

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

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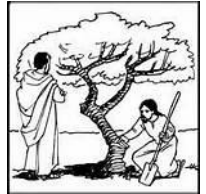
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*Third Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)*

*28<sup>th</sup> February, 2016*



*A warm welcome to Fr Loreto Tabone* who arrived last Sunday bringing good weather with him - at least initially!- and will be with us until Wednesday when he returns to Gozo. Please keep **Fr Jock** in your prayers while he is on retreat, staying with the L'Arche community in the village of Trosly-Breuil where Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, lives.

**This Sunday** at 2.30pm in St John's Church, **there is a special SCIAF Stations of the Cross** followed by tea/coffee and the chance to meet **2 visitors from Ethiopia - Huka and Tsegye**. This special event has been organised as part of the SCIAF WEE BOX campaign which focuses on South Ethiopia this year. All welcome. Admission free.

Next Sunday there will be a **Special Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (75% of the collection goes to SCIAF**, the remaining 25% to the diocesan Care Fund, supporting charities in our own archdiocese).

**Next Sunday is** also our '**Reconciliation Sunday**' when several priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the start of Mass. With this newsletter there is **an Examination of Conscience/Consciousness to help us all prepare for Holy Week and Easter**. Archbishop Leo is inviting each one of us to 'Rediscover Confession this Lent'. Please pick up one of his cards which can be found at the back of each church.

**24 Hours for the Lord: 7.30pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm (Vigil Mass) Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: St Mary's Cathedral:** Archbishop Leo writes: 'This was initiated by Pope Francis last year and in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, he wants it to take place all over the world. It consists of 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration with the sacrament of reconciliation available throughout for anyone who wishes.'

**A Pastoral visit from Archbishop Leo Cushley – Saturday & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March**

A reminder that Archbishop Leo will be joining us for our three weekend Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, and **will present diocesan medals to Kathy Gallagher and Bernard Ayres**. On that Sunday, Mass at St Mary Magdalene's will be at **11.30am**, not 11.15am, which will allow the Archbishop the opportunity to meet St John's parishioners after the 9.30am Mass.

The most important time in our Christian calendar is that Holy Week, from **Palm Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> March) to Easter Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March)**. **Please continue to pray for our three catechumens and our candidate** who will be baptised and/or confirmed at the Easter Vigil - **Christopher Umwani, David Wylie and Gary Zoltie**, and **Freddie MacLennan Hawkes**; and do mark that week in your diary/on your calendar.

**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 at the back of the churches and contact the host.

**Spiritual Nourishment** - each week we offer a free leaflet with a short scriptural phrase from the daily readings to 'chew on' during the day, and **Wednesday Word** (to be found in both church porches), with the Sunday readings for the following weekend, and a short and informative commentary on them.

**'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.' Sr Margaret Mary would like to install a water tank to collect rain water for washing and cleaning and they are also in the process of furnishing a new oratory for those who come for healing and to pray.

### **THIS WEEK**

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

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

7.30pm: Parish House: **Justice and Peace Group Meeting – all welcome.**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** Services in Portobello as undernoted. All most welcome.

10.30am: Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street.

6.30pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church, 287 Portobello High Street.

7.30pm (-6pm Saturday Vigil Mass): St Mary's Cathedral; **24 Hours for the Lord: a Pope Francis Initiative**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Lane: **PAMOJA FASHION** Mini Sale (weather permitting).

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

### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

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

7.30pm: Lauriston Centre: **Lent Talks – The Year of Mercy – Interfaith Perspectives. Mercy and Islam** presented by Shayk Sayed Razawi.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Course (1).**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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'.

**2pm: St John's Church: THE ROCK CHOIR – a concert with all proceeds going in this Year of Mercy to our St Vincent De Paul conference.** Teas/Coffees & Homebaking in the Hall after the concert. All most welcome!

