

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

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

12 JUNE 2016



Many congratulations to the 18 young candidates making their First Communion at St John's Church this Sunday. They are Mackena Chalmers, Samuel Curran, Naomi Cochrane, Ryan Demarco, Erin Edwards, Neve Egan, Kieran Finlayson, Aryan Hafezi, Ewan Hutton, Tommy Jamieson, Ben Kelly, Leon Mackie, Iona Mbele, Lorcan McNally, Gabriela Rot, Lola Sclater, Tyler Sivier, and Zak Stewart.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass for all the 28 candidates at St Mary Magdalene's at 11.15am on Sunday 26 June. Mackena Chalmers will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at this Mass. There will also be an opportunity for the children's prayer partners to meet them.

There will be a Special Collection at all Masses next weekend for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund. A letter from Archbishop Leo Cushley is attached as an insert to this newsletter in which Archbishop Leo explains how the cost of providing benefits to retired priests will increase significantly over the coming years as more priests reach the age of retirement (which for the clergy is usually 75 years of age). Measures taken by the Diocese to match this increase include the sale of property, new investment strategies, and an increase in the clergy levy. In addition, it has been decided to have a 2nd special collection each year for a further five years to build up the funds of the AICF. Parishioners are asked to consider gift aiding by completing the short gift aid section on the back of the special collection envelopes being provided for this collection. (As this collection is being administered by the Diocese even regular 'Gift Aiders' are asked to make use of the special collection envelopes provided and complete the required declaration.) Your generosity in continuing to care for our clergy in their retirement is much appreciated.

CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER: This Saturday 18th June the first of three planning meetings for all five Cluster Parishes will be held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Leith, commencing with 10am Mass, followed by the meeting from 11am to 12.30pm. All parishioners in each parish are warmly invited to attend the meeting, to listen and to contribute as constructively as possible. The meeting is being organised by the 'Cluster Group' comprising the Priests and Parish Council Chairs from Cluster Parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, St Ninians, Restalrig, St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, St John the Evangelist, Portobello, St Teresa's Craigmillar.

The discussion point for the meeting is "Where do you see signs of spiritual vibrancy in your cluster parishes and how could these be strengthened?" We would encourage all Parishioners to attend as this is your chance for your voice to be heard and participate in these important discussions on the future of our Parishes and Archdiocese. From this weekend, a sign-up sheet will be available at the back of both Churches to help provide some indication to the organisers of the numbers attending from each Parish and to assist us in ensuring there is transport to St Mary Star of the Sea, Leith for those that require it. If you have any questions about the meeting or next stages then please contact Fr Jock or Pauline Connarty, the parish administrator - stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

BENEDICT 16 CARITAS AWARD. Many congratulations to Bethany Burgess, Megan Collins, Niamh Lang, Patrick Manson and Gemma Lisi! These young St John's & St Mary Magdalene's parishioners from Holy Rood High School received their Caritas awards last Monday in Glasgow.

FILM & BINGO NIGHT

Friday 17th June at 7pm in St John's Church Hall. (Admission free.)

Come and enjoy Generation Hope, a new short film from Mary's Meals which tells the stories of just some of the young people who, having enjoyed Mary's Meals as children, are now part of a new generation beginning to find its voice and build a brighter future. Then, suitably inspired by these stories, try your luck at a few games of bingo – star prizes, good fun for all the family! (Note: At enormous expense, we have hired an experienced bingo-caller – who occasionally moonlights as a parish priest!) PS Donations of prizes for Bingo would be welcomed.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **First Holy Communions**

11.30am (not 11.15am): St Mary Magdalene's: Mass

4pm: St John's Church: Baptism of Bridget Agorastes.

10.00am – 4.00pm: **St Margaret Pilgrimage, Dunfermline.** Father Christopher Heenan writes: 'On Sunday 12th June, 2016 you are invited to join us in Dunfermline for the annual summer pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret of Scotland. Last year over 1500 people travelled from all across the country to join us for a hugely enjoyable day. It should be a great family day. We look forward to welcoming you! St Margaret pray for us.'

7.00pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall: St Mary Magdalene OPEN PARISH MEETING.

Monday 13th June: 2.30pm: St John's Church: **Mass with Anointing (Healing Mass).** The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. All are invited to the Hall afterwards for refreshments. Please come along.

7.30pm: Parish House: St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

Wednesday 15th June: 12noon: Seafeld Crematorium: **Funeral Service for Bob Holligan.**

Thursday 16th June: 7pm: Parish House: **Cluster Day Planning Meeting.**

Friday 17th June: 6.30pm: St John's Church: Wedding rehearsal for Paul Robertson & Laura McLeod.

7.30pm: St John's Church Hall: Justice & Peace Bingo Night for Mary's Meals.

Saturday 18th June: Cluster Planning Day at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith: 10am: Mass 11am-12.30pm: First of Three Cluster Planning Meetings – A Warm Invitation to all.

1.30pm: St John's Church: Wedding Service of Paul Robertson & Laura McLeod.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 19th June: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Joe & Rosa Brady.**

12noon to 7pm: **Legion Of Mary Thanksgiving Day.** Maria Igoe writes: 'The minibus will leave St John's at 12 noon and the cost is £8. We will arrive in time to have a picnic lunch and have a look around. Mass will be said at 3pm and the chief celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan. There will be a Rosary procession at 5pm and we shall return by 7pm. For further details contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

Sunday 26th June: 1pm to 7.30pm: **A Pilgrimage to Nunraw.** Maria Igoe writes: The trip to Nunraw Abbey will leave St John's at 1pm and returning at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

NOTICEBOARD

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – A THANK YOU: Grant Sellar writes: 'The recent collection for Christian Aid Week at both Parishes raised a total of £272.60 of which £64 was Gift Aided. On behalf of the Portobello Area Churches Together group, I would like to say a big thank you for your generosity in supporting the efforts of Christian Aid to eradicate poverty. The overall total raised locally for CA Week will be announced in the next few weeks.'

