

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

35 Brighton Place, Edinburgh EH15 1LL

Bingham Avenue, Edinburgh EH15 3HY

Parish Priest: Fr. Jock Dalrymple: 0131 669 5447

Shared Parish House: 3 Sandford Gardens, EH15 1LP

Pastoral Team: Alice Codling, Jennifer Morris and Chris Vinestock

Administrator: Karen Blair (OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am to 3pm)

Web address: www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk

Web address: www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk

Joint e-mail for our sister parishes: stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

A Charity Registered in Scotland No. SC008540

TWENTY-FORTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11 September 2016

WELCOME!

If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

With this newsletter, there is a handout with, on one side, news from Mike Knox of a Twende Pamoja initiative for the International Day of Peace on 21 September, and – on the other – a reflection by Holy Rood pupil Bethany Burgess on her recent visit to TanzaniaMeanwhile, on the Sunday Plus, there is an update from Sr Margaret Mary in Rwanda.

CALLING ALL WOULD BE ALTAR SERVERS.... John Lauder writes: "Any young person who has made their first communion and would like to be an Altar Server is invited along to a taster and training session after Sunday Mass at either St John's or St Mary Magdalene's for a maximum of **45mins TODAY, 11 September**". See John Lauder for more information. John's Contact details are 07710 626 697 and lauder.82@btinternet.com

AN ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI: 9 – 16 September 2016

Fr Jock writes: 'Over 20 years ago, an Edinburgh based Church of Scotland Minister, Rev Tom Cuthell, visited Assisi on sabbatical and found his heart and soul nourished in a way he had never previously experienced. Since then he has led a pilgrimage there every year.

In 2004, he invited Cardinal Keith O'Brien to join him on an ecumenical pilgrimage. It was a memorable experience. Two years ago, he asked Archbishop Leo Cushley to participate in a similar pilgrimage. The Archbishop, newly appointed, felt that with all his various responsibilities, he could not make such a commitment at that time. So he asked me if I would help lead such a pilgrimage in his place. I accepted the invitation, not least because of a devotion to that most uncomfortable of Saints, St Francis, and a belief in the transforming power of pilgrimage and so last Friday, 35 Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Catholics (including several from our 2 parishes) set off together. We are remembering you,. ..please do remember us!!.'

While Fr Jock is in Assisi, Fr John Robinson and Fr Gordon Brown will cover the weekday masses; this weekend will be covered by Fr James Tracey (Vigil Mass) and Fr Jim Crampsey SJ (the 2 Sunday morning masses). We thank them all. ☺☺☺☺

This Friday 16th September at 7.00pm in St John's Church Hall, there is **A MUSICAL EVENING – organised by the Justice and Peace group: Jim Roarty says** 'You are invited to come along to St John's Church Hall for an evening of your favourite songs – and join in with them too! BYOB – cheese and nibbles will be provided. **The funds raised will go towards buying food for the Bethany night shelters. Admission only £5'**

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund : - The Annual Special Collection will take place next Sunday 18 September

Derek Buglass, Director of Finance, writes: 'I am writing to thank you all for the generous response made to the additional special collection taken on 12 June 2016 to support the needs of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF). We received £65,000 from this collection and after we make a gift aid claim, anticipate that this will reach an amount well over £70,000, a great start in our drive to increasing the funds to support our priests in their retirement. **The next special collection for the AICF will be taken next Sunday 18 September** and if you wish to gift aid your donation, special collection envelopes are again being made available.

Many thanks in advance for your continuing support.

(NB. To claim gift aid on the AICF second collection, donors will have to complete the short gift aid declaration on the rear of the envelopes provided, even if they have an existing gift aid declaration for the parish and/or completed a gift aid envelope for the previous AICF collection).

