

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

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First Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

14th February, 2016



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – for those who will be baptised/received and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Today we have the next stage of the RCIA, the ‘**Rite of Pre-inscription**’ (a kind of sending off with our prayers) at St John’s Church at 9.30am Mass, followed by the ‘**Rite of Election**’ at St Mary’s Cathedral at **3pm**. Prayers are asked for our 3 catechumens (those who have not been baptised), **Christopher Umwani, David Wylie and Gary Zoltie**, and for **Freddie Maclennan Hawkes**, our candidate (those baptised into another denomination).

PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES IN THIS JUBILEE ‘YEAR OF MERCY’

The season of preparation for Easter began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Each person is invited to begin a Lenten journey – with the following offered as aids on that journey: **Why not choose one or two of what’s on offer each week?**

Each weekday from Monday to Thursday, there is the **Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am at St John’s**.

There is also the invitation to **join a Lenten house group** - the house group meets at the same time in the same place each week for around an hour during the 5 middle weeks of Lent, commencing this Monday 15th February. **If you would like to participate in these groups please put your name and phone no. on the lists which can be found at the back of each Church or ring the hosts.**

Lenten House Groups (following a programme put together by **Twende Pamoja** – and followed in Legho and in other parishes in Tanzania and Edinburgh - based on Pope Francis’ letter ‘**The Face of Mercy**’)

Host	Phone	Address	Day & Time	Leader
Joyce Martin	669 6339	Milton Rd West	Monday, 7.30pm	Jennifer Morris
Anne Jabir	657 3950	Daiches Braes	Tuesday, 7.30pm	Anne Jabir
Pauline MacInnes	657 3411	Moirra Terrace	Wednesday, 2pm	Pauline MacInnes
Eileen Rennie	669 8051 or 669 1699	Joppa Station Place	Thursday, 2pm	Sheelagh Dobson
Maria Igoe	669 0247	Baileyfield Road	Thursday, 7.30pm	To be confirmed.

This year we also intend to offer **Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Wednesday evening**, alternating between St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s and led each week by a different parish group.

In addition, there is **our normal weekly timetable** to dip in and out of:

- **Daily Mass** at 10am in the morning (4 times a week at St John’s, once a week at St Mary Magdalene’s) ... with one evening Mass a week at St Mary Magdalene’s at 7pm (normally on a Tuesday).
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm at St John’s, on Tuesday (normally) from 6.15pm to 7pm at St Mary Magdalene’s, and on Friday from 9.15 to 10am at St John’s.
- **Divine Mercy Devotions** from 3 to 4pm on Friday at St John’s.
- **Stations of the Cross** after Wednesday morning Mass at St John’s led by the Legion of Mary.

In addition to these daily and weekly options, there is also the opportunity to participate in some one-off events in both the parish and the diocese.

In the parish, there will be:

- **SCIAF Stations of the Cross** on Sunday 28th February at 2.30pm at St John's with 2 visitors from Ethiopia and our own Jim Gallagher, a SCIAF director, who has recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia.
- ... and the opportunity to enjoy a **performance by The Rock Choir** who, by invitation of the St Vincent de Paul conference, will be performing at St John's Church on Saturday 12th March at 2pm.

... **while in the Diocese**, there will be:

- **The Lenten Station Mass** with Archbishop Cushley which will take place at St Cuthbert's, Slateford, **this Wednesday 17th February**, at which our RCIA candidates will be presented with the Creed.
- The annual **Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Lenten Retreat** which will take place at St Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, on Saturday 12th March from 10am to 3pm. The theme this year is "Laudato Si" (Caring for Our Common Home), and will be led by Ellen Teague, a well known Catholic writer, journalist and campaigner on justice, peace and ecological issues.

Lent is a time for Reconciliation ... and especially in this Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has asked for a special 24 hours of Reconciliation on Friday & Saturday 4th & 5th March (details to follow). Then, on Sunday 6th March, the 4th Sunday of Lent, **we will celebrate Reconciliation at our Sunday Masses**, with several priests available to celebrate the sacrament.

Lent is also a time for Almsgiving... and for **SCIAF's WEE BOXES**. Please take one home with you. Once again, the UK Government will match £1 for £1 every donation made.

'Sponsored Slim'... an opportunity to support a project in Rwanda by **sponsoring Fr Jock to lose a few pounds!** Sponsor sheets can be found at the back of both churches. (Details of the project in Rwanda will be in next week's newsletter.)

Spiritual Nourishment

- Each week we hope to offer a free leaflet with a short scriptural phrase from the daily readings to 'chew on' during the day. (This is the work of Maureen McEvoy of St Mary's Cathedral parish.)
- Rev Sophia Marriage of St Mark's Episcopal Church Portobello has given us permission to reprint her excellent Lenten leaflet offering '**a journey through the life of Jesus in scripture and picture with different spiritual disciplines for each week**' – copies available in both churches.
- 'Lent Extra' produced by the Redemptorists is available at the back of each church (price £1.50).

