

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

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)*

*13<sup>th</sup> March 2016*



Fr Jock writes: **'The warmest of welcomes to Archbishop Leo Cushey,** visiting our two parishes this weekend – and the **warmest of congratulations to Kathy Gallagher and Bernard Ayres,** the first recipients of the diocesan St Andrew medal for several years. New statutes for the medal were promulgated recently and are printed on the back of this week's Sunday Plus. Few would disagree that Bernard and Kathy's **'qualities of dedication, humility and service'** have been **'experienced as inspiring'** by the parishioners of our parishes.'

**The provisional details for our main Holy Week Services** (tbc after Sunday's Liturgy leaders meeting) **are:**

	<u>St John the Evangelist</u>	<u>St Mary Magdalene</u>	<u>OTHER VENUES</u>
SATURDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6.30pm Vigil Mass	-	
SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY	9.30am: Mass with procession ( & with focus on Primary 4 'Do This in Memory of Me' sacramental candidates.)	11.15am: Mass with procession	
MONDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30pm: Mass with Anointing 7.30pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross		
TUESDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> March			<u>St Mary's Cathedral</u> 7.00pm: Chrism Mass with Archbishop Cushey & the priests of the Archdiocese.
WEDNESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> March			<u>St Mark's, Episcopal Church, Portobello</u> 7.00 pm: Tenebrae
THURSDAY 2 <sup>4th</sup> March HOLY THURSDAY		7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper	
FRIDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> March GOOD FRIDAY	10.45: Cross Walk... 11am: Ecumenical Service – followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns in the Hall. 3pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.	9.30am: Children's Stations of the Cross - followed by a walk to St John's Church to meet other local Christians walking from their churches for an 11am Ecumenical Service at St John's. 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> March HOLY SATURDAY	10am: A shortened version of Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings. 8pm: EASTER VIGIL with Baptisms and Confirmations of catechumens and candidates.		
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> March EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am: Children's Mass	11.15am: Children's Mass.	

Next Sunday - Palm Sunday – the 9.30am Mass at St John’s will focus on Primary 4 candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; the children will be reading the Passion.

**CLUSTER PARISHES.** On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 around 200 people met at St Mary Magdalene’s Church to hear from Archbishop Leo Cushley as he outlined his thoughts on the future of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. His pastoral letter “*We have found the Messiah*” provided the basis of his presentation to our cluster of 5 parishes; St Mary Magdalene’s, St Ninians, Restalrig, St Mary’s Star of the Sea Leith, St John the Evangelist and St Teresa’s Craigmillar.

The Archbishop advised that he hopes to meet each Cluster group across the Archdiocese by Palm Sunday. We should look forward with realism but not pessimism. By early 2017 he would like each Cluster of Parishes to report back on the current “state of play” to help him understand more clearly what is going on and to also see what the future may look like. This process of discernment will be undertaken by three meetings involving all parishioners from our cluster of five parishes over the course of the next year facilitated by Pastoral Resources to provide a consistent snapshot of each cluster.

The Priests and Chairs of the Parish Pastoral Councils from each of the five Churches in our cluster will meet this coming Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to plan the next stages and timescales for the three consultation meetings. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks along with the full note of the meeting from 13<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions about the meeting or next stages then please approach Fr. Jock - [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) – or 669 5447.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** 7pm: Parish House: **Liturgy Leaders’ Meeting in preparation for Holy Week.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** 2pm: St Mary Magdalene’s Church: **Requiem Mass for Adele Croskery.**

7.30 pm Parish House: **St. John’s Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: 9.45am:** St John’s Church: **Mass with Primary 5 pupils from St John’s.**

11am: Parish House: **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 7pm:** St John’s: **Stations of the Cross**

7.45pm: Parish House: **Cluster Representatives’ Meeting**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Course (2).**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.45am: Parish House: **Lectio Divina Group Meeting.** All welcome to reflect and share on a Gospel passage. (Next meeting will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.45am.)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.30am: St John’s Church: **Palm Sunday.** Gather in Brighton Park before processing into Church. ‘Do This in Memory of Me’ Mass.

1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw.** Maria Igoe writes: ‘A group will be going by minibus to Nunraw on Sunday 20th March, leaving St John's at 1pm and returning at 7.30pm. Tea, biscuits and cake will be provided but please bring a sandwich. If you wish to go phone Maria Igoe 669 0247.’

### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 7pm: St Mary’s Cathedral: **Chrism Mass – and celebrating God’s Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Archbishop Leo Cushley.** (Please see posters at the back of each church.)

### **NOTICEBOARD**

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT.** To mark this event, we are having a Fairtrade stall in the Hall after 9.30am Mass this Sunday 13 March; an opportunity to stock up on your Fairtrade essentials.

**SCIAF** are asking parishioners to support their ‘**WEE vote BIG change**’ campaign, calling on politicians to put people and planet first. Please do sign the SCIAF petition, copies of which can be found at the back of each church. Meanwhile, it’s not too late to **pick up a WEE BOX** and contribute to SCIAF’s Lent Appeal which will see the UK Government matching £1 for £1 all monies raised.