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Julie Harris and Una Gallagher write: 'We have thriving children's liturgy groups here in our two parishes. At St John's, we have 2 groups each Sunday at 9.30 mass – one for toddlers/babies to Primary 2 age, and the other for P3 to P7 children. At St Mary Magdalene's, we have a single group covering all ages. A volunteer takes each group on a Sunday and we operate this on a rota basis. We would really love to have some new volunteers! It really is a case of 'many hands make light work'. If you think you may be interested, or would like to just know a little bit more, then please get in touch. Our contact details are below. You may wish to just sit in once or twice before deciding whether it's for you. The children are really lovely - very engaged and communicative and it's very uplifting to spend time with them on a Sunday. If we get enough volunteers we would like to try and start a liturgy group at the St John's vigil mass too.' Julie Harris – 07919 2 5872 julieharris@allanmcdougall.co.uk. Una Gallagher – 657 2831.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 September: 10.30 St John's and 12.15 St Mary Magdalene's: Altar Servers' Training

7pm: St John's Hall: '**THE GOD QUESTION**' – the third of 3 evenings with Revd. Russell Moffat of St Martin's Parish Church, Magdalene. Russell will introduce an acclaimed DVD with world renowned contributors from both sides of the science/God debate focusing this week on Evolution. Each session involves presentation and discussion – no prior knowledge of science is necessary.

Tuesday 13 September

10am – St John's – Requiem Mass for Betty Abercrombie

7.30pm - Parish House - RCIA Enquiry Group – Evening 2

'Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again? All would be warmly welcome at our informal gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. For further details please contact Alice Codling (0131 657 1862), email alicecodling@btinternet.com or Fr Jock (0131 669 5447) email stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. - All are warmly welcome at our informal gatherings.'

Wednesday 14 September

2-4pm - Afternoon Tea at Gillis – A Fundraiser for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund – Tickets £5 per person (for tickets - please call Gillis Reception 0131 623 8911

7.30pm – Lauriston Centre: '**The Church and Non-Violence: Just peace or just war**' with Pat Gaffney, Secretary General of Pax Christi UK. 'Pat recently attended the conference in Rome on Non-violence and Just Peace. This conference delivered an appeal to the church to re-commit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence. Come along and hear more about that conference, about the work of Pax Christi and about what Christians can do for peace in Scotland. The meeting is organised by Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Weapons, the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Scotland and the Scottish Commission for Justice.'

Friday 16th September - 7.00pm - St John's Church Hall - Justice and Peace Musical Evening.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 19 September – 8.30am -7pm – St Catherine's, Gracemount - Day of Prayer 'On Monday, September 19th, there will be a summit meeting about Refugees and Migrants at the United Nations in New York with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach to the work. The volunteers who work with refugees in the South Edinburgh Cluster will lead a day of prayer on that day..St Catherine's will be open from 8.30am, with prayer led during the day by different people, ending with a Holy Hour starting at 7.00. '-

Wednesday 21 September - 7-8pm: St John's Church - Vigil for Peace on International Day for Peace

7.30 - 9.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ - : 'Newman's Legacy - inspiration for the Church of tomorrow' – A Talk by Mgr Rod Strange, Professor of Theology, St. Mary's University, Twickenham – 'The first autumn meeting of the Edinburgh Newman Circle – please note our new Venue. Meetings are open to everyone – you are warmly invited to come along.'

Thursday 22 September – 10.45am – Parish House - Lectio Divina Group

Saturday, 24 September – 11am – Glasgow Cathedral - **Baby Loss** support event (see poster at back of both churches for further details)

Friday 30 September – 8pm – St John's Hall - Pamoja Fashion – 'Fall forward in style - an opportunity to update your wardrobe and accessories for the autumn season. £3.00 entry donation which include a glass of wine and refreshments. Donations of designer, new and nearly new ladies, gents and Childrens clothes and accessories most welcome . please leave in the box at the back of the church marked Pamoja Fashion by Sunday the 24th September.'

Sunday 6 November to Sunday 27 November - 'A Retreat in Daily Life' – a chance to pray with scripture and meet twice a week with experienced and sensitive prayer guides ... more details soon.

