

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

6th March 2016

A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL, MUMS, GRANS AND GREAT GRANS!

Please remember in your prayers Sister Joan Tierney UJ, former Pastoral Assistant at St John's, who sadly passed away on Friday 26th February, 2016 following a short illness. She will be fondly remembered by many parishioners from both our parishes for her dedicated work in our area. Sister Joan had been working as a university chaplain in the Diocese of Southwark, London. A memorial service will be held in London at Our Lady of La Salette & St Joseph's Church, Melior St, on Monday 7th March 2016 at 12.30 pm and Sr Joan's funeral will take place in Tipperary on Tuesday. **Mass will be offered for Sr Joan on Saturday 19th March at 10.00 am at St John's Church.**

This week we celebrate 'Reconciliation Sunday' with several priests (Fr Gordon Brown, Fr John Robinson, Fr Jim Crampsey SJ and Fr John McFadden OMI) available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the start of Mass. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy Archbishop Leo is inviting us to '**Rediscover confession this Lent**'. Postcards from him reminding us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is '**a special moment of grace in the life of the Church**' will be handed out at all Masses this weekend

This Sunday there will also be a **Special Collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (75% of the collection goes to SCIAF, the remaining 25% to the diocesan Care Fund, supporting charities in our own archdiocese)**. With this week's newsletter is a **pastoral letter from Bishop Joseph Toal** asking us to support SCIAF by signing SCIAF's 'WEE vote, BIG change' petition calling for politicians to put people and planet first, and by contributing to SCIAF's Lent Appeal which will see every penny raised doubled by the UK Government.

A Pastoral visit from Archbishop Leo Cushley – Saturday & Sunday 12th/13th March

A reminder that Archbishop Leo will be joining us for our three weekend Masses, **NEXT SUNDAY** - the 5th Sunday of Lent, and **will present diocesan medals to Kathy Gallagher (at the 9.30 Mass) and Bernard Ayres (at the 11.30 Mass)**. On that Sunday, Mass at St Mary Magdalene's will be at **11.30am**, not 11.15am, which will allow the Archbishop the opportunity to meet St John's parishioners after the 9.30am Mass.

Please pray for the P3 children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Monday evening at 6pm at St John's. They are Rocco D'Agostino, Rhys Heron, Orla Lang, Francesco Pia, Luca Pacitti, Ben Craigie, Sean McGovern, Lorena Crolla, Sam McWilliam, Bartlomiej Rosinski, Daniel Lovie, Eva Murie, Ella Lockett, Liam McLeish, Millie Williamson, Lily Philbin, Kayden Bowers-Burton, Mackenzie Murray, Harry Vernon-Coyle, Grace Aubin Crawley, Christina Mary Carlin, Jaxson Ramsay, Nico Giuseppe Sener, Carys Rosabelle Emily Donaldson, Abigail Margaret Keast, Bertie Harris, Taylor Patricia McEvoy, Milosz Sek, Aisha Montgomery and Iona Mbele.

THE ROCK CHOIR

will be performing at St John's Church

this Saturday 12th March at 2.00pm

Teas/Coffees & Homebaking on sale afterwards. All proceeds for our St Vincent De Paul conference.

Many thanks to St Mary's Cathedral for their donation of a magnificent lifesize (presumably!) wooden statue of St Mary Magdalene to St Mary Magdalene's...!

THIS WEEK

Monday 7th March: 7pm: St John's Church: **First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Primary 3 children of St. John's and St. Mary Magdalene's (with visiting confessors Fr Dennis Connor OMI and Fr Jim Smith also in attendance). **All welcome to celebrate God's forgiveness with the children.**

7.30pm: Lauriston Centre: **'Lent Talks – The Year of Mercy – Interfaith Perspectives. Mercy and Islam'** presented by Shayk Sayed Razawi.

Tuesday 8th March: Parish House: **Visit of Auditors to St. Mary Magdalene's.**

Wednesday 9th March: 7pm: St Mary Magdalene's: **Stations of the Cross – led by members of the Bereavement Group.**

Thursday 10th March: 7.30pm: Parish House: **Baptism Preparation Course (1).**

Friday 11th March: 10.45 am: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Requiem Mass for Mary Robertson**

Saturday 12th March: 10am to 3pm: St Catherine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh: **Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Lenten Retreat.** 'The theme this year is "Laudato Si" (Caring for Our Common Home), and will be led by Ellen Teague, a well-known Catholic writer, journalist and campaigner on justice, peace and ecological issues'.

10am to 12noon: St John's Church Hall: **PAMOJA FASHION.** Sale of Quality Clothing.

2pm: St John's Church: THE ROCK CHOIR – a concert with all proceeds going in this Year of Mercy to our St Vincent De Paul conference. Teas/Coffees & Homebaking in the Hall after the concert. All most welcome!

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 13th March: 7pm: Parish House: **Liturgy Leaders' Meeting in preparation for Holy Week.**

Monday 14th March: 2pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Requiem Mass for Adele Crosskery.**

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

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

Tuesday 23rd March: 7pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **Chrism Mass - Celebrating God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Archbishop Leo Cushley.** (Please see posters at the back of each church.)

