

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

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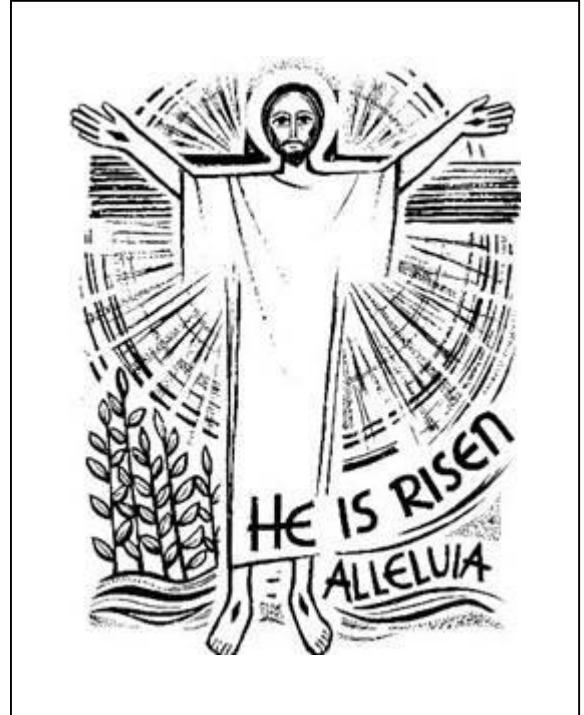
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*EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
27th March 2016*



A Happy and joy-filled Easter to Everyone

... and the warmest of welcomes to all visitors to our Churches today!

Many of us have walked with Jesus the journey from Palm Sunday and the entry into Jerusalem to Holy Thursday and Mass of the Last Supper, and from there to Gethsemane and on to Calvary and Good Friday and the tomb. Now **we celebrate, today, the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ** – which we Christians believe to be the central event in the history of our world, and one that gives meaning and hope to life, and to each of our lives.

Many many thanks to all who have helped in any way in the liturgy and celebrations in our parishes – to the musicians, and altar servers and their co-ordinators, the welcomers, the readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the flower team, those who cleaned the churches, and the photocopyers and helpers who produced the orders of service – and to all those who've helped in other ways so discreetly that they've been forgotten ... to all who helped this to be a truly Holy Week, heartfelt thanks.

The warmest of congratulations to Christopher Umwani, David Wylie and Gary Zoltie, who were baptised, and **Freddie MacLellan Hawkes** who was received into the Catholic Church, and who were all confirmed and made their first communions at the Easter Vigil at St John's.

Many congratulations too to Catherine and Jessica MacLellan Hawkes, and Lourdes Hernandez who were also confirmed at the Easter Vigil, and to **Hannah and Charlie Young** who will be baptised at Mass on Easter Sunday.

Easter greetings from Mgr Paul in Tanzania – 'Greetings and Best Easter wishes to the Parishioners of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's. May this be the best Easter ever for you all...May the joy of knowing that Jesus Christ is risen permeate your life. These are my heartfelt wishes for you this season.

PAMOJA FASHION SPRING FORWARD IN STYLE

Spring Forward in Style - an opportunity to update your wardrobe and accessories for the new season. Friday 15 April 7.30pm onwards in St John's Hall. £3 entry donation which includes a glass of wine and refreshments. Donations of designer, new and nearly new clothes and accessories welcome. Please leave them in the basket at the back of the church. (There will be no Twende Pamoja sale on Saturday 2nd April.)

THEATRE ALBA LEISURE GROUP PRESENTS 'THE WORLD'S WONDER'

Thursday 7th April & Friday 8th April at 7.30pm at Netherbow Theatre Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1AR. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions). Phone 0131 556 9579. Something out of the ordinary ... by the group that practices in the St John's Church Hall.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th March: 9.30am: St John's Church: **Easter Sunday Children's Mass with baptisms of Hannah & Charlie Young.**

Wednesday 30th March: Portobello Town Hall: **THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** will be in Portobello Town Hall from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm and 5.30 to 7.30 pm. **NEW DONORS ALWAYS NEEDED.**

Friday 1st April: 6pm: St John's Church: Rehearsal for Wedding of Susan Wright & David Hay.

Saturday 2nd April: 1pm: St John's Church: **Wedding of Susan Wright & David Hay.**

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Wednesday 6th April: 7.45pm: Parish House: **Parishes Communications Meeting.**

Monday 11th April: 7pm: St John's Church Hall: **Lenten House Groups Get-Together.** All participants in the Lenten House Groups are invited to meet up to reflect on the experience – and relax over tea and coffee and home baking!

NOTICEBOARD

The Parish Office will not be open this week – but will re-open on Tuesday 5 April.

EASTERTIDE GREETINGS CAMPAIGN. Jim Roarty writes: 'This is an invitation from Action by Christians Against Torture to send greetings to endangered or persecuted Christians at Eastertide. The focus is on those who have been tortured and/or are still threatened with abuse. Go to acatuk.org.uk for a list of possible addressees, with descriptions of their plight.'

SCIAF. Please remember to return your SCIAF 'wee boxes' (if you haven't already). The UK Government will match every £1 you donate to SCIAF this Easter, but we must have this money counted and returned to SCIAF in early May, so please do hand in your Lenten offerings in good time to allow us to take advantage of this scheme.

