

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

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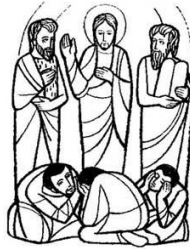
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Second Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

21st February, 2016

A pastoral visit from Archbishop Leo Cushley – Saturday & Sunday 12th/13th March.

Archbishop Leo is trying to visit all the parishes of his archdiocese to celebrate Sunday Mass so he will join us for our three Sunday Masses on the 5th Sunday of Lent. On that Sunday, Mass at St Mary Magdalene's will be at **11.30am**, not 11.15am. This will allow the Archbishop the opportunity to meet St John's parishioners after the 9.30am Mass

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

This week, **Jim Gallagher**, a SCIAF director and a St Mary Magdalene's parishioner will speak at the end of Mass about his recent visit to Ethiopia for SCIAF.

... and as we continue our Lenten journey a reminder that there are a variety of options on offer for parishioners to explore different paths to prayer. Details of services, including Masses, Devotions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross and Morning Prayer can be found on the back of the newsletter. Or if you would like to join a Lenten house group – **and it's not too late to do so** - please choose from the list below and contact the host.

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	Moira 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	Catrina McGillivray

SCIAF WEE BOX CAMPAIGN

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL EVENT ...

on **Sunday 28th February at 2.30pm at St John's Church.**

The SCIAF WEE BOX campaign this year focuses on **South Ethiopia** and we have two visitors from South Ethiopia, along with Rachel Lamb from SCIAF, coming to tell us about the realities of life in their country. We will start with a short Stations of the Cross produced by SCIAF, which uses images of life in Ethiopia to highlight each Station, followed by our visitors telling us of their lives and finishing with tea/coffee and a chance to chat to **Huka** and **Tsegye** informally. Admission free.

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).

'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. Fr Jock writes: 'One of the people I find

most inspiring in life is an 82 year old Irish nun, Sr Margaret Mary, a Canoness of St Augustine, who lives in rural Rwanda in a new convent with several young Rwandan nuns and novices. As well as providing a contemplative presence in a country still trying to rebuild after the genocide, they are expanding their Pastoral Centre to offer a place of healing and prayer for all who wish. When I wrote asking her what she would most like help with, she responded:

'Little by little the extension to the Centre is materialising. The building is finished, the beds are ordered and we hope to be in by mid April. Our Centre welcomes many different kinds of groups and individuals. Our first group in April is for people who have been very wounded by life, many as a consequence of genocide. They come for counselling, healing and to pray. There are also many individuals who come. We have a new little oratory but it still needs altar, tabernacle and chairs. The cost of this would be £800 without the chairs. (Simple chairs costs between £15 & £20 each depending on the wood used.) This is our first priority after the beds!

If you feel people might prefer something different to give for, there is also need for a water tank for rain-water as water is often lacking and we can use rainwater for cleaning and washing if you think people might prefer to give for that. The water tank costs £5.000, including the installation. Also we are told we need a second generator for the new building as the present one is not strong enough for the whole complex and electricity cuts are daily. Whatever you feel people would best like to give for.

The healing work is also for restoring harmony in families, among couples and between parents and children. We have not yet sufficient formed members to do all ourselves but there are others who help us.'

THIS WEEK

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.'

Tuesday 23rd February: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: **St John's Party Toddler Group.**

Wednesday 24th February: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's: **Stations of the Cross, led by the Justice and Peace Group.**

Saturday 27th February: 11am: Parish House: **Lectio Divina Group Meeting.** All welcome to reflect and share on the following Sunday's Gospel.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 28th February: 2.30pm: St John's Church: **SCIAF Stations of the Cross** with 2 visitors from Ethiopia. (Please see front page of newsletter for further details.)

Wednesday 2nd March: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church. Meeting of Primary 3 parents and children preparing to celebrate Reconciliation on Monday 7th March.

