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33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 13 November 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY officially ends next Sunday....but the mercy and loving kindness of the heart of our God will remain for ever...

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE – 6-27 November. Please continue to pray for and with the prayer guides from the Epiphany group and the sixty participants – members and parishioners from Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, St Mark's Episcopal Church, Duddingston Kirk, St Mary Magdalene's, Portobello Baptist Church and St John's.

MEMORIAL MASSES – the first of our two November Memorial Masses will take place this Thursday, 17 November, at 7pm at St John's - the second will be next Monday, 21 November at St Mary Magdalene's - also at 7pm. Please place in the boxes at the back of both churches the names of those you would like remembered and read outto ensure the Masses don't take too long (!), the suggestion this year is that we limit each person to six names – the last of which might be 'and the deceased members and relatives of the N. family'. However, we're aware that some people will have lots of names they want remembered so this year we are also introducing the symbol of the leaf. There are leaf templates at the back of the Church on which you can write the name of as many loved ones who have died as you want and place in the bowl. The bowl of leaves will be brought forward at the offertory of both of the Masses and placed beneath the paschal candle. They will remain there till the end of November.

A LIGHT FOR ALEPPO

Join people from all the churches of Portobello, Magdalene, Bingham and Duddingston - and around the world - on Sunday 20 November at 5pm at the bottom of Pittville Street (there is another at the bottom of Regent St., but the churches are hoping to gather at Pittville). A fire will be lit, a few words will be spoken, messages of hope written. All as a way to remind people in Aleppo that we have not forgot them. Any questions, speak to Fr Jock or Jim Roarty. See www.alightforaleppo.org.

OPEN PARISH MEETINGS

Last week, Fr Jock wrote this letter to the parishioners of St John's in anticipation of today – Sunday's Open Parish Meeting. It is reprinted here, slightly adapted, because he considers it important that parishioners in both parishes are aware of its message:

'This Sunday, 13 November – at 7pm in the Hall – there will be the second of the two St John's Open Parish Meetings of 2016. If you're from St John's, I invite – nay, encourage! – you to attend because from my perspective these meetings are the most important for the parish in the whole year...

Why? Well, a bit of background: 25 years ago, I had as my spiritual guide an old hermit called Brother Roland. When I became a parish priest – in 1992 – he shared his experience of an Anglican parish in a deprived part of Sheffield where the radical parish priest, Alan Ecclestone, had had an open parish meeting every Sunday night; and I remember Roland saying how impressed he had been by the seriousness and maturity of the discussions that took place there – indeed for him, this gathering of the parish to plan and discuss together was as important as the morning gathering for the Eucharist, and complemented it, since it tried make real in people's lives the gospel message.

Ever since then, I've tried to ensure that every parish for which I've shared responsibility has had two or three Open Meetings every year. Why? The bullet points below give the reasons:

- **Communication, Transparency and Accountability** – the meeting offers the parish priest, pastoral team and pastoral council an opportunity to be transparent, to communicate what's been happening and what the proposed plans for the coming months are....and, on one level, to make themselves accountable to the whole parish.
- **Fresh Ideas:** the sharing on pertinent questions in small groups that is an essential part of the evening so often result in new and original ideas which lead to worthwhile new initiatives (as diverse as the Advent and monthly Saturday morning Open Church, and the creation of disabled parking bays in Sandford Gardens).
- **Inclusiveness and Involvement:** EVERYBODY is welcome, everybody has a chance to have their say at these meetings....so often people in parishes moan that there's a clique in place who control who's involved and what happens....this helps to ensure that doesn't happen.

- **Community:** St John's and St Mary Magdalene's have lots of things happening and many active groups. But people often don't know many people outside their own group or social circle. St John's also has 'Evening Mass people' and 'Morning Mass folk' who never meet – and both parishes new individuals or families who move here and don't know anybody. The Open Meeting is one place where everybody can come together – get to know each other's names and faces, make new friendships and so develop and deepen our sense of community (not least in the Cheese and Wine that concludes the evening!).

