

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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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.

The Twice-Yearly Special Collection For The Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund takes place today:

A message from **Derek Buglass**, Diocesan Director of Finance: '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. If you wish to gift aid your donation, special collection envelopes are again 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.)

VIGIL FOR PEACE There will be an **Inter-Faith Vigil for Peace** from **7.00 to 8.00pm** in **St John's Church** on **Wednesday 21 September** to which everyone of all religious traditions or none is invited.

Mike Knox writes "*St John's Primary, Holy Rood High School and the other 5 Primary Schools now have partnerships with schools next to each other in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania. They have been working together towards a Global Vision of Peace, Justice and Mercy.*

350 pupils from schools with partnerships, including 20 from each Portobello school, will take part in a Peace Walk and present their Vision for Justice and Peace to political, religious and community leaders and then to the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament at 1.00pm on Wednesday."

THIS WEEK

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.'

Tuesday, 20 September - 7.30pm - Parish House - RCIA Enquiry Group – Evening 3

Wednesday 21 September

7-8pm: St John's Church - Vigil for Peace on International Day for Peace. It will begin promptly at 7.00pm and finish at 8.00pm. No refreshments but after 8.00pm there will be a period of silence for anyone who would like to stay on, perhaps with the Sacred Heart Picture in the SH Chapel and a little gentle music.

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

2pm – St John’s – Funeral Service for Alec Gilroy

4.45pm - St Mary Magdalene’s – Reception of Anne McGeachie’s body

Friday 23 September:

10am: St Mary Magdalene’s – Requiem mass for Anne McGeachie

5.30pm - St John’s - Wedding Rehearsal for Jennifer Greenan and Gary Cranston

A Walk in aid of the Maggie Centre - St John’s Vigil Mass organist, Frances McDevitt, writes: ‘During the evening of Friday 23 September 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.’

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

1.30pm: St John’s: Wedding Service for Jennifer Greenan and Gary Cranston

Sunday 25 September:

9.30am – Mass with Baptism of Nieve Wilson

6.30pm – Baptist Church Café – PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) Meeting

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 26 September:

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 tea and cakes afterwards.

7pm – St John’s Hall - The first meeting of the year for P4 children completing their Sacraments of Initiation in 2017 through the ‘Do This in Memory of Me’ programme – NB This is a PARENTS ONLY meeting.

7pm - Dominican Chaplaincy, George Square - Dr Peter Hunter OP - ‘Science before Galileo? Early Dominican Physics’.

The Albertus Institute is a Catholic charity under the auspices of the Dominican Chaplaincy. In order to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Order, **the Institute has organised three lectures this autumn - Monday 26 September, Monday 3 October and Monday 7 November (see noticeboard for further details).**

Wednesday 28 September

7 pm – St Mary Magdalene’s - The first meeting of the year for P3 children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2017 – NB This is a PARENTS ONLY meeting

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

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, please contact Fr Jock - or John direct - for more information.

John’s Contact details are 07710 626 697 and lauder.82@btinternet.com

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.

NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP: ‘A Sense of Belonging’: Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall, 17 Newbigging, Musselburgh, EH21 7AJ: **Tuesday 27th September, 6.30 – 8.30pm** (six weekly sessions) ‘New Beginnings is a six week coping skills support group for those struggling with **bereavement, separation or divorce** and who would like to find positive ways to move forward. The group can help to: Alleviate the sense of loss and loneliness, build up self-esteem and confidence. It seeks to enable participants to take small steps in the right direction, ease feelings and lift mood and to find a sense of hope.’ For further information please contact: Catherine Wallace on 07591097732.’

