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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 20 November 2016

This Sunday is one of our two ‘Nametag’ Sundays – the other is Pentecost Sunday. There will be also be the annual second collection for the Pastoral Formation Fund.

TWO INITIATIVES TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF MERCY (which ends today on the last Sunday of the Church’s Year – The Feast of Christ the King):

A) A LIGHT FOR ALEPPO – 5pm – Pittville St – Today, Sunday:

Join people from all the churches of Portobello, Magdalene, Bingham and Duddingston - and around the world – **Today, 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

B) An Unusual Initiative to help Yazidis, an ethnic group in Iraq particularly persecuted by the Islamic State, now languishing in refugee camps in Northern Greece.



Fr Jock writes: ‘A couple of months ago, I met a friend, Sue Chapple, who used to live in Edinburgh but now lives in Devon, for lunch when she was on a visit north. During the meal, she mentioned that her 30 year old daughter, Becky, brought up in Edinburgh, was now managing six refugee camps in the mountainous, poor and cold Joannina region of Northern Greece (‘the Scotland of Greece’) on behalf of Calaid. This seemed to offer a wonderful opportunity for our parishes to have a direct way into providing practical help in the worst refugee crisis since the Second World War, so I asked if we could make contact with her and offer support – Sue thought Becky would be delighted - and as a result Jim Roarty, the chair of our Justice and Peace Group, who also expressed delight at the possible direct link, and I made initial email connection with her.

Then, out of the blue, last Friday, Becky texted to say she was back from the camps, and in Edinburgh for the w/e – could she meet up with us. As a result Jim and I had a fascinating and harrowing hour with her on Saturday morning as she described the fate of the Yazidis, and how Calaid was founded by a group of friends horrified by the Calais camps, and then, since they received so much support, were able to expand into Northern Greece and the miserable Yazidi camps there. It’s worth googling ‘Yazidis’ – **and learning how the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has classified ISIS’ treatment of the Yazidis as Genocide – citing the abduction of Yazidi women, and massacres that killed at least 5000 civilians during what has been called a ‘forced conversion campaign’ (Yazidis consider themselves Christian).** When we asked what was the best way for us to offer support, she suggested the project Jim describes below – something I duly mentioned in the homilies last week-end, and which Becky spoke about briefly at the end of the St John’s Open Parish Meeting last Sunday night.’

A message from the Justice & Peace Group: Jim Roarty writes: ‘**Pants wanted!!!** No, you have not misread the Heading - we want your pants! Those of you who were at the St John’s open parish meeting on Sunday 13 November will have heard Becky Chapple, who helps run six refugee camps in Northern Greece, speak about clothing people who have nothing. The biggest problem is underwear – in their circumstances, the refugees have to accept second-hand clothes but Becky and her colleagues draw the line at second-hand pants. She would like to ensure each person has 4 pairs of pants (nb clothes washing facilities in the camps are virtually non-existent). So, next Sunday (27 November) at all the Masses we will be accepting donations of new/unused pants (for the ladies, think Bridget Jones rather than cheesecutters!) or cash, to buy pants. Or, if you prefer, hand donations of either into the Parish House... – we are looking around to see where we can get the best deal for bulk purchases.’

For more details of Calaid’s work, google CALAID.

This Week - 20-27 November – is PRISONERS’ WEEK (leaflets available at the back of both Churches – and google www.prisonersweek.org.uk)

MEMORIAL MASSES – the second of our November Memorial Masses will take place this Monday, 21 November at 7pm St Mary Magdalene's - Please place in the boxes at the back of both churches the names of those you would like remembered and read out

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. **The retreat concludes with a celebration next Sunday – 27 November – at St Mark's.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday 20 November:

9.30am - St John's – Mass with 'Do This in Memory' children

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Children's Mass with P3

5pm – Pittville St – A LIGHT FOR ALEPPO.

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

Wednesday, 23 November – 2.30pm until 4.30pm and 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Portobello Town Hall – Visit by the Blood Transfusion... 'New donors are always needed'.

Thursday 24 November – 7.30pm – Salvation Army, Portobello - Pamper Night with beauty treatments from £5.00

Friday 25 November – 7.30pm – St John's Hall - Assisi Pilgrimage Get-Together

Sunday 27th November – The Beginning of Advent

1pm – St John's – Bus leaves for the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw. 'The minibus will leave sharp. 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, (east side of George Street) - Nativity Carol Concert – 'with guest speakers: the Episcopal Bishop of Edinburgh, John Armes, who gives the Christmas message, Archbishop Leo Cushley, who brings prayers from the city, and Edinburgh Presbytery Moderator, Revd James Dewar, blesses the Nativity Scene.'

7pm – St Mark's – Concluding Gathering and Celebration for the participants in the Retreat in Daily Life.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Thursday 1 December – 7.30pm – St John's Hall – Eucharistic Ministers' meeting.

Sunday 4 December – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

Thursday 8 December - 1pm – 4pm – St John's Hall - Seniors Christmas Party

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

NOTICEBOARD

NEWS FROM HOLY ROOD HS: 'This week's 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. First, a reminder of the Holy Rood S6 Caritas pupils who are present helping at the 11.15 Mass at St Mary Magdalene's - **Luca Alonzi, Michaela Mastrocinque and Juliette Martin.**

S3 pupils participated in a STEM day – an opportunity to enhance their understanding of, and aptitude for, problem solving, creativity, design, and engineering. The day was sponsored by The MacRobert Trust and was delivered in school by the Smallpiece Trust.

