

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

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*Solemnity of the Epiphany*

*3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016*

*CHRISTMASTIDE ... Remember the Christmas season doesn't end till Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.....so continue celebrating!*

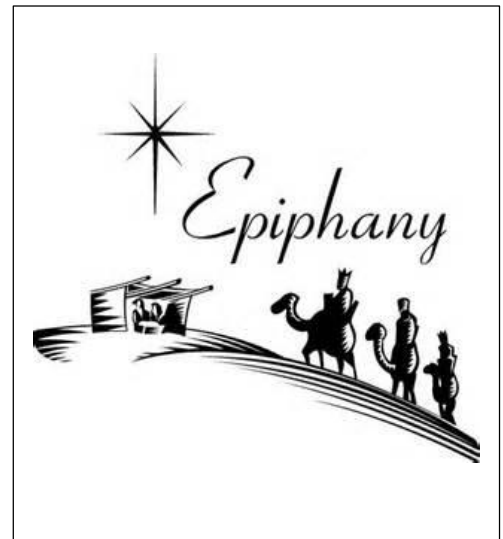
*Fr Jock would like to welcome all visitors to the parishes, to wish you all a Happy Epiphany and a Happy New Year, and to express his gratitude for so many people's generosity and good wishes during the festive season.*

**A COURSE FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...**will take place on three Mondays in January beginning on **11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 from 7.30 to 9.30pm 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...).

*Why not visit our parishes' new Facebook page where there is a welcome message from Archbishop Leo to be viewed*  
[www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)

There will be a **Special Collection at all Masses this weekend for Justice & Peace.**

**'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 begin on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.**



**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.'

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** 7.30pm: Parish House: RCIA resumes.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January:** 1.30 to 3.30pm: Thursday Club resumes

7.30pm: Parish House: Fabric Committee Meeting

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Parish Open Meeting.

**IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** 7.30 to 9.30pm: St John's Church Hall: **Training course for new Eucharistic ministers.** This course will take place on three consecutive Mondays, commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** 7.30pm: Parish House: St John's Pastoral Council Meeting.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January:** 7.30pm: Parish House: Justice & Peace Group Meeting

7.30pm: Parish House: Baptism Preparation Meeting 1

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** 11am: Parish House: 'Lectio Divina' Group Meeting

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January:** 1.00pm: **Visit to Nunraw:** Maria Igoe writes: 'There will be a minibus going to Nunraw on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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).

### *A New Year's Prayer*

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

not by making your path easy, but by making you

sturdy to travel any path;

not by taking hardships from you,

but by taking fear from your heart;

not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

not by making your life always pleasant,

but by showing you when people and their causes need

you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

### **NOTICEBOARD**

**CHRISTIAN AID BURNS SUPPER** will take place in the Portobello and Joppa Church hall, Brunstane Road North on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm. Along with the traditional meal there is a range of well respected local speakers including Morag Mylne, Jean Thompson, local performer and writer Gavin Booth and Sheila Hay. Tickets priced £15 can be booked with Siobhán Sellar [[sasellar@gmail.com](mailto:sasellar@gmail.com) T: 0131 6573805] before 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Pauline Connarty**, our administrator, will be on annual leave during the coming week. The Parish Office will re-open on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

We have received a letter from **Sr Ursula, Little Sisters of the Poor**, thanking parishioners for the generous gift of £736.09 which was collected in memory of Mgr. Rae. Sr Ursula writes: 'Your very generous donations will help us so much in our Apostolate of caring for the elderly here at St Joseph's House. I know how well loved Mgr, Rae was in your parish and we also have very fond memories of him at St Joseph's House – God rest his gentle soul. As we await the birth of Our Lord, all the Sisters join me in praying that you and all the parishioners at St John's will be filled with God's peace and love. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every Blessing in the New Year.'

**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.

### *Offertory Collections for Christmas and 27<sup>th</sup> December*

<u>St Mary Magdalene's</u>		<u>St John the Evangelist</u>	
Christmas	£670.13 (inc Gift Aided: £277.00)	Christmas	£2866.79 (inc Gift Aided £475.00)
27 <sup>th</sup> December	£269.90 (inc Gift Aided: £139.50)	27 <sup>th</sup> December	£ 835.99 (inc Gift Aided £431.10)

Many thanks

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those whose have died recently including:** Rev. Andrew Patterson, Iris Murphy.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Betsy Hogg, James Lacey, John Brown, Lucia Maher, John Browne, Fr. Thomas Gaffney SJ, Bernard McAllister, Hedley Smibert, John J McWilliams, Douglas Shannon, Renee McMartin, Joseph & Isobel Simpson, Kathleen McGovern, James Bannon, Jessie Handren, James Huntly, Rita Scott, James Meehan, John Christie, Mary Gralton, James McNamara, William Turnbull, Kathleen Fusco, Alexander Gilroy, Charmaine McIntyre, William Birrell, Hugh Robertson, Brigid Theresa Stuart, Leo J Stone, Anne Hughes and Les Garvin.

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Ted McEwan, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, Liz Saddler, Lorna Dickson, Etta Dewar, Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Patrick McCafferty, Terry Delaney, 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:** 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, and Rupert Ridge.

## **ST MARY MAGDALENE'S**

**Aileen Hall writes on behalf of the Ad Hoc Fabric Committee:** 'We need a team to help with fire safety. Fire safety involves for example knowing where the main fire exits are, putting down the ramp at the back door should the alarm go off, and testing the alarm system. If you are willing to join the team or want further information before deciding please speak to any member of the Parish Council or add your name to the list in the porch.'

**Readers for this Sunday:** Irene Duncan & Aileen Hall

**Bidding Prayers:** Anne Jabir

**... and next Sunday:** Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes

**Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher

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

**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**

**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.

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING.** Maria Igoe writes: 'The January Charity Coffee Morning will be on **Monday 4th January** after Mass in the Parish Hall. Donations will be given to the children's charity, 'Chance for Childhood'. December's Coffee Morning raised £110 for SPUC Scotland. Thank you all very much. You are amazing!'

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL:** C Vinestock, O Brookes, B Kelly.

**SUNDAY:** K Gallagher, K Dykes, L Moran, P Glancy, M MacDiarmid.

... and a reminder that **St John's Pastoral Council meeting will take place in the parish house on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.** If you have any items you would like on the agenda, please let Jim Roarty know by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <i>Memorial of St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	<b>10.00am: Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI – Sick Person</b>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.30am Mass: People of the Parish</b>	<b>11.15am Mass: SI – Sick Person</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass: SI – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>  <b>7.00pm to 8.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am: Requiem Mass for Iris Murphy</b>	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am: Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am Mass: Ann Gilhooley</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am: Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass: SI – Xmas</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass: Michael Keogh</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am Mass: SI – Xmas</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI – Xmas</b>	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.30am Mass: People of the Parish</b>	<b>11.15am Mass: SI – Xmas</b>

### **Forgiveness and Celebration**

Forgiveness and celebration are at the heart of community. There are two faces of love. Celebration is a communal experience of joy, a song of thanksgiving. We celebrate the fact of being together; we give thanks for the gifts we have been given. Celebration nourishes us, restores hope, and brings us the strength to live with the suffering and difficulties of everyday life.'

*Jean Vanier, Community and Growth*