

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

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17TH JULY 2016

This weekend we commemorate Sea Sunday (a week late!) when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a Leaving Collection at all Masses for the Apostolate of the Sea which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Please remember seafarers in your prayers.

Congratulations and warm wishes to Fr Jock who will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this Tuesday 19th July while he is away on (working) - pilgrimage to Lourdes! You are invited to keep the afternoon of Sunday 7th August free in your diary for an informal joint parish celebration. Further details below.

Many thanks indeed to **Fr John Robinson** and **Fr Gordon Brown** for kindly covering the weekday Masses in Fr Jock's absence ... **and a warm welcome to Fr Tony Lappin** who will be celebrating our weekend Masses this weekend. **Fr Tony was ordained on 24th June at the Cathedral.**

Next Friday, 22 July, is the patronal feast of St Mary Magdalene's and the first time – thanks to Pope Francis – that the feast of 'the Apostle to the Apostles' is a full Feast (rather than a 'mere' memorial – technical liturgical term!). There will be Mass at 10am at St Mary Magdalene's but we are 'transferring' the Feast to the Sunday Mass at 11.15am – all welcome and to the celebration afterwards...

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PICNIC IN THE PARK ...

On behalf of the pastoral councils of the parishes of St John the Evangelist & St Mary Magdalene you are invited to an informal gathering to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fr Jock's ordination to the priesthood. Please join us in Brighton Park, Portobello, on Sunday 7th August from 1pm to 4pm. Bring a picnic. All welcome!

VISIT TO LEGHO BY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HOLYROOD HIGH SCHOOL.

Bethany Burgess, the senior St John's altar server, writes about her own feelings in anticipation! :

'On the 18th of July, myself, along with eleven young people from Holy Rood High School and two teachers will make the trip to Tanzania. Though I am extremely excited for the amazing opportunity to go and experience a completely different culture, I am also slightly apprehensive about the different challenges which I will encounter whilst I am over there.

For one there is the difference in culture, which means that how we are expected to behave and dress will be very different from what we are used to. The "dress code", especially for the girls in the group, is quite different to what we are accustomed to and many of us have had to spend a day or two shopping for appropriate clothing. For another there will be an extreme difference in food, which I'm sure I will have to get used to very quickly since I don't think I will be able to nip down the road and pick up a McDonalds if I'm hungry.

However, I think what will stand out the most for me are the similarities between their culture and my own. There seems to be a stereotype of Western and African cultures which sets them apart, though I know through meeting several of the young people who have visited Scotland – and becoming good friends with a few as well – that their lives are not that different from our own. They have their three meals a day, hot water, electricity and computers and mobile phones. This seems quite different to what we see on T.V or read online or in a newspaper.

Though I don't know what will happen when I arrive, or what life will be like for the next few weeks, yet I think that the only true way to know will be to experience it for myself.'

WELCOME!

If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

An update from Sr Margaret Mary in Rwanda –

(on the Pastoral Centre for which we sent funds from the Martin Aelred Concert, the St John's Spring Fayre, a Monday morning coffee morning, a significant birthday and the sponsored slim!):

Builders fall behind schedule there too... '...sadly, the fact is that all is not yet in order. We were promised the building at the end of April; we have not yet received it but are able to use it for big groups. The difficult part is that after each group we have to remove all the bedding to allow the workmen to continue painting (3rd coat it seems) varnishing and other small jobs. One advantage of being able to use it before it is handed over is that some defects to plumbing and with doors, have come to light, so all will be fixed before the final date which we HOPE will be at the end of this month. The oratory is not yet in use but we have a lovely little tabernacle and an altar we like very much. I hope to be able to send you a photo when all is in place. The date foreseen for the inauguration and blessing is 11 September when Sr. Colette, our Prioress General, will be here. One very good piece of news is that we hope that the present generator will all the same be sufficient to aliment the new building also with a few additions and of course cables. I think the gift may cover the lot. The installation has still to be done.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd July: 10.45am: Parish House: **Lectio Divina Group meeting.** All welcome to reflect together on the Sunday readings.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 24th July: 1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw.** Maria Igoe writes: 'The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on Sunday 24th July, leaving St John's at 1pm and arriving back at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July 2016. 9am to 12.45pm. PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB. 'Guardians of Ancora - 'Children of primary school age welcome to come along for games, gardening, crafts, music, bible stories, and more. Cost £5 per child or £1 per day. Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Rd Nth, EH15 2DL. Please email Portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com to register by 18 July'.

Wednesday 27th July: 2.30-4.30 and 5.30-7.30: Portobello Town Hall: Visit of Blood Transfusion Service

Thursday 26th July: 3.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

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

NOTICEBOARD

CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS. Maria Igoe writes 'From May 2015 until April 2016 the amount raised from donations at the monthly **Charity Coffee Mornings** was £1793 and was given to 8 different Charities. This is a considerable increase on previous years, and reflects the generosity of those who come along and donate and those who cannot come but give donations. Many thanks.'

