

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

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*NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
7TH AUGUST*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A PICNIC IN THE PARK TODAY ...
WELCOME!**

On behalf of the pastoral councils of the parishes of St John the Evangelist & St Mary Magdalene you are invited to an informal gathering to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fr Jock's ordination to the priesthood.

Please join us in Brighton Park, Portobello, today 7th August from 1pm to 4pm.

Bring a picnic. Please note – barbeques are not permitted in the park. Dogs welcome but City of Edinburgh Council policy states they must be kept under close control

Children's activities and live music.....

WELCOME!

If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

A New Administrator for our two parishes, Veronica Wright, has just been appointed after the interviewing of three excellent candidates last week. Veronica will start work officially at the beginning of September – after a gradual handover this month, thanks to the generosity of Pauline Connarty, our present administrator.

Apologies...we have three special collections in the next month: there will be an extra special collection this weekend in response to the **Emergency Appeal by SCIAF on behalf of the people of Africa.** Bishop Toal writes: 'Millions are going hungry in the worst drought to hit eastern and southern Africa for 50 years. SCIAF is getting life-saving food to those who need it most but many more families need your help. The Scottish Government will match every £1 we raise for Malawi, up to at least £70,000. We are also reaching out to people in Ethiopia and South Sudan. Please give what you can and remember the people of Africa in your prayers.'

This will be followed next Sunday 14 August **by the annual Mission Appeal** – by Sr Maureen Donohue, a Missionary Sister of St Columban; and finally, a fortnight after that, there is the annual second collection for the African Missions, and the upkeep of the Holy Places.

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 6th September, in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please contact Alice Codling (0131 657 1862), email alicecodling@btinternet.com or Fr Jock (0131 669 5447) email stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com.

Two new initiatives for the Autumn in association with St Mark's Episcopal Church and with other Portobello and Area Churches: More details next week....

- 'The God Question' – with Rev Russell Moffat of St Martin's – 7-8.30pm – St John's Church Hall – Sunday 29 August, 4 and 11 September
- 'Retreat in Daily Life' – Sunday 6 November to Sunday 27 November.

THIS WEEK

Monday 8th August: 10.30am: St John's Hall: **Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of Sight Savers. All welcome.

Tuesday 9th August: 11.00am: Parish House: **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

Friday 12th August: 5.30pm: **Wedding rehearsal for Michael Fallon and Romany Neil.**

Saturday 13th August: 1.30pm: St John's Church: **Wedding of Michael Fallon and Romany Neil**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 4th September: NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN IN HONOUR OF ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND: 3pm: Concelebrated Mass. '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.'

Evenings of Mercy: Celebrating God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Archbishop Leo Cushley. Diocesan Gatherings will be held:

28th August: 3.00pm: Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw

14th September: 7.00pm: Our Lady and St Andrew's Galasheils

12th October: 7.00pm: St Margaret's, Dunfermline

NOTICEBOARD

ORGANIC GARDEN OPEN DAY: 39 Nantwich Drive, Edinburgh, EH7 6RA (0131 669 0335): **Sunday 7th August (2pm to 5pm):** Mike & Susan Burns invite you to visit their large wildlife friendly garden, including mini orchard, pond, mixed borders, greenhouse, conservatory and secret garden. Entrance Fee £1.00 (Concessions 50p). Refreshments available. (All proceeds to Garden Organic, Registered Charity Number 298104)

THE MARGARET SINCLAIR STORY: This is a brand new one-woman play dramatizing the life, times and everyday sanctity of Edinburgh's beloved Margaret Sinclair (1900-1925). It is written and directed by Stephen Callaghan, and performed by Mary Frances Jennow. **Venue: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Dates: August 6-12 at 7.45pm and August 9 and 11 at 3pm.** Tickets: £6 waged and £5 unwaged/concession.

THEATRE ALBA @ DUDDINGSTON. 'Theatre Alba will be performing two plays during the Edinburgh Festival at Duddingston Kirk. **'The Shepherd Beguiled'** outdoors in the grounds of Duddingston Kirk Manse (please wear warm clothes): 10 -14, 17 -21, 24 -28 August at 7.30 pm. The performance lasts 2 hours 15 mins (with interval). Tickets: £10.00 (£8.00 concessions). **'The Quest for Excalibur'** (a magical promenade play for children) outdoors in Doctor Neil's Garden 30th July – 14th August at 2.00 pm. The performance lasts for 1 hour. Tickets: £6.00. Tickets are available at the door or from the Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000.'

ST ANDREW CAMERATA: Faure Requiem by Candlelight (with orchestra) directed by Vincent Wallace: Old St Paul's Church: Saturday 13th and 20th August: 10.00pm. Tickets £15 (£10 conc.) in advance from Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000.

