's - Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass) The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. All are invited to the Hall afterwards for refreshments. Please come along.

**Tuesday, 30 August** 7pm – Parish House : Newly convened Fire Team Meeting - (New members welcome.)

7.45pm : Parish House - Cluster Planning Meeting

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** 7.30pm - Parish House - Baptism Preparation Meeting 2

7.30pm : Parish House: St John's Fabric Committee Meeting

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** 10.00am – 12.00 noon. Twende Pamoja Clothing Sale: Sale of quality clothes and accessories. Teas and coffees available

10.30am – 1.00pm: St John's Open Church

10.45am: Parish House- Lectio Divina Group meeting. All welcome to reflect together on the Sunday readings.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of St Margaret of Scotland

**3pm: Concelebrated Mass.** 'The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Philip Tartaglia and the Homilist is Archbishop Leo Cushley. Year of Mercy – Sacrament of Reconciliation – A number of bishops and priests will be available to hear confessions in St Francis Xavier's Parish and at points in the Grotto from 12 noon until shortly before Mass.'

**7.00pm** St John's Hall: 'The God Question 2'

### IN THE COMING WEEKS

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September :** 7.30pm : Parish House - St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September :** 10am: St John's: Requiem Mass for Jimmy Gallagher.

7.30pm - Parish House - RCIA Enquiry Group Commences. All would be warmly welcome at our informal gatherings. (See front of newsletter for further details.)

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm** - Afternoon Tea at Gillis Fundraiser for Aged and Infirm Clergy – Tickets £5 per person (for tickets please call Gillis Reception 0131 623 8911)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** 7.30pm – Lauriston Centre: 'The Church and Non-Violence: Just peace or just war' with Pat Gaffney, Secretary General of Pax Christi UK. Pat recently attended the conference in Rome on Non-violence and Just Peace. This conference delivered an appeal to the church to re-commit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence. Come along and hear more about that conference, about the work of Pax Christi and about what Christians can do for peace in Scotland. The meeting is organised by Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Weapons, the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Scotland and the Scottish Commission for Justice.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE MUSICAL EVENING Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in St John's Church Hall.



You are invited to come along to St John's Church Hall for an evening of your favourite songs – and join in with them too!

BYOB – cheese and nibbles will be provided.

The funds raised will go towards buying food for the Bethany night shelters. Admission only £5

## NOTICEBOARD

**ALTAR SERVERS.** John Lauder writes: “*Any young person who has made their first communion and would like to be an Altar server is invited along to a taster and training session after Sunday Mass at either St John’s or St Mary Magdalene’s for a maximum of 45mins on 11 September*”. See John Lauder or Fr Jock for more information. John’s Contact details are 07710 626 697 and [lauder.82@btinternet.com](mailto:lauder.82@btinternet.com)

**NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP: ‘A Sense of Belonging’:** Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall, 17 Newbigging, Musselburgh, EH21 7AJ: **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30 – 8.30pm** (six weekly sessions) ‘New Beginnings is a six week coping skills support group for those struggling with **bereavement, separation or divorce** and who would like to find positive ways to move forward. The group can help to: Alleviate the sense of loss and loneliness, build up self-esteem and confidence. It seeks to enable participants to take small steps in the right direction, ease feelings and lift mood and to find a sense of hope. For further information please contact: Catherine Wallace on 07591097732.’

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Jimmy Gallagher, Vincent Boyle, Mary Thomson and June Keppie.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** James Connelly

**St John’s:** **Aug.27** :- Charles (Tony) Emslie (1998); Denis Kelly (1997); Agnes J McKay (1986); **Aug.28** :- Mary Holligan (2001); Michael Meldrum (1975); James Waldie (1960); Patrick Birnie (1940); **Aug.29** :- Norrie Lamb (1997); Jean Connelly (1982); **Aug.30** :- Kathleen O’Donnell (1994); Len Buckley (1992); **Aug.31** :- James B Waugh (1997); Anne Conway (1973); **Sept.1** :- Isabella Bowyer (2009); Agnes Finn (1979); Joseph G O’Kane (1964); **Sept.2** :- Sarah Brown (2002); Eileen Bannon (1967);

**St. Mary Magdalene’s:** **Aug.27** :- Bridget Gillespie (2003); William Kempton (2001); Catherine Muir (2001); **Aug.29** :- Jean Connelly (1982); **Aug.30** :- Agnes Gibson (2007); **Aug.31** :- Ann Fraser (2002);

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John’s:** Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, 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, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Maimie 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:** Rose McKay, Anne McGeachie, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O’Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Tina Stevenson, George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O’Donnell, 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

**Readers for this Sunday:** Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick  
... and for next Sunday Anne Jabir and John Cunningham

**Bidding Prayers:** Peggy Ferguson  
**Bidding Prayers:** Aileen Hall

### St John’s

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**VIGIL:**C Vinestock, M Reilly, J Martin. **SUNDAY:** K Gallagher, J Rynn, T Burgess, P Connarty, C Dempsey

### *Offertory Collections for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August*

**St Mary Magdalene’s**  
£314.58 (inc. £131.00 Gift Aided)

**St John the Evangelist**  
£975.33 (inc. £475.22 Gift Aided)

Many thanks

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST MONICA</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Canon Pat O'Hare	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Mgr James Rae	<b>11.15am Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday, 29 August</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>10.30m</b> Funeral Service for William Burns <b>2.30pm – Mass with Anointing</b> <b>7– 8pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 30 August</b>	<b>10am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.25 – 6.55pm</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, 31 August</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST AIDAN</i>	<b>10.00am Mass :</b> Len Buckley	
<b>Thursday, 1 September</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST GILES</i>		<b>10.00am Mass</b> Vincent Boyle
<b>Friday, 2 September</b>	<b>9.25 – 9.55am –</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am Mass</b> <b>3pm – 4pm – Divine Mercy Devotions</b>	
<b>Saturday, 3 September</b> <i>MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> June Keppie <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> SI – Sick Person	
<b>Sunday, 4 September</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass –</b> James Connelly	<b>11.15am Mass :</b> People of the parish

### *Balance*

Because of our individual richness and complexity, we all need different kinds of nourishment on the journey towards wholeness. Some of these feed our heart and ability to relate, some our intellect, others our capacity for generosity and action, others again our search for God and hunger for the infinite. However, some people over-nourish one part of themselves and neglect others; they then grow unbalanced and lack unity.

*Jean Vanier, Community and Growth (p167)*

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