BINGHAM & MAGDALENE COMMUNITIES' RENEWAL PROJECT. If you are interested in finding out more about this project there will be **two feedback meetings on Wednesday 15th June, taking place at the following venues: Bingham Community Centre at 11am, and Magdalene Community Centre at 6.30pm.**

PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB. 'Guardians of Ancora' 25th – 29th July 2016. 9am to 12.45pm. 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. **Fr Jock writes: 'We are still looking for someone to represent our 2 parishes on the ecumenical planning group for the Holiday Club, an initiative of all the Churches – if you wish to learn more about what's involved, do please contact me...'**

DATA PROTECTION POLICY. Copies of the Data Protection Policy operated and approved by the Archdiocese have been displayed on noticeboards in both churches. We are asked to make parishioners aware of this policy document and to request that volunteers in particular familiarise themselves with the contents. Spare copies are available for those volunteers to whom the data protection policy is most relevant. Please contact the parish office if this applies to you.

Offertory Collections for 4th June & 5th June

St Mary Magdalene's
£485.92 (inc. £138 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£969.35 (inc. £547.94 Gift Aided)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Stephen Sutherland and Bob Holligan.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John G Kelly.

St John's:

June 12:- Peter McLauchlin (1993); Mrs Young (1939); Catherine Regan; **June 13:-** Bernard Holligan (1993); Lyndsey Jacob (1991); Christina Mullen (1978); Beatrice Nimmo (2005); John Govan (2003); John Brown (1945 killed in action); Sally Eadie; **June 14:-** Josephine Heaney (1996); Lily Sandham (1985); Annie Rae (1979); Susan (Magee) Purcell (1970); John Fusco (1942); Winnie Torrance; **June 15:-** Anthony Fusco (1978); Ona McArthur (2011); Jessie McGuire (1954); **June 16:-** Anne Marie Aitken (2015); Annette Donivar (2013); Joseph Rooney (2011); Fr. John Fusco (1994); Amelia W Murphy (1981);); **June 17:-** Roland Ogilvie (2013); Bridget McCole (1997); Violet Macnamara (1997); **June 18:-** Thomas Quinn (2004); Mary Eardley (1999); Betty McLean (1997);

St Mary Magdalene's:

June 12:- David Gaughan (2000); **June 13:-** Hugh McCarron (2000); **June 16:-** Isobel Kesson (1995);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Jim Raeburn, Tom Brown, 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 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: Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Rose McKay and Laurence Kennedy.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Alan Dougal, Mary Thomson, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, Mary Brockie, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dymna 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: Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick
... and for next Sunday Anne Jabir & John Cunningham

Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher
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... and a reminder that this Sunday 12th June at 7pm there will be one of our 2 Open Parish Meetings of the year – to which all St Mary Magdalene's parishioners are most warmly invited.

FOOD PARCEL SERVICE: If you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, please leave donations of tinned food in the box provided at the back of the 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

Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. Congratulations to three of our Altar Servers who starred in the recent performance of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' put on by Portobello Junior Drama Group at St Philips Church. Laurie Campanile starred as King John, Olivia Campanile as the Sheriff of Nottingham and Emilia Lauder played Maid Marion. A rousing performance was given with songs, fun and great acting all round.

Hospitality Group. Mary Iannarelli writes: 'In addition to our existing excellent Sunday Hospitality group, it is hoped to set up a general Hospitality group whose members would take responsibility for providing hospitality at occasional parish meetings and events. It is hoped that volunteers would only be needed on 2 or 3 occasions during the year depending on the number of volunteers in the group. If you would like to find out more or volunteer please contact Mary Iannarelli on 07534666439.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: G Sellar, M McKenzie, J Martin . **SUNDAY:** B Gallagher, P Connarty, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight.

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 11th June <i>MEMORIAL OF ST BARNABAS</i>	10.00am Mass 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 1.30pm: Wedding of Julie Gulland & Mark Philibin 6.30pm Vigil Mass Fr Michael Cunane	
Sunday 12th June <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass with 1st Holy Communions People of the Parish	11.30am Mass Fr Tom Hennessy (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME)
Monday 13th June <i>MEMORIAL OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA</i>	2.30pm Mass with Anointing Sr Dolores' 95 th Birthday 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 14th June	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass John Howell
Wednesday 15th June	10.00am Mass James Grady	
Thursday 16th June	10.00am Mass Anne-Marie Aitken	
Friday 17th June	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 Sheila Pyke
Saturday 18th June	10.00am Eucharistic Service (CLUSTER MASS: 10am at St Mary's Leith) 1.30pm: Wedding of Paul Robertson & Laura McLeod 6.30pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 19th June <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</i>	9.30am Mass Margaret Wagenbichler	11.15am Mass Fr Joseph McMahon

A Place to Begin

‘Lets begin by establishing peace first within our own hearts, and then in the hearts of others. Let’s create communities and families of peace. Isn’t that the responsibility of each one of us? That means that we have to work on ourselves and recognise our compulsions, self-centredness and depression. This leads us into a deeper respect for ourselves so we live our humanity more fully.’

Jean Vanier