The Leper's Thanksgiving

A friend dared me to start counting one thousand things I loved. I took the dare, accepted the challenge, kept track of one thousand things, one thousand gifts – a thousand graces... Before I knew it, thankfulness to God began fully to change me.

What I actually found – startling – was more daily wonder and surprising beauty than I ever expected. And in a few short years, this daily hunt for God's grace, his glory, had ushered me into a fuller life. A life of joy!...

I decided to try to live this giving thanks as I believe Jesus did each day, regardless of his circumstances. And what I found was that in giving thanks for each moment and savouring it as bread from his hand, I'd find sustenance and the grace of God himself in it...

Even when I am sometimes impatient or unwilling, when I face conflict and heartache, I've begun to accept that even the impossible is a possible opportunity to thank God, to experience the goodness and grace of the Giver of all!

There is always only more grace.

And it's always more than I expect.

And you? You in the midst, you are the mire, are you too thinking about counting one thousand gifts, about making your life all about joy in Christ, about loving God and enjoying him forever? There is so much joy in seeing how he uses our simple act of noticing the blessings he bestows all around us to transform our lives and the lives of those we touch...

Praise him for the unexpected and the unlikely, for the daily and the difficult, and the graces in disguise. The more you count, the more gifts you will see. Do not disdain the small. The moments add up, and we might come to believe it – *the whole earth is full of his glory!*...

Whatever you do, the practice is intended to be a way of cultivating a habit, of learning to live praise, to make gratitude and joy your default, to move thanksgiving away from a holiday to a *lifestyle* – that all the days might be holy and set apart for real joy...God is waiting to reveal so much through your desire to know him more deeply and completely. *Ann Voskamp*

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jim Ryder

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

St John's:

Aug.6:- Denis Ford (1993); Christopher McD Laurie (1955); Aug.7:- Michele Gradone (2015); Adam Black (2014); Kathleen Innes (2002); Arthur Lonie; William Murray; Gerrardo Ranaldi; Aug.8:- Mary Thornton (1969); Andrew McGovern; Aug.9:- Mary Treasurer (2000); George Kirk (1987); Aug.10:- Veronica Schmelter (1995); Elizabeth Garland (1994); Domenico Demarco; Aug.11:- McMullan Family; Aug.12:- Martha Anthony (2001); Eddie Cullen (1941);

St. Mary Magdalene's:

Aug.7:- Jim McKaill (2001); Aug.10:- William Gillespie (2004); Michael A Atkin (2000); Aug.11:- Amadeo Alonzi (2004); Barry Ledden (1968); Aug.12:- Pat Gilhooley (2013);

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 & Jimmy 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: George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Mary Thomson, 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, 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: Sam Henry and Tessa Haring **Bidding Prayers:** Jean Douglas
... and for next Sunday Catriona McGillvary and John Kelly **Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson

200 CLUB

Congratulations! The 200 Club winner for July is Jane Marin with No 33 and she wins £25.

St. John's

Many congratulations to Pat and Brian Dishon, who celebrated their Golden Wedding last Sunday 31st July and to **Pasquale and Palmira Crolla** who celebrated their Golden Wedding last Friday 5th August.

Bob Crabbe and family wish to thank all who offered prayers for Mary Florence. Holy Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

GIFT AID. If you are a gift aider and have not yet collected your envelopes from the back of the church please do look for the marked box where you will find your 2016-17 gift aid pack. If you have not managed to collect your envelopes and would like them to be delivered please contact Pauline in the parish office. Many thanks.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: J Roarty, J Plews, M Watson. **SUNDAY:** L Moran, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight, M Iannarelli.

Offertory Collections for 30th & 31st July

St Mary Magdalene's
£271.90 (inc. £110.00 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£887.00 (inc. £367.80 Gift Aided)

Many Thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 6th August <i>FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>	10.00am Mass: Mary Florence Crabbe 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Peter Wilson	
Sunday 7th August <i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Fr Richard Higgins
Monday 8th August <i>MEMORIAL OF ST DOMINIC</i>	10.00am Mass B Ralston 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 9th August <i>FEAST OF ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN)</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15 -7pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00 pm Mass SI – 80 th Birthday
Wednesday 10th August <i>FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE</i>	10.00am Mass: SI – 70 th birthday	
Thursday 11th August <i>MEMORIAL OF ST CLARE</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach
Friday 12th August	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00 am Mass Dave McNamee 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 13th August	10.00am Mass: James Dignan 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Fr Tony McDonald	
Sunday 14th August	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Canon Eddie Glackin

Contemplation

‘The more we become people of action and responsibility in our community, the more we must become people of contemplation. If we do not nurture our deep emotional life in prayer hidden in God, if we do not spend time in silence, and if we do not know how to take time to live from the presence and gentleness of our brothers and sisters, we risk becoming embittered.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth (p139)

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