When these meetings started, we had a good turnout in both parishes – but numbers have gone down. That has saddened me a little – not least because the meetings are so often fruitful and fun! I do realise Sunday evening isn't always a good or possible time for everybody and that we sometimes fail to advertise the meetings in advance or effectively.....and I've probably failed to communicate why the meetings take place and why they are so IMPORTANT. That's why I've written this paper now, and why I hope we'll see old and new faces turning out this Sunday evening at St John's and at our next Open Parish Meeting at St Mary Magdalene's....I promise you that you won't regret it if you do.....!

THIS WEEK

Sunday 13 November

7pm - **Parish Hall** – ST JOHN'S OPEN PARISH MEETING – AND LAUNCH OF PARISH HANDBOOK.

All are very welcome to come along. Cheese and Wine, too, at the end...

Monday 14 November

2.30pm - **St John's - Healing Mass – with Sacrament of the Sick.**

The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm. Reconciliation **will be available after Mass. Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments afterwards.**



7pm – St Thomas of Aquin's High Scholl - the **Annual November Memorial Mass** (for all deceased former pupils, staff and relatives). All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, 16 November

7.30pm – Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Evening 2

7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield – A Meeting of the Newman Society – Fr Jim Lawlor speaks on "Listening for the Echo – the Role of Instruction and Reception in Newman's thought" - All welcome.

Thursday 17 November

10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Frances Allan**

7pm – St John's – **Memorial Mass**

7pm – Gillis Centre – **Retreat for Catechists to mark the end of the Year of Mercy** – very much open to all our catechists (Baptism Preparation Team, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Preparation and RCIA catechists).

Saturday 19 November – 11am – Parish House – '**Lectio Divina**' Group. All welcome.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 20-Sunday 27 November – Prisoners' Week.

5pm – Pittville St – A LIGHT FOR ALEPPO.

Monday 21 November – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Memorial Mass.**

Sunday 27th November – St John's - 1pm – Bus leaves for the **Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw.**

'The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch. We will return at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please call Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

3pm – **St Andrew Square Gardens - Nativity Carol Concert** – with guest speakers the Episcopal Bishop of Edinburgh, John Armes, who will give the Christmas message, Archbishop Leo Cushley, who will bring prayers from the city, while the Presbytery of Edinburgh Moderator, Revd James Dewar, blesses the Nativity Scene.

Saturday, 17 December – 3pm – St Andrews and St George's West - The Christmas Tree Festival, with **the Russian Choir.**

NOTICEBOARD

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI – August 2017: The Revd Tom Cuthell writes: "For the past 25 years I have been leading pilgrimages to Assisi. A highly successful ecumenical pilgrimage took place this year led by Tom and Fr Jock Dalrymple. Tom is planning another trip to Assisi next year. The dates are 23rd August to 3rd September. Anyone who may be interested should contact Tom for further information:- Phone 476 3864 Email tcuthell@gmail.com It is advisable to book early as places tend to fill up rather quickly."

HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Joan Daly, Depute Head Teacher, writes: 'We would like to give St John's and St Mary Magdalene's parishioners a brief weekly update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School. We hope that this helps to keep you informed of some of the pupil learning experiences and exciting events going on in and around Holy Rood.

In the past week:- Expressive Arts staff from Holy Rood visited St John's and St Ninian's P4 & P5 classes with the interactive book "Bessy Bass visits Europe" aiming to introduce some of the less popular musical instruments to our young learners. This resource promotes literacy, art, the Expressive Arts, geography and modern languages to primary aged children. Holy Rood Art Staff also accompanied our senior pupils to help these P4/5 learners to design posters and tickets advertising the Christmas Drama Production of Bessy Bass which will be performed in St John's and St Ninian's Primary Schools in the lead up to Christmas.' *Please use the link to have a look at our website*

<http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk> and follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Frances Allan, Bridget Greene, Nancy Jordan, Helen Mitchell, Marie Bonnar, Jim McAllister.

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

St John's:

Nov. 12:- Thomas McGravie (1991); John Cregan (1985); Charles Anderson (1982); Stella McDevitt (1975); Ann Hartnett (1968).