NOTICEBOARD

Seeking Sponsors for a Walk in aid of the Maggie Centre:

St John's Vigil Mass organist, **Frances McDevitt**, writes: 'During the evening of Friday 23 September 2016, I'll swap my light-weight organ-playing footwear for my more substantial trainers as I take part in the Culture Crawl Sponsored Walk around central Edinburgh. The walk raises funds for Maggie's Centre at the Western General Hospital. If anyone would care to sponsor me, please go to my Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MandFteam>

Thank you in anticipation.;

Many thanks to our 2 parishes

- From **Sr Maureen Donohue of the Columbian Sisters** "Thank you for the enclosed cheques of £708.58 and £339.99 for our Mission Appeal. I enjoyed my visit to both parishes and met many nice people. Please thank everyone for their generosity and assure them of our prayers
- From **SCIAF** for the donations of £779.48 + £247.58) for the African Food Crisis Appeal.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: **Betty Abercrombie, Helen Graham, Minnie McGaff, Anne McGeachie.**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Denis O'Donnell,

Sept.10 :- George Malcolm (1997); Kenneth G Bevan (1996); Alexander Baird (1986); **Sept.11** :- James McGrory (1997); **Sept.12** :- William and Theresa Morrison (1991); Bridget Service (1979); John McCann (1976);

Sept.13 :- Neil Griffin (1991); Annie Mouat (1991); Margaret Huntly (1988); Margaret Hartnett (1949);

Thomas McDonough; **Sept.14** :- John Smith (2009); Janet Gilroy (1956); Agnes Devlin;

Sept.15 :- Alessio Lanni (2006); John West (2000); Joseph Waugh (1993); Veronica Haller (1969);

Bridget Meehan (1958); **Sept.16** :- Agnes Cassidy (2000); Marian Craik (1994); Kitty De Marco;

St. Mary Magdalene's: Sept. 14 :- Samuel Hay (2001);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, 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, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Maimie 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: Carolynne McCann, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola,, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir,

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:

Tina Stevenson, George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, 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 and Rupert Ridge, Lesley Lemarchand, Claudia Brooke.

St Mary Magdalene			
Readers for this Sunday	Tessa Haring and Sam Henry	Bidding Prayers	Jim Gallagher
.... and for next Sunday	Laura Tweedie and Robert Moyes		Jean Douglas
St John's			
Vigil	C Vinestock, J Plews, J Kemp	Sunday	L Moran, P Glancy, M McDiarmid, C Volpe, A Dixon

FIRE ALARM - Chris Vinestock writes: 'We have a new Fire Team at St John's – and they will be checking the fire alarm each Sunday before the commencement of mass. Be warned...!'

Jim Roarty writes - 'Eucharistic Ministers....the new rota is available for collection from the back of the church'.

Offertory Collections for 27 & 28 August	
ST MARY MAGDALENE'S	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
£353.87 (inc £222.50 Gift Aided)	£902.42 (inc £402.40 Gift Aided)
Many thanks	

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday, 10th September MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT	10.00am: Mass: SI - Sr Nan 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI- Sick Person	
Sunday, 11th September 24th Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass :
Monday, 12th September	10.00am Mass: SI - Denis O'Donnell 7– 8pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday, 13th September MEMORIAL OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	10am: Requiem Mass for Betty Abercrombie .	
Wednesday, 14th September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Neil Griffin
Thursday, 15th September MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS	10am: Eucharistic Service	6.15-7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass : Ann Dempsey
Friday, 16th September FEAST OF ST NINIAN	9.25 – 9.55am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass : Jimmy Gallagher 3pm – 4pm – Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday, 17th September	10.00am Mass: Margaret Griffin 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Doris Foote	
Sunday, 18 September 25th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass: Fr Tom Hennessy

Being Peace-Makers.

“So many in our world today are suffering from isolation, war and oppression. So much money is spent on the construction of armaments. Many, many young people are in despair because of the danger of nuclear war. Today as never before, we need communities of welcome; communities that are a sign of peace in a world of war. There is no point in praying for peace in the Middle East, for example, if we are not peace-makers in our own community; if we are not forgiving those in our community who have hurt us or with whom we find it difficult to live. Young people, as well as those who are older, are sensitive to this vision of peace. It must continually be announced so that hearts and minds are nourished.”

Jean Vanier

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes