

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

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

7th February, 2016

AN INVITATION TO ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY'S CLUSTER VISIT THIS SATURDAY

As part of his 'tour' round the 32 clusters of the diocese, Archbishop Cushley will visit our Cluster of Parishes (St. John's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Teresa's, St Ninian's and St. Mary, Star of the Sea) **this Saturday, 13th February, for a meeting between 11am to 12.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's Church.** All most welcome – and, indeed, strongly encouraged to attend, as the Archbishop **unveils his plans** for the future of our diocese and then answers questions. **If you would like a lift, please contact the parish house...**

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent

There will be 2 Masses – one at **10am at St Mary Magdalene's** (with St John's Primary School), the other at **7.30pm at St John's**. During both Masses **ashes will be distributed**. Ash Wednesday is not a holiday of obligation - but it is, along with Good Friday, **one of only 2 obligatory days of fasting and abstinence in the year** (for those between the ages of 14 and 65). 'Fasting is not an end in itself. It is appropriate in some circumstances and not in others. It is not a formula to attract the attention of God. Justice is God's concern – fasting that benefits others; this is the key!')

LENTEN PROGRAMME In this Year of Mercy Pope Francis is calling each one of us to undertake a journey in a spirit of loving forgiveness. He is calling us to live together in a new way and so to transform our lives as individuals, families and communities. In this spirit there will be a full programme of Lenten activities outlined in next week's newsletter. As part of this programme there will be several house groups meeting - same time, same day each week – during the 5 'middle' weeks of Lent (from 15th February to 20th March). Along with other parishes in our cluster and the Diocese, the Lenten house groups will be reflecting on material concerned with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Following a programme offered to us by 'Twende Pamoja' we will be making this journey together with our brothers and sisters in Legho and the Diocese of Moshi in Tanzania. **From this weekend there will be a chance to sign up for one of the Lenten house groups. (Lists can be found at the back of both Churches.)**

SCIAF's WEE BOXES have arrived and are available for collection at the back of each Church. Once again the UK government is matching donations £1 for £1. St Mary Magdalene parishioner **Jim Gallagher** has been visiting Ethiopia with SCIAF (he is one of their trustees) and we look forward to hearing more about SCIAF's work there when Jim returns home this weekend.

Sacramental Initiation Programme: Letters have been sent out this week to candidates in P4 who are preparing for the Sacraments. If you have not received a letter (via schoolbag post or otherwise) and would like your child to participate in the programme please contact Arlene Lauder (Sacramental Programme Co-ordinator) by email at lauder.82@btinternet.com or contact Pauline Connarty in the parish office on 0131 669 5447. The date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation has been confirmed as Saturday 7th May at St Teresa's Parish Church - at 3pm - ... and a reminder that the next Do This in Memory mass is on Sunday 21st February at 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene's Church.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th February: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with Baptism of Hope Twaddle and Natalie Gray.**
7.30pm: St Mark's Episcopal Church: **PACT Meeting (Portobello & Area Christians Together).**

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes

Monday 8th February: 6pm to 7.45pm: Portobello Library (upstairs): **Strength in the Community.** A group for people affected by a family member or partner's drinking, drug use and/or gambling. (See posters at the back of both churches.)

Tuesday 9th February: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: **St John's Party Toddler Group.**

11am to 2pm: Parish House: **Meeting of L'Arche Church Leaders.**

Wednesday 10th February (ASH WEDNESDAY):

10am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Mass - with St John's Primary School - with distribution of ashes.**

7.30pm: St John's Church: **Mass with distribution of ashes.**

8.30pm: Parish House: **Lenten Planning Meeting**

Thursday 11th February: 10.45am: Parish House: **Lectio Divina Group Meeting.** (Please note change of date. The next meeting will be on Saturday 27th February at 11am.)

5.30pm: St John's Church: The Reception of Liz Saddler's body into the church.

Friday 12th February: 10.00am: St John's Church: **Requiem Mass for Liz Saddler.**

Saturday 13th February: 11am to 12.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Cluster meeting with the Archbishop.** (Details above.)

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

Sunday 14th February: 3pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **RCIA Rite of Election.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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.