Thursday 3 March: 7pm: Gillis Centre: **Fr Jock will talk on 'Pastoral Care and Evangelisation – the Parish as Field Hospital'** – part of the diocesan series of talks for the Year of Mercy.

Saturday 5th March: 10am to 1pm: **St John's Church 'Open Doors'**. If you are free to help, please put your name on the sheets at the back of St John's Church (2 'welcomers' in each one-hour block).

10am to 12pm: St John's Church Hall: **PAMOJA FASHION.** Sale of quality clothes & accessories (including Children's Section). (Supporting our partnership with Tanzania.)

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th March: Reconciliation Sunday - with several priests available at the three Masses to celebrate the sacrament.

Monday 7th March: 7pm: St John's Church: **First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Primary 3 candidates (First Confessions!).**

Saturday 12th March: 10am to 3pm: St Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh: **Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Lenten Retreat.** '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

Fr Jock will be away on his annual retreat from Tuesday 23rd February to Tuesday 1st March (at the retreat centre, La Ferme, part of the first L'Arche community in the village of Troilly-Brevil, 50 miles north of Paris, where the founder, Jean Vanier, still lives). He asks for your prayers for a fruitful and reflective week. In Fr Jock's place, **we warmly welcome Fr Loreto Tabone**, who will arrive on Sunday and leave on Wednesday 2nd March.

Congratulations and many thanks to the following parishioners who were commissioned as Eucharistic ministers last Saturday night and Sunday: Jeff Kemp, Joyce Martin, Madaleine Mackenzie, Violet Paterson, Jackie Plews, Maureen Watson, Anne Dixon, Gena Gallagher, Mary Iannarelli, Penelope MacLennan Hawkes, May Laurie, Mary Slight, Cathy Volpe, Eddie White, Isabel Forbes, Thomas Mbele, Carolynne McCann and Julie O'Hanlon.

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:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Beatrice Crolla, John Hughes, Margaret Cheyne, John McTighe, Michael McCreadie, John Meagher, John Walsh, John Dunn, Wanda Kosok, Luisa Iannarelli, Mary McPartlin, Richard Rooney, Charles Wynne, Josephine Broadley, Thomas Robb, James Keegan, James Hanlon, Mary Young, Agnes Watters, Helen Molloy, Edward Magee (missing 1944), Bridget Meehan, Filomena Perilla, Mary Green, Betty Rope, Susan Passmore, Sean O'Donnell, William Murray, and Fr Walter Glancy.

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

'Do This in Memory of Me' Mass

... and next Sunday:

Catriona MacGillivray & Mary Fenwick

Bidding Prayers: Peggy Ferguson

BRIC-A-BRAC SALE! There will be a sale of bric-a-brac items in the porch after Sunday Mass for the next few weeks.

St. John's

Chris Vinestock writes: 'We would like to have St John's Church open during Holy Week in order to offer parishioners and visitors an opportunity to reflect and pray during this important period. Please give some thought to volunteering for an hour (or more) so that we can have a presence in the Church during this time. You could use this time for quiet prayer or to help us prepare the Church for our Easter celebrations. Sign up lists will be available at the back of the Church from 12th March.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: C Vinestock, M Reilly, J Roarty

SUNDAY: L Moran, P Glancy, M McDiarmid, A Tanzi, L Dick

Offertory Collections for 13th and 14th February

St Mary Magdalene's

£350.06 (inc: £181.50 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist

£962.25 (inc: £459.40 Gift Aided)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
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: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Bryan Dockrell
Monday 22nd February <i>FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass: Beatrice Crolla 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 23rd February <i>Commemoration of St Polycarp</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass: John Hughes
Wednesday 24th February	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross): Etta Dewar	7pm: Stations of the Cross led by the Justice and Peace Group
Thursday 25th February	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: SI
Friday 26th February	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Kitty & Bertie di Marco 3.00pm to 4.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 27th February	10.00am Mass 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: John McTighe	
Sunday 28th February <i>THIRD 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/Coffees & 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.