SPONSORED SLIM: Fr Jock is reasonably impressed with himself at the loss of half a stone (7lb..) by Holy Thursday, and is hopeful of a late 'burst', aided by Good Friday...final details in next week's newsletter!

LIVING FAITH booklets to support you in your daily devotions from April to June are available at the back of both churches. Please do take a copy of you wish (and possibly leave a donation of £1 to help us cover costs?)

SVDP. SVDP are seeking a volunteer to work with teenagers from Holyrood High School's newly formed Saint Vincent de Paul Conference. If you are interested please contact Geoff Dobson on 07808 029 391.

SETTING OUT ON THE ROAD 2016 – 2017. We have received details from the Diocese regarding this course introducing the teaching of Religious Education in our Catholic Schools. It is suitable for probationers, NQTs and anyone who wants to update current practice. Patricia Carroll writes: 'This is a course taken over 4 days for teachers who have not yet obtained the Catholic Teachers Certificate and for Education Students who wish to teach in a Catholic School. The course will take place on the following dates: 11th and 12th August, 29th October 2016 and the 25th Feb 2017. Sessions are from 9am until 3.30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd Edinburgh EH9 1BB. For further details and application email: www.sces.org.uk/setting-out-application/

THE GARDEN ROOM AT DUDDINGSTON KIRK. Morag Donaldson, Secretary of PACT, writes: Duddingston Kirk has embarked on an exciting new project to develop the glebe land between the manse and Duddingston Loch. We already have groups growing organic vegetables and flowers but through time we will also incorporate some spaces for quiet reflection and an outdoor performance area. We have appointed Lizz Paterson as a full time project worker to oversee the transformation. As part of this project we will shortly be opening a new Garden Room café in the existing glass fronted hall overlooking Duddingston Loch. This is an opportunity for us to show Christian hospitality to the many visitors to the gardens. The café will be staffed by volunteers and we would like to welcome volunteers from other Churches in the area. We know that some of you already serve in this way in your own Churches but if you have a few hours to spare and feel that this might be for you, we would love to hear from you. Or please just come along and have a cup of tea and slice of cake. The café will be open Wed – Sat, 10-2 and Sunday, 1-4 from 30th March.

More information from Anne McCrossan 283 7193, anne@parametersevents.co.uk

Offertory Collections for 19th & 20th March

St Mary Magdalene's
£314.78 (inc: £133 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£1045.87 (inc: £512.60)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Michael Hayes, Doug Tulloch, Billie Darling, and Kathleen Kerr.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Alison Stewart, Michael Sivell, Gerry Higgins, Alice Baron, Dorothy Kate Lynch, James Lacey jnr, Sarah Ferrier, Bridie Hughes, Edward Baxter (killed in action) Charles Marrins, Charles Herriott, John Ogilvie, Robert Duffy, Constance Miller, Guiseppina Nicora, Jean Joyce, John Harkin, Agnes Clyne, Margaret Thackery, John Anthony, Peter Sheridan, Elizabeth Kelly, Mary Anne McWilliams, James McAlinden, Margaret Smith, Kathleen Craig, James Magee, Mrs Brennan, Mary Burke

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mona Scoular, 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, 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: Liz Davis, Laurie Wallace, Sean McGovern Jnr., 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, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Simon Benson, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dymrna Clifford, Austen Tod, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, 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 Easter Sunday:

... and for next Sunday:

Children's Mass

Tessa Haring & Sam Henry

Bidding Prayers: Children's Mass

Bidding Prayers: Anne Jabir

Many thanks to John & Mary Juska for the gift of a statue of the Sacred Heart that used to belong to John's mum and dad, Maria and Basil.

EASTER EGGS. Your donation of Easter Eggs is very much appreciated. These will be distributed to those in need and via the food parcel service at St Teresa of Lisieux, Craigmillar.

St. John's

WATCH THIS SPACE... for details of our **Annual Spring Fayre in St John's Church Hall on Saturday 7th May.**

If you would like to be involved please come along to a meeting being held in the parish house, 3 Sandford Gdns, on **Sunday 3rd April at 11.30am.** All most welcome, and we would especially welcome some new faces with new ideas!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: P MacInnes, J Kemp, M Spencer.

SUNDAY: E Clark, K Dykes, M McDiarmid, E White, J Rynn.

EASTER REFLECTION

As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light;
as long as the fields get green again, and the primroses and violets return;
as long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.

So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring, for the snow has melted
and life is awakening from its sleep and wanders through the hills and valleys.

Come, let us ascend the heights and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.

O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 26th March HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL	10.00am A shortened version of Morning Prayer & the Office of Readings. 8.00pm: EASTER VIGIL (with Baptism & Confirmation of RCIA catechumens and candidate and others). Joseph Gallagher	
Sunday 27th March EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	9.30am Children's Mass – with baptism of Hannah and Charlie Young John Scollan	11.15am Children's Mass People of the Parish
Monday 28th March <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass: Linda Wisbach 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 29th March <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15pm to 6.55pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00pm Mass Gerry Higgins
Wednesday 30th March <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass Florence Tracey	
Thursday 31st March <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass Billie Darling
Friday 1st April <i>Friday within the Octave of Easter</i>	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass Peter & Molly Tracey 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 2nd April <i>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</i>	10.00am Mass John O'Donnell 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass Fr Joe Mcshane	
Sunday 3rd April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Mass Mary Scollan	11.15am Mass People of the Parish

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