

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

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*Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
10th January, 2016*



AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Archbishop Cushley's visit to our Cluster of Parishes (St. John's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Teresa's, St Ninian's and St. Mary, Star of the Sea), when he will unveil his plans for the future of our archdiocese and respond to questions, will take place on

SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY: 11.00AM – 12.30 PM.

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH.

ALL MOST WELCOME

A COURSE FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS... will take place on the next three Mondays in January beginning **this Monday 11th January, 2016 from 7.30 to 9.15pm in St John's Church Hall.** Please be open to the possibility of serving the community in this way if you are approached (and remember, nobody thinks they are worthy...). NB Active ministers welcome if they want a refresher...

'Lectio Divina' ('Sacred Reading'), is a well-established way of praying with the scriptures. A group, led by St John's parishioner **Mairi Clunas**, will meet fortnightly in the parish house for 45 minutes at **11am** on Saturday mornings to pray with, and reflect on, the scriptures for the following Sunday. This group will meet for the first time **this Saturday 16th January, 2016.**

We have received a letter from SCIAF thanking parishioners for the generous donation of £1102.83 towards the Refugee Crisis appeal. Rachel Lamb writes: 'The migration of refugees from war-torn countries like Syria and Iraq is a human tragedy not seen since the Second World War. Over four million people have fled their homes. SCIAF are working alongside Caritas to ease the suffering of people in the refugee camps. Your donation will go a long way to help those in need. You are shining a light in the darkness for those in desperate need.' **NB Please read the 'Letter from Mirna', an Aleppo-based Christian, which comes with newsletter.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th January: 7-8.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Hall: St Mary Magdalene's Open Parish Meeting

Monday 11th January: 7.30pm: St John's Hall: Eucharistic Ministers' Training Night I

Wednesday 13th January: 7.30pm: Parish House: St John's Pastoral Council Meeting.

Thursday 14th January: 7.30pm: Parish House: Justice & Peace Group Meeting

7.30pm: Parish House: Baptism Preparation Meeting I

Saturday 16th January:

11am: Parish House: 'Lectio Divina' Group Meeting

2pm: St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High St: 'The Global Shift of Christianity' – a talk by Dr Alexander Chow MA ThM PhD, Chancellor's Fellow, World Christianity, School of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh: 'With the rapid decline of Christianity in Europe comes a surprising growth of the Christian faith in Africa, Asia and Latin America – what can we learn here in Scotland and the UK from this

global shift? No need to book - £5 on the door - Hot drinks and a warm welcome on a January afternoon to this Adventures in Faith theology presentation.'

7pm: Portobello and Joppa Church Hall: **Christian Aid Burns Supper**

For tickets – price £15 - apply to Fr Jock or Siobhan Sellar 657 3805.

Sunday 17th January:

1.00pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus going to Nunraw on Sunday 17th January. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm and arrive back at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich or snack. Please contact me for further details (669 0247 or 07981333219).'

1.15pm: St. John's: **Baptism of Maksymilian Michalski**

A request in verse from those suffering from dementia:

Do not ask me to remember

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you are with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting.
Can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,
Though part of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'till my life is done.

Author unknown

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 18th January – Sunday 25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- Lunch time prayer: Monday to Friday: 12 midday – 12.20 in different churches
- Sunday 25th January: 6.00pm St. John's Hall: Pot Luck Supper for Christians from the different churches.

Tuesday 19th January: 7.30pm: St Catharine's Convent: **Newman Society Meeting - A talk by Father Jock on 'The Eucharist: Breaking the Bread'** - Open to all. Please see poster at back of the church.

NOTICEBOARD

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

DVDs of Mgr Rae's Requiem Mass will be available in the coming weeks, price £5. If you would like to order a copy please sign the list at the back of either church or ring Fr Jock.

Pamoja Fashion: Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? Why not donate them to Pamoja Fashion? Please leave them in the box at the back of the church so that they can be sold to support our partnership with Legho Village and Legho Primary School.

