

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

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Second Sunday of the Year

17th January, 2016



This week is The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each weekday there will be a short lunchtime service at one of 5 local venues (details below). Services will last 15 minutes and will be followed by tea & coffee (feel free to bring sandwiches too!). The week concludes next Sunday 24th January with a Pot Luck Supper in St John's Church Hall. All welcome – and feel free to bring along a party piece...!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday 18 th January	12noon	St Mark's, 287 Portobello High Street.
Tuesday 19 th January	12noon	Portobello & Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Philips, Abercorn Place.)
Wednesday 20 th January	12noon	Duddingston Kirk
Thursday 21 st January	12noon	Portobello Baptist Church, Portobello High Street.
Friday 22 nd January	12noon	Salvation Army, Bath Street.
Sunday 24 th January	6pm	St John the Evangelist Church.

... and an important date for your diary. Archbishop Cushley will visit our Cluster of Parishes (St. John's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Teresa's, St Ninian's and St. Mary's Star of the Sea) on **Saturday, 13th February, 11am to 12.30pm** at St Mary Magdalene's Church. All most welcome.

Our course for Eucharistic Ministers continues over the next two weeks on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in St John's Church Hall. This course is aimed at newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers, but is also open to those who would like to refresh their understanding of how parishioners can serve the community through this important ministry.

'**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 met for the first time last Saturday and will meet again on **Saturday 16th January, 2016.**

... and a reminder to families with children in Primary 4 that next Sunday's 9.30am Mass at St John's Church is a '**Do This in Memory Mass**'. (Please remember to bring your candles.) There will be a Mass for Primary 3 and other children at St Mary Magdalene's next Sunday at 11.15am.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th January: 1.15pm: St. John's: Baptism of Maksymilian Michalski

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).

Monday 18th January: 10am: St John's: **Mass in honour of St John the Evangelist with the Primary School**

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

7.30pm to 9.15pm: Eucharistic Ministers' Training Night 2

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

- **Lunch time prayer: Monday to Friday:** 12 midday – 12.20 in different venues. (Details above).

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.

Wednesday 20th January: 7.30pm: St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh Ecumenical Evening Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Paddy Ferry writes: 'I am writing on behalf of the Ecumenical Core Group to invite you to this service which we now host each year to mark **the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** It will be held this year, as in previous years, in St. Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh on Wednesday evening, January 21st at 7.30pm.

Each year, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, who together have ultimate responsibility for the Church Unity Octave, invite a national church to choose a theme and prepare worship materials for the week. For 2016 the Christian Church in Latvia chose a theme based on *1 Peter 2: 9-10.* "***But you a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you***"

The guest preacher on January 20th will be **Fr. Gero McLoughlin SJ.** There will be a reception following the service to which everyone is invited.'

Thursday 21st January: 7pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Meeting II.**

Friday 22nd January: 3pm to 4pm: St John's: **Divine Mercy Group.**

'The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

St. John's Divine Mercy Group meets on a **Friday afternoon from 3 to 4,**
as this is the hour of Great Mercy.

Form of the Divine Mercy Devotion: we pray the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross and complete our hour of shared prayer with the Rosary.

Can you come and join us, to help to celebrate this Year of Divine Mercy'

Saturday 23rd January: 12 midday: St John's: **Baptism of Finn & Jack Christie.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 24th January: 9.30am: St John's Church: **'Do this in Memory' Mass for Primary 4s ...** and a reminder to the children to please remember to bring your candles.

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Primary 3 & Children's Mass.**

Monday 25th January: 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 26th January: 10am to 11.30am: St John's Church Hall: **St John's Porty Toddler Group.**

Saturday 30th January: 11am: Parish House: **'Lectio Divina' Group Meeting**

NOTICEBOARD

DVDs of Mgr Rae's Requiem Mass will be available in the coming weeks, price £5. **LAST CHANCE 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. Next sale of Quality Clothing will be held on Saturday 6th February.

Thursday Club: Gena Gallagher writes: 'The Thursday Club meet in St. John's Church Hall from 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Thursdays. New members - from both parishes - are always welcome.'

St John's Porty Toddler Group. The toddler group meets on alternate Tuesday mornings in St John's Church Hall. This small friendly group offers a chance for pre-schoolers, siblings and parents to get crafting, playing, snacking, chatting and having fun. Craft materials and snacks provided for little ones. Tea and biscuits for parents. (£3 for 2 yrs + and £1 for under 2's.) Next meeting on Tuesday 26th January. For more information on events request to join our Facebook Group **'St John's Porty Toddler Group'** or send your contact details to stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16th January	10.00am Mass: Vincent McGlinchey 10.30am to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI - Xmas	
Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass: Debra Allen	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 18th January <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 12noon at St Mark's	10.00am Mass with pupils from St John's Primary School: Fr Harry Stocks 7.00pm to 8.00pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 19th January <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 12noon at Portobello & Joppa Parish Church	10.00am Mass: Vincent McDevitt	
Wednesday 20th January <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 12noon at Duddingston Kirk	10.00am Eucharistic Service	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: SI - Xmas
Thursday 21st January <i>Memorial of St. Agnes</i> <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 12noon at Portobello Baptist	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: John & James Moyes
Friday 22nd January <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 12noon at Salvation Army	9.25am to 9.55am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass: Mary Service & Barbara Devlin 3.00pm to 4.00pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 23rd January	10.00am Mass: Iris Murphy 10.30 to 11am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 24th January THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</i> 6pm at St John the Evangelist	9.30am Mass: Greta Mullan	11.15am Mass: Special Intention