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** 7pm: Parish House: **Liturgy Leaders' Meeting in preparation for Holy Week.**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Course (2).**

### **NOTICEBOARD**

**Legion of Mary - An invitation to possible new members.**

**Maria Igoe** writes: 'There has been a group of the Legion of Mary in St John's parish for over 35 years, but we realise that many people do not know very much, if anything, about the Legion, even although it is the largest apostolic organisation in the Church with 4 million members in 170 countries. The object of the Legion is the Glory of God through the holiness of the members. We are all called to be saints and as members of the Legion, we are following Jesus' command 'to be holy'. That does not mean we see ourselves better than anyone else, but that our aim is to have a close relationship with Jesus Christ, through Prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

It may surprise some to learn that the patron of the Legion is the Holy Spirit. The Legion colour is red. Our Lady was the first Apostle and she is our model. We, the members, were asked to join the Legion, and we said, "Yes". Our

Lady said "Yes" when she was asked to be the mother of God. We are the 'Yes people'. We have a weekly meeting in the parish house, when we pray together and discuss our work. Among the works done by the Legion is evangelization in all its forms, and this can be very exciting. We are always looking for new ways to bring the 'Good News' to the world. This leads us to other countries, eg Finland, and to the north of India, as well as every part of Britain. We have been asked to go to Lapland this year, where no missionaries have been before.

Of course other works are done, such as visiting the sick and housebound, bereaved and lonely, and any other works at the request of the Parish Priest. We work with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa's order) and have recently started an outreach to those begging in Princes Street. Not everyone is expected to do really difficult work. It can take years for a member to be able to take on the most challenging works. Over the years we have had sufficient members for our work, both young and old, men and women. However, as some members are now 'elderly', it is essential that we try to get some younger members. Age is not a barrier and the Legion is for all Baptised and Confirmed Catholics. Please do not be put off by thinking, "I could not do that". Believe that the Holy Spirit will help you to do great things for the faith we love. So we invite you to 'come and see'. It may be for you. It is so exciting and wonderful.' If you would like to find out more, please contact Maria on 0131 669 0247.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those who have died recently including:** Mary Robertson and Bobby Holden.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Eileen Mandal, Mary Coll, Peggie McGill, (baby daughter) Lamb, James Alexander, Bernard Macnamara, Rita Deignan, John Patrick McTighe, Mary Meenan, baby Lauren Grassick, Gerald P Stone, Thomas Malcolm, Hugh Christie, Joan Gillon, Vincent McGlone, Mary Young, William Thomas Laydon, Agnes Denning, Paddy Dixon, Helen Ryan, Elmar Begg, Thomas Rooney, Elizabeth Forsyth, Agnes Boyle, Conal Boyle, and (Patrick) Joseph Ward.

**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:** Louise Wallace, Sean McGovern Jnr., Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, 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.

**Many congratulations to Fr John Robinson who celebrated the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination yesterday, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

**Readers for this Sunday**      Catriona MacGillivray & Mary Fenwick      **Bidding Prayers:** Peggy Ferguson  
**... and next Sunday:**      Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes      **Bidding Prayers:** Jean Douglas

**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.

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2016** (Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh) now available for purchase at the church stall in both churches. (Cost £2). A reminder that you will also find a selection of seasonal cards and gifts on sale at your local church stall so well worth a visit.

## **St. John's**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** VIGIL: P Hunter, M Spencer, B Tansey.

SUNDAY: B Gallagher, L Young, M Slight, M Iannarelli, T Burgess.

The new Eucharistic Ministers' rota is available for collection from the back of St John's Church.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> <b>10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> John McTighe	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b>	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10am Mass:</b> Linda Wisbach  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.15pm to 6.55pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>7pm Mass:</b> Josie Flanagan
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10am Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross):</b> Special Intention  <b>7pm: Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Commemoration of St Casimir</i>	<b>9.15am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Mass:</b> Eileen Mandal  <b>3.00pm to 4.00pm</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Josie Flanagan <b>10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b>	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (RECONCILIATION SUNDAY)</i>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>11.15am Mass:</b>

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

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
**£344.88 (inc: £114 Gift Aided)**

**St John the Evangelist**  
**£1019.74 (inc: £569.95 Gift Aided)**

*Many thanks*

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