S5/6 Hospitality pupils visited Edinburgh College Hospitality and Catering Department for lunch served by current college pupils; a tour of the college; a series of demonstrations by one of the tutors and a follow up discussion with the Curricular Manager for Professional Cookery. A busy week! **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: Peter Buddle, Michael Baxter, Sylvia Reynolds.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Jude Payne and Josephine Connelly, St John's :

Nov. 19:- James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn; **Nov. 20:-** Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); **Nov. 21:-** Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell; **Nov. 22:-** Mary R Stewart (2006); Patrick Loftus (1985); Daniel Holligan (1922); Fred Aitken; Mary Greig; Mr & Mrs Donlevy; **Nov. 23:-** John McGrory (1997); William McPartlin (1997); Rose Ann Kane (1989); Thomas McFadyen; **Nov. 24:-** Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair; **Nov. 25:-** Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connelly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Nov. 19:- John Murphy (1967); **Nov. 21:-** Mrs Durkin (1974); **Nov. 23:-** Annie Fitzsimmons (1999);

Nov. 25:- Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982);

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: Margaret Ryan, 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 Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir,

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, Poppy Smith (aged 6), Tina Stevenson, George Collins, Margaret Robb, 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

John Cunningham and Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers

Jean Douglas

27 Nov

.... and for Sunday 4 Dec

Tessa Haring and Sam Henry

Peggy Ferguson

Warm birthday greetings, and congratulations to Pat Marin, 90 this coming Saturday, 26 November

Julie Harris and Una Gallagher write: 'We would love to have some new helpers for our children's liturgy group: both St John's and St Mary Magdalene's. You would not be expected to lead a group! Just to sit in as an extra pair of hands – a wingman for the adult taking the group. It doesn't matter what age you are and whether you have any experience with children – this may suit a teenager, a parent, grandparent, or anyone who feels they'd like to see what goes on in our children's groups. There would be absolutely no preparation required and even if you can only help very occasionally, that would still be great. If interested, please contact (St John's) Julie Harris 07919 525872 and (St Mary Magdalene's) Una Gallagher – 657 2831'



Gena Gallagher writes 'Seniors Christmas Party, Thursday, 8 December 1pm – 4pm in St John's Hall.'



Drivers are needed to transport people to and from party'.

Mary's Meals wishes to convey their heartfelt thanks to both parishes for all their support. The amount raised recently was £307 10 and 15 bags of textiles from St Mary Magdalene's and £489.73 and 40 bags of textiles from St John's.

ST JOHN'S

Vigil 26 Nov

V Paterson, M Spencer,
B Tansey

Sunday 27 Nov

E Buckley G Gallagher, M Slight, J Rynn,
M Iannarelli

Chris Vinestock writes: 'Fire Drill – A very big 'thank you' to all our parishioners for participating in our fire drill last weekend. Special thanks to our excellent fire team for all their help and support.'

Siobhan Sellar writes: 'Over 60 parishioners attended the Open Parish meeting last Sunday 13th November 2016. The first draft of the Parish Handbook was distributed and all comments/amendments/additions would be welcome to Karen stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com by 30th November 2016. This will allow the final version to be printed and distributed to all households in the Parish in December. Thanks to all those who helped to organise the Open Parish meeting and for the numerous ideas that emerged on the night to help the Parish Pastoral Council prioritise areas of development for 2017.'

A Message from the J&P Group: 'The Fair Trade stall will be making a re-appearance for two weeks in the pre-Christmas run-up, starting on the weekend 26/27 November. Please take this opportunity to stock up - quality goods whose purchase enriches the lives of producers in areas of the world where life can be so difficult.'



Maria Igoe writes:

- 'The Charity Coffee Morning in aid of 'Chance for Childhood', a children's charity operating in very poor countries, raised £210. Grateful thanks to those who contributed.
- The Legion of Mary will be making its annual visit to Mount Vernon Cemetery on Tuesday 22nd November, leaving St John's at 11.30am. Prayers will be said in the Cemetery Chapel for the souls of departed Legionaries and for the families of those participating. Please feel welcome to join us. Further details from me on 669 0247.
- The Legion of Mary Annual Reunion will be held in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 10th December, with Mass and Prayers at 1pm, followed by a meal in the Hall. If you wish to go, please contact me - 669 0247.'

**Offertory Collections
for 13 November**

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£304.40 (inc £144.00 gift aid)

£943.03 (inc £448.83 gift aid)

Many thanks

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 19 November	10.00am: Mass - Michael McGowan 10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm: Vigil Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 20 November Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.30am: Mass - Nancy Jorden	11.15am: Jude Payne
Monday 21 November Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am: Mass – John & Margaret Barrins 7pm – 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	7pm MEMORIAL MASS
Tuesday 22 November Memorial of St Cecilia	10am: Mass - Marie Bonnar	
Wednesday 23 November	10am: Mass - Helen Mitchell	
Thursday 24 November Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions	10am: Eucharistic Service	9.25-55: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am: Mass – Michael Keogh
Friday 25 November	9.25-55: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am: Mass – Josephine Connelly	
Saturday 26 November	10.00am: Mass – Deceased Members of the Paterson family 6.30pm: Vigil Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 27 November 1st Sunday of Advent – Year A	9.30 am: Mass – Jimmy Gallagher	11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish

Psychology: ‘Psychology is helpful as far as it goes, in its aim to bring a certain psychological freedom. But men and women of God, who have grown in spiritual direction, help others to live with their psychological blocks and to grow in the will of God and in love for their brothers and sisters. They help them to do this in love and humility, in certainty that this is one of the best ways to make the blocks disappear. They help people to stay in the light of God.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth. P246

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