THIS WEEK

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 February: Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers at all 3 Sunday Masses.

Sunday 14th February: 9.30am: St John's Church: Rite of Pre-inscription for RCIA Candidates.

Monday 15th February: 2.30pm: St John's Church: Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass) - followed by the sacrament of reconciliation for those who wish. The Rosary will be recited at 2.15pm. All are invited to the Hall for tea and home baking after Mass. If you require transport, please phone Maria Igoe 0131 669 0247.

Tuesday 16th February: 1pm: Parish House: Lunch and meeting of the 5 parish priests in our Cluster.

7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall: **Parish Council Meeting.**

Wednesday 17th February: 7pm: St Cuthbert's Church, Slateford: Edinburgh Deanery Station Mass with Archbishop Cushley, and with the presentation of the Creed to our 4 RCIA catechumens and candidate.

Thursday 18th February: 11am: Seafeld Crematorium: Funeral Service for Etta Dewar.

5pm: Parish House: Pastoral Team Meeting (tbc).

Friday 19th February: 7pm: St John's Church: Wedding Rehearsal for Christopher Umwani & Pauline Leys.

Saturday 20th February: 10am: St John's Church: Bereavement Mass.

3pm: St John's: Wedding of Christopher Umwani & Pauline Leys.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 21st February: 9.30am: St John's Church: Children's Mass with Primary 3 children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass with 'Do This in Memory' and presentation of the Creed** for Primary 4 children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments this year.

1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw.** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus outing to Nunraw, leaving St John's Church at 1pm and returning at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich. Tea, biscuits and cake will be supplied. Please contact Maria Igoe on 669 0247, if you wish to go.'

PARISH REGISTER

NB If you know of a person on our sick list who is no longer sick, please do alert Pauline, the parish administrator.

Please pray for those who have died recently including: Etta Dewar, Mary Fairbairn, George Robertson, Alli Gourlay, Alice McCallion, Michael McDonagh, and Canon Leonard Quigley.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Bryan Dockrell, Kevin Crow, William Hughes, John Duffy, Bernard Halpenny, Patrick Gilroy, Mary Kathleen McConville, Margaret O'Driscoll, John Denning, Betty McGuire, Charles Malcolm, May Lacey, Patrick Hughes, Sarah Taylor, James J Stone, Molly Carr, Bartek Gordon, Theresa Bannon, James Hughes, John McCann, Catherine McGovern, Helen Mackersy, Margaret Wood.

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

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

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Simon Benson, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, baby Marnie Josie-Sophia Cree, 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 next Sunday:**

Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

'Do This in Memory of Me' Mass

200 Club:

Congratulations to J Ramage, whose winning number 95 earns him £25 this week! ... And a reminder to all members of the 200 Club that it's time to pay your £12 annual subscription, if you haven't already done so. If you would like to join the 200 Club please contact Madge Moyes 0131 657 2744.

FOOD PARCEL SERVICE. Remember that if you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, boxes are provided at the back of each Church. Tins of tuna, hotdogs and meatballs would be much appreciated, as would any toiletries you can donate. These will be distributed from St Teresa of Lisieux Parish who are helping 8 to 10 families per week.

St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning on Monday 1st February raised £100 for 'Aid to the Church in Need'. Thanks to all who gave so generously.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: P MacInnes, B Kelly, V Knowles.

SUNDAY: B Gallagher, C Dempsey, P Connarty, K Dykes, K Gallagher.

Offertory Collections for 6th and 7th February

St Mary Magdalene's
£404.81 (inc: £239.50 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£1171.05 (inc: £580.40 Gift Aided)

Many thanks

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 13th February	10.00am Mass: 10.30 to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Terry Delaney	
Sunday 14th February <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Kevin Crow
Monday 15th February	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass: Alice McCallion 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 16th February	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass: Michael McDonagh
Wednesday 17th February <i>Commemoration Of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> <i>Commemoration Of St Finan</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross): Etta Dewar 7pm: Stations of the Cross (led by the St Vincent de Paul Society)	
Thursday 18th February <i>Commemoration Of St Colman</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass:
Friday 19th February	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass 3.00pm to 4.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 20th February	10.00am Bereavement Mass Eleanor O'Donnell 10.40am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 21st February <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	9.30am Mass:	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

... AND A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! THE ROCK CHOIR

will be performing at St John's Church
on **Saturday 12th March at 2.00pm**

Teas/Coffee's & Homebaking on sale afterwards. All proceeds for our St Vincent De Paul conference. If you can help with serving on the day or Homebaking please contact Carmen Chalmers on 07852292335.