Wednesday 16th February: 7.30pm: St Catherine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gdns, Edinburgh: **Newman Association Meeting entitled 'Views from the Pews'**, at which a panel of lay people will share their views after the Synod on family life.

Sunday 21st February: 11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **'Do This in Memory' Mass** for 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.'

5pm: St John the Baptist Church, St Ninian's Rd, Corstorphine, Edinburgh: **Remembering Service.** For all those who have suffered the loss of a child from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing.

... **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 anyone would like to help with serving on the day or Homebaking please contact Carmen Chalmers on 07852292335.

NOTICEBOARD

MEDJUGORJE. Maria Igoe writes: 'There are 2 opportunities to go to Medjugorje in 2016:

(1) Wednesday 11th May – 18th May, travelling from Edinburgh to Dubrovnik by Easyjet. The cost for flights, bus from Dubrovnik to Medjugorje and back, and bed and breakfast is approx £330.

(2) Saturday 30th July – 6th August, with arrangements as above. This is the time of the Youth Festival and will be appreciated by young people and families. The cost will be £350 approx.

If you wish further details, please contact Maria Igoe – 669 0247 or 07981333219.'

LOOPS. David Wylie, who is a member of our St Vincent de Paul conference, writes: 'LOOPS is an Edinburgh-wide service helping over-65s who are looking for local activities, lunch-clubs, socialising and whatever takes your fancy. See poster on noticeboard or contact 0131 603 8311 to find out more (also www.loopsproject.org.uk and loops@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk).'

FRESH START. This Edinburgh based charity is always looking for household items. Small items can be placed in the box in the porch of St John's Church. If you have larger items for uplifting please phone Paul Bevan on 07784490155 or 629 6575. If you have large kitchen appliances or furniture to pass on, please contact Bethany Christian Trust or Edinburgh Furniture Initiative.

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: Liz Saddler, Michael Allan, Ritchie Sice, Mary McCole, and Caroli Edward, a P7 pupil from St Ursula's School, Legho, Tanzania.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Susan McLean, David Boyes, Michael Devine, Mary Boyd, William Anderson, Rose Ann Jamieson, Bill McCann, Ada Iannarelli, Sheila Devlin, Betty DiPonio, Alex Nielson, Mary Cullen (O'Brien), D V McCaughan, David Young, Edward McCabe, Hannah Knowles, Lucy Hughes, Marie Buchanan, Bill Jacob, Pat Kelly, William Lawrie, Annie Nicholson, and Canon Albert Franklin.

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, Etta Dewar, 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 Matrondola, 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:**

Irene Duncan & Olaf Pusch
Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

Bidding Prayers: Kate Neilson
Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

200 Club: A reminder that it is time to pay £12 for membership to the 200 Club for this year. If you would like to join 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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: H Brown, L Brown, P Hunter.

SUNDAY: E Buckley, L Young, T Burgess, E Clark, F Dick.

Offertory Collections for 30th and 31st January

St Mary Magdalene's
£350.51 (inc: £215.50 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£899.43 (inc: £462.41 Gift Aided)

Special Collection for Scottish Catholic Education Service
£146.00

£380.89

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 6th February <i>MEMORIAL OF ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS</i>	10.00am Mass: Josephine Butler 10.30 to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Linda Wisbach	
Sunday 7th February FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Mary McCole	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 8th February <i>Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita & Memorial of St Jerome Emiliani</i>	10am Mass: 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 9th February	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.25pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7pm Mass: Michael Allan
Wednesday 10th February <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	7.30pm Mass with distribution of ashes. Ritchie Sice	10.00am Mass with distribution of ashes with pupils from St John's Primary School.
Thursday 11th February <i>Commemoration Of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service 5.30pm: Reception of Liz Saddler's body into the Church	10.00am Mass:
Friday 12th February	10.00am Requiem Mass for Liz Saddler: Elizabeth Keogh 3.00pm to 4.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 13th February	10.00am Mass: 10.30 to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Terry Delaney	
Sunday 14th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Kevin Crow

War and Peace

Our lives are fleeting moments in which are found the seeds of eternal peace, unity and love as well as the seeds of war, dissension and indifference. When will we rise and awaken to the choice before each of us, to water and to give light to one or the other of these two seeds?

Jean Vanier