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: Portobello Town Hall: Wednesday 27th July 2.30 – 4.30 and 5.30 – 7.30. NEW DONORS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

EPIPHANY GROUP COURSE 'Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living'. Venue: Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. Course Dates: 26th October 2016 to 26th April 2017 (Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9.30pm). This course aims to help participants develop & deepen their experience of prayer and live more reflectively. It offers opportunity to explore faith, discover meaning and come to a deeper relationship with God. In addition to weekly group meetings participants are offered the opportunity of individual spiritual accompaniment. The method is primarily experience-based and reflective and allows participants to:

- Experience different ways of praying taken from Ignatian and other spiritual traditions.
- Explore aids to prayer and reflection.
- Develop and deepen awareness of different perceptions of God and self.
- Discover a way of making prayerful choices through an introduction to Ignatian discernment.

For application forms & further information please contact Sharon.laidlaw@btinternet.com by 31st July 2016. Course fee £340 payable in instalments. Please enquire about help with fees in case of financial difficulty.

Fr. Jock writes: 'Several parishioners have undertaken this course and found it a very positive experience. One or two have continued on to the next stages, "Spiritual Conversation" and "Spiritual Direction", so if you would like to hear a first-hand account of the course, please do let me know.'

Offertory Collections for 9th & 10th July

St Mary Magdalene's
£268.50 (inc. £90.00 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£773.11 (inc. £299.53 Gift Aided)

MANY THANKS

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Cecilia Sharkey, Mary Florence Crabbe, William Service, Norah Seery.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Cardinal Gordon J Gray (19.7.93)

St John's:

July 16:- Kathleen McColl (2006); Philomena Donnelly; Maria Howieson; July 17:- Patrick Dourley (2005); Joseph O'Brien (2000); Margaret D'Inverno (1988); John Sandham (1985); July 19:- Eileen Walsh (1975); Domenica Andreucetti; July 20:- Charles Bowyer (2013); Ellen Brennan (2005); Margaret Robertson (1995); Patrick Roarty (1992); William Holligan; July 21:- Bernard Flynn (1997); Bridget Ginnelly (1986); July 22:- Mary Beatson (2003); Catherine Iannarelli (2003); Christina J Walker (2002); Peter Loftus (1985); Rose Maloney;

St Mary Magdalene's :

July 16:- Thomas Dewar (2008); July 17:- Owen Barrett (1997); July 19:- James Harvey (1996); Mary McQueen (1996); Angelina Risi (1968); July 20:- Sheila Foster (1975); Patrick Burns (1968);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Giulio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, 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, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Maimie 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: Rose McKay, Anne McGeachie, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Mary Thomson, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, Mary Brockie, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, 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: Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes **Bidding Prayers:** Peggy Ferguson

... and for next Sunday Olaf Putsch and Mary Fenwick **Bidding Prayers:** Aileen Hall

St. John's

Warm birthday greetings to Pat Dickin who celebrates her 90th birthday on Friday 22nd July.

GIFT AID. If you are a gift aider and have not yet collected your envelopes from the back of the church please do look for the marked box where you will find your 2016-17 gift aid pack. If you have not managed to collect your envelopes and would like them to be delivered please contact Pauline in the parish office. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: G Sellar, M McKenzie, M Reilly **SUNDAY:** E Clark, M Iannarelli, P Glancy, M McDiarmid, C Volpe.

‘Liturgy is the sacramental celebration of the marvellous things that happen in human life ... not a sacred action which separates us from the ordinary situations of life and brings us into touch with the otherness of God. In liturgy we do not turn our backs on secular life to be in more direct contact with the heavenly realities.’

Gregory Baum

‘It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.’

St Francis of Assisi

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16th July <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	10.00am Mass 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17th July <i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass People of the Parish	11.15am Mass
Monday 18th July	10.00am Mass Mick McKeown 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 19th July	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15 -7pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 20th July <i>Memorial of St Apollinaris</i>	10.00am Mass	
Thursday 21st July <i>Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	9.45 am Requiem Mass for Mary Florence Crabbe	
Friday 22nd July FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Eucharistic Service 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	10.00am Mass:
Saturday 23rd July <i>Feast of St Bridget</i>	10.00am Mass: 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 24th July <i>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass: Mgr Rae	11.15am Mass - Patronal Feast

A Humble, Small, Hidden Event

The moment of Jesus' greatest weakness and pain was followed by his resurrection. That was not a visible, spectacular event for all but a humble, small hidden event. He did not want to humiliate those who had humiliated him. He appeared to Mary of Magdala and then to a few of his disciples; he did not judge or criticise them for their lack of trust at the time of his distress, but he gave them peace.

Jean Vanier: 'Our Life Together' p510.