A ‘Beginning Experience’ Weekend, - a weekend for people who have gone through grief and loss by being widowed, separated or divorced. ‘This weekend helps participants move forward with their life and make a new

beginning. It will be held in the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge on **Friday 30th September until Sunday 2nd October**. phone Ros.on 0131 6690003 or email rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Anne McGeachie. Alexander Gilroy

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

St John's:

Sept.17 :- William Brown (1996); Alexander Nicholson (1985); Charles Tunley (1983); Margaret Griffin (1967);
 Sept.18 :- Nicole D DiBiasi (1999); James Robertson (1999); Norrie Lamb (1996); Leonardo Politi (1989);
 Mary Reading (1979); Robert Harrop (1976); John Adair; Annie Hanlon; Sept.19 :- Peter Murray (2015); Catherine
 Tesoro (2012); Williamina Brockman (1997); Mary Elizabeth Bryant; John Quigley;
 Sept.20 :- Charles Doherty (2008); Thomas Walker (2000); Robert Forbes (1997); Greta Davies (1996);
 Sam Cunningham (1993); Thomas D'Arcy (1985); Joe Davies (1974); Sophia Gollogly (1968);
 Sept.21 :- Helen Parry (1992); Eileen McCarthy (1989); James Tunley (1943); Roseanna & Patrick Lynch (1917);
 Mary Phair; James Syme; Sept.22 :- Joseph Phair (2010); Rena Quigley (1992); John P Laydon (1988); Josephine
 Kempton (1984); Rena Fusco (1982); Sept.23 :- John McCue (2012); James & Mary Boyle;

St. Mary Magdalene's:

Sept.19 :- Sarah Davidson (2004); George Grieve (1993);
 Sept.21 :- Margaret Gray (2005); Barbara Greenan (1969);

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 Matrondola,, 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	Laura Tweedie and Robert Moyes	Bidding Prayers	Jean Douglas
.... and for next Sunday	Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick		Peggy Ferguson
Warm (belated) birthday greetings to Monica Gorman, who celebrated her 80th birthday on Friday 26 August			
St John's			
Vigil	P Hunter, V Knowles, M Watson	Sunday	E White, J Rynn, A Tanzi, L Dick, L Young

The September Charity Coffee Morning - Maria Igoe writes: 'The September Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals raised £200 due to the generosity of those who donated. The next Coffee Morning will be on Monday 3rd October in the Hall after Mass and donations will be given to Aid to the Church in Need. Please come along.'

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	
<i>St Mary Magdalene's</i>	<i>St John the Evangelist</i>
£287.91 (inc £150.50 Gift Aided)	£804.76 (inc £346.25 Gift Aided)
Many thanks	

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday, 17th September	10.00am: Mass: SI – Margaret Griffin 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI- Doris Foote	
Sunday, 18th September 25 th Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass : Fr Tom Hennessy
Monday, 19th September	10.00am Mass: Jimmy Gallagher	
Tuesday, 20th September Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae Gon and Paul Chong Ha Sang and companions	10am: Eucharistic Service	7pm Mass: SI - Thanksgiving
Wednesday, 21st September FEAST OF ST MATTHEW	10am: Mass - Helen Graham	
Thursday, 22nd September	10am: Mass - Mary Cafferkey 2pm –Funeral Service for Alec Gilroy	4.45pm Reception of Anne McGeachie’s Body
Friday, 23rd September Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	9.25 – 9.55am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Eucharistic Service 3pm – 4pm – Divine Mercy Devotions	10am: Requiem Mass for Anne McGeachie
Saturday, 24th September	10.00am Mass: Martynas Budrys 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: Canon Tom Nolan	
Sunday, 25th September 26 th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass: SI -Thanksgiving:	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

Being Transformed

‘During the football season, everybody screams with joy or bursts into tears because they want their own side to win. We have our cultural identity, our religious identity – or our irreligious identity. When we are governed by our national or ethnic identity, we quickly fall into rivalry. To avoid a rivalry that can turn to hate, we need to discover something more fundamental...If we develop that which is most intimate in us, we are transformed. We no longer seek glory from the group; instead we become free. That is transformation.’ *Jean Vanier*

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