**‘Sponsored Slim’... an opportunity to support a project in Rwanda by sponsoring Fr Jock to lose a few pounds! Sponsor sheets can be found at the back of both churches.** Fr Jock writes: ‘An 82 year old Irish nun, Sr Margaret Mary, lives in rural Rwanda in a new convent with several young Rwandan nuns and

novices. As well as providing a contemplative presence in a country still trying to rebuild after the genocide, her community are expanding their Pastoral Centre to offer a place of healing and prayer.' Sr Margaret Mary would like to install a water tank to collect rain water for washing and cleaning and they are also in the process of furnishing a new oratory for those who come for healing and to pray.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those who have died recently including:** Ellen Sweeney, Margaret Scanlon, George McPartlin, Irene Rudden, Catherine Gilroy, John O'Donnell, and Adele Croskery.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Margaret Reid, Bernard Vinestock, Alexander Connelly, Sarah Home, Patrick G Hunt, Cecily Docherty, Thomas Henderson, Roseanne D'Arcy, Jessie Quin, Elizabeth Binnie, Eva Nolans, James Wynne, Winifred Wynne, Mary Kelly, Rebecca M O'Kane, John Barber, Edward Molloy, Mary Anne McGrory, May Mackay, Margaret Burns, Mary Hunt, Christian Lynch, Patrick Duff, Esther Keating, Sheila Devlin, Annie Cockburn, Mary Loftus, Anne Kinane, Peter Kelly, David Philp, Gertrude Forsyth, Very Rev. Charles Canon Brodie and John T Clarke (killed in action).

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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, 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:** Louise Wallace, Sean McGovern Jr., Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, 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:** Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Simon Benson, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, 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**

**Readers for this Sunday** John Cunningham & Anne Jabir  
**... and next Sunday:** Olaf Pusch & Irene Duncan

**Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher  
**Bidding Prayers:** Kate Neilson

**200 Club:** Madge Moyes writes: 'The winner of the 200 Club this month is No 132, Michael Sime, who has won £25. Congratulations! And remember if you would like to join the 200 Club please contact Madge on 657 2744.'

**GIFT AID:** Gift Aid envelopes have arrived and will be available next weekend for collection from the back of both churches for all those parishioners who make their offertory donation via the Gift Aid Donor scheme. This scheme allows the parish to claim an additional 25pence from the Inland Revenue for every £1.00 you donate. It is simple to operate and strictly confidential. If you are not already a Gift Aid Donor and would like to contribute via this worthwhile scheme please don't hesitate to contact Pauline Connarty in the Parish Office (0131 669 5447) to find out how it works.

## **St. John's**

**ST JOHN'S OPEN CHURCH.** Chris Vinestock writes: 'We would like to have our church open from Monday to Friday during Holy Week in order to offer parishioners and passers-by an opportunity to reflect and pray during this important period. Please give some thought to volunteering for an hour. No special skills are required. We would simply like to have a quiet presence in the church. If you can help, please add your name to the volunteer sign up lists which are now available at the back of the church. Any time you can spare during Holy Week would be much appreciated.'

**Jim Roarty writes:** 'The next meeting of St John's Parish Pastoral Council is on **Monday 14 March at 7.30pm** in the Parish House. If you have any items you wish included on the agenda, please forward them to Pauline Connarty, our parishes' administrator.'

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL:** J Roarty, M Watson, V Knowles.

**SUNDAY:** K Gallagher, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, A Dixon, F Dick.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>ARCHBISHOP LEO CUSHLEY</b> <b>WILL VISIT THE PARISHES THIS</b> <b>WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE</b> <b>MASS WITH US</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Sarah Home <b>10.30am:</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)</i>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Mgr. James Rae	<b>11.30am Mass:</b> Fr. Tom Hennessy
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  <b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b>2pm: Requiem Mass for Adele Crosskery</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.45 am Mass with Primary 5 pupils from St John's</b>  Alexander Connelly	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10am Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross):</b> Special Intention  <b>7pm: Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FEAST OF ST PATRICK</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6pm to 6.45pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>  <b>6.45pm: Mass:</b> Irene Rudden
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	<b>9.15am to 10am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>10.00am Mass:</b> George McPartlin  <b>3.00pm to 4.00pm</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH,</b> <b>SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED</b> <b>VIRGIN MARY.</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Sr Joan Tierney <b>10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Bernard Vinestock	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF</b> <b>THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> Margaret Reid	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> People of the Parish

### Offertory Collections for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March

<b>St Mary Magdalene's</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>
<b>£351.65 (inc: £233 Gift Aided)</b>	<b>£878.17 (inc: £446.72 Gift Aided)</b>
<b>Special Collection for Papal &amp; Episcopal Charities</b>	
<b>£279.30</b>	<b>£616.72</b>

*Many thanks*