NOTICEBOARD

Our thanks and prayers go with **Fr Loreto Tabone** who returned to Gozo on Wednesday; we hope to be welcoming him back later in the year.

On his recent visit to Mexico **Pope Francis** was presented with a translation of the **Huixtan Tzotzil New Testament**, a work that has been 40 years in the making. A recording of the Mass celebrated by the Pope that day can be found on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpkR5pkWezY>, and at the end of the Mass you will see **Fr Henry McLaughlin** and the 2 main translators presenting the bible to Pope Francis.

ACTIVE SCHOOL VOUCHERS. **Mark Burgess** writes: 'St John's Primary are collecting Sainsbury's Active Schools vouchers. It would be a great support if parishioners could donate their vouchers to our local primary school. Vouchers can be handed into the school office or given to St John's staff or pupils at church. Thank you.'

FRESHSTART. Lorna Bowry of Fresh Start writes: 'A gentleman whose name is Bill recently received Starter Packs including crockery, cleaning items, bedding and toiletries and is very thankful for these items and everyone involved in helping him settle in to his new home. Of course, that includes you, the churches! We would not be sending out so many packs to change people's lives without your support and donations of goods.' If you would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities with Fresh Start please phone 0131 476 7741 or visit the website: <http://freshstartweb.org.uk/volunteer>

'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: Sister Joan Tierney UJ, Mary Robertson, Adele Crosskery, and Lindsay Thomson.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Sue McDevitt, Annie Holt, Thomas Connor, Annie Tunley, Michael Murphy, James A McGrory, Joseph F Gallagher, James Docherty, Helen McNulty Duke, Margaret McMillan, Michael D'Arcy, Edward Quin, Mary D'Arcy Hughes, Alfred O'Brien, John O'Brien, George Ogilvie, Norah Mullen, Joseph McElroy, Dorothy Fusco, James Kelly, The Wood Family, James A McGrory and Margaret Adams.

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 Jnr., 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 Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes
... and next Sunday: John Cunningham & Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Jean Douglas
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BAKE SALE FOR SCIAF! Una Gallagher writes: 'The children will have a bake sale in the porch on Sunday 13th March as part of their fundraising for SCIAF. All donations of baking welcome! They have already raised a magnificent £213.60 with their Sponsored Silence. Thank you to all who supported them.'

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2016 (Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh) now available for purchase at the church stall in both churches. (Cost £2). A reminder that you will also find a selection of seasonal cards and gifts on sale at your local church stall so well worth a visit.

St. John's

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 7th March in the Hall after 10am Mass. Donations will go to SCIAF. Please come along.'

Chris Vinestock writes: 'We would like to have St John's Church open during Holy Week in order to offer parishioners and visitors an opportunity to reflect and pray during this important period. Please give some thought to volunteering for an hour (or more) so that we can have a presence in the Church during this time. You could use this time for quiet prayer or to help us prepare the Church for our Easter celebrations. Sign up lists will be available at the back of the Church from 12th March.'

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: VIGIL: G Sellar, J Plews, B Kelly.

SUNDAY: E Buckley, E Clark, P Maclellan Hawkes, C Volpe, P Connarty.

Offertory Collections for 27th & 28th February

St Mary Magdalene's
£356.75 (inc: £173 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£1029.76 (inc: £565.20 Gift Aided)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 5th March	10.00am Mass: Josie Flanagan 10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Fr Michael Bell	
Sunday 6th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (RECONCILIATION SUNDAY)	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Fr Joseph McMahon
Monday 7th March <i>Commemoration of St Perpetua and St Felicity</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass: Sue McDevitt 7pm: Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation for Primary 3 children. (There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this evening.)	
Tuesday 8th March <i>Commemoration of St John of God</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Eucharistic Service	9.45 am Mass with Primary 6 pupils from St John's Lindsay Thomson
Wednesday 9th March <i>Commemoration of St Francis of Rome</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 10am Mass (followed by Stations of the Cross): Agnes Gilhooley	7pm: Stations of the Cross led by the Bereavement Group
Thursday 10th March FEAST OF ST JOHN OGILVIE	9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Mass: SI	
Friday 11th March	9.15am to 10am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Eucharistic Service 3.00pm to 4.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions	10.45 am: Requiem Mass for Mary Robertson
Saturday 12th March ARCHBISHOP LEO CUSHLEY WILL VISIT THE PARISHES THIS WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH US	10.00am Mass: Sarah Horne 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)</i>	9.30am Mass: Mgr. James Rae	11.30am Mass: Fr. Tom Hennessy

GROWTH

‘If we let ourselves be attracted to those who flatter us or who are like us, who share our ideas, then we won’t grow. Growth will come as we come closer to people who are different from us and as we learn to welcome and listen even to those who trigger off our pain.’

Jean Vanier, From Brokenness to Community, p. 38