Offertory Collections for 2nd and 3rd January

	<u>St Mary Magdalene's</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist</u>
	£330.70 (inc: £232.10 Gift Aided)	£768.05 (inc: £309.80 Gift Aided)
Justice and Peace	£172.08	£489.95

Many thanks

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently including: Terry Delaney, Lorraine Mullen, Mary Goggins.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Alec Linton, Andrew Neilson, Andrew Blaney, Andrew Durkin, Frank Davey, James Clarke, Donald Montgomery, Elizabeth (Betty) Peddieson, Arthur J Cockburn, James Marshall, Canon Hugh Gordon, Maureen Molloy, Elizabeth Doherty, Bridget Meldrum, Veronica Black, Anne Wood, Lizzie Waugh, William Smart, Richard Watt, Jean Holligan, John McLoughlin, Kitty Durkin, Isabella Thomson, Rita Santangeli, Nancy Hancock, Mary Scollan, Cyril Gorman, Angus McKinnon, James Gilchrist and George Tunley..

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: John Cregan, Ted McEwan, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, Liz Saddler, 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, 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: Graham Neilsen, Sam Burns, 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: Canon Ned Glackin, Dympna Clifford, Simon Benson, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Cameron Hall, 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, Rupert Ridge, Noel Flanagan and Debra Allan

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

This Sunday, at 7pm, there is our first Open Parish Meeting of the year.....all most welcome – please support it....

A note of thanks to the parish from John, Mary, Michael and Mhari Juska: 'We just wanted to thank you all for all your help and support over the last few weeks. Basil and Maria's funerals were very special...it was exactly what they would have wanted. So many people commented on how uplifting both services were and how wonderful it would be to be part of a parish like St. Mary Magdalene's. It is a great comfort to know that they were among so many genuinely caring people...they made a difficult time so much easier. Thank you once again.

Readers for this Sunday: Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes

... and next Sunday: Catriona McGillivray & Mary Fenwick

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

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200 Club: Linda Brown writes 'The winners of the 200 Club for December are Sam Burns number 32 wins £200 and Peter Davis number 153 wins £25. Congratulations!

And 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 665 1464) for St. Mary Magdalene's and Linda Brown (0131 665 1464) for St John's.

Sponsored Silence: Una Gallagher writes: 'Could all children who took part in the Sponsored Silence please hand in money collected as soon as possible.'

St. John's

St. John's Church Shop: Many thanks to the Legion of Mary - who run the Church Shop - for the generous donation of £800 and to the parishioners who have supported them throughout the year. Please consider visiting the shop the next time you are in church.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: P Hunter, V Knowles, M Reilly

SUNDAY: B Gallagher, J Rynn, A Tanzi, F Dick, L Young.

... and a reminder that St John's Pastoral Council meeting will take place in the parish house on Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 9th January	10.00am Mass: SI – Xmas 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Alec Linton	
Sunday 10th January <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.30am Mass: Iris Murphy	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 11th January	10.00am Mass: Terry Delaney 7.00pm to 8.00pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 12th January	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10am Mass: SI - Christmas
Wednesday 13th January <i>Feast of St. Kentigern</i>	9.45am: Requiem Mass for Terry Delaney	
Thursday 14th January	10.00am Mass: Andrew Neilsen	
Friday 15th January	10.00am: Eucharistic Service Divine Mercy Novena 3.00 – 4.00 pm	6.15-7pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass: SI - Xmas
Saturday 16th January	10.00am Mass: Vincent McGlinchey 6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI - Xmas	
Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: SI – Sick person	11.15am Mass: SI - Xmas

The Place to Grow in Love

‘Community is the place where people grow in love and peacemaking. That is why it is imperative for communities to grow, expand and deepen; and for many new ones to be founded and supported. Today war has become too dangerous; it could bring an end to our planet and to the human species. We are called to grow in love and forgiveness.’