Nov. 13:- Tom Plews (2014); Anne Platt (1999); Rose Fox (1998); Martin Black (1997); Christina Service; **Nov. 14:-** Kitty McDonald (2000); Mario Marcantonio (1998); Maisie McGrory (1997); Isabella Cheape (1982); Anthony Gallagher; Margaret Ward; **Nov. 15:-** Hugh O'Rourke (2006); Helen Shanley (1991); Agnes Loftus (1988); Agnes Rafferty (1987); Ferdinand McDevitt (1973); George Cordery (1948); William Henery; James Ward; **Nov. 16:-** Alexander Pyper (2007); William Cairns (1994); Daniel O'Lone (1979); Michael Clyne (1960); **Nov. 17:-** George Hooper (2014); Winifred Thomson (1997); Helen Flynn (1992); **Nov. 18:-** Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn;

St. Mary Magdalene's:

Nov.15:- Charles Balfour (2003); **Nov.16:-** James Madden (2007);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Patrick Doherty, Jane Wright, Alf Macnamara, Gerry Wynne, Mary Phillips, 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 Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Michael & Maimie Richards, Joan Howie, Cathy McGravie, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Jacqueline Hannan, Ella Ayers, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Tony Matrondola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir,

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Jake Jordan (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, Poppy Smith (aged 6), Tina Stevenson, George Collins, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, 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, Rupert Ridge and Lesley Lemarchand.

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday 20 Nov
.... and for Sunday 27 Nov

Children
John Cunningham and Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers

Children
Jean Douglas

A note of thanks from Catherine and Steve McGonnell, recently married in St Mary Magdalene's: "We had a lovely church was beautiful and so many people in St Mary Magdalene's were very kind, generous and thoughtful. It was a lovely meaningful service and our friends and family agreed that they felt welcome and comfortable in the church".

Thank you!

There will be a second collection next Sunday 20 November for the Pastoral Formation Fund



....and next Sunday is NAMETAG SUNDAY.

Fr Jock is away for 24 hours from Tuesday lunchtime till Wednesday afternoon, visiting Sr Margaret Mary, who is back from Rwanda for a month, staying with her home community at Dove Cottage, near Lewes in Sussex.

ST JOHN'S

Vigil 19 Nov G Sellar, M Reilly, J Martin

Sunday 20 Nov

B Gallagher, K Gallagher, T Burgess,
P Connarty, C Dempsey

Warm birthday greetings to Pat Tansey, 80 on Wednesday 9 November,
...and to John Ritchie, 80 on Friday, 11 November.



Maria Igoe writes: "A small group will be going to visit the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw on Sunday 27th November. The minibus will leave St John's at 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch. We will return at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please call me on 669 0247."

Pamoja Fashion would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported their recent sale event. The sale raised the impressive sum of £970.

Offertory Collections
for 6 November 2016

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£386.32 (inc £207.00 gift aid)

£886.42 (inc £430.41 gift aid)

Special Envelope for All Saints - £33.00 (inc £27.00 gift aid)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 12 November Memorial of St Josaphat	10.00am: Mass - Michael Delaney 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Vigil Mass -	
Sunday 13 November 33rd Sunday of the Year	9.30am: Mass - Tom Plews	11.15am: People of the Parish
Monday 14 November	2.30pm: Mass – William Barker 7pm – 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 15 November	10am: Eucharistic Service	9.15-45: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 pm : Mass - Captain Jim McAllister
Wednesday 16 November FEAST OF ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND	10am: Eucharistic Service	6.45pm: Mass - SI
Thursday 17 November Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary	10am: Requiem Mass – Frances Allan 7pm – Memorial Mass - Jimmy Gallagher	
Friday 18 November	9.25-55: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am: Mass - Deceased Members of the Hanley family 3-4pm: Divine Mercy	
Saturday 19 November	10.00am: Mass – Michael McGowan 6.30pm: Vigil Mass – Sally Stone	
Sunday 20 November Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.30 am: Mass – Nancy Jorden	11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish