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**26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**25 September 2016**

**Jim Roarty writes:**

**‘Two messages from the joint parishes’ J&P Group. First of all, a big thanks to all who made our musical evening last Friday for the Bethany Night Shelters such a success. Thanks in particular to Gerard and Rod who gave their services for free and to all who sang, clapped and generally had a great time. If you weren't there - probably just as well as we ran out of room! In total, we raised £425 which, along with the 52 people who volunteered to help, should ensure that we make a good contribution to the Night Shelter operation.**

**And secondly,** our two parishes have been supporting the food parcel service at St Teresa's for some time - and many thanks to all who have contributed - but now the cupboard is getting bare. Can you help with donations of tinned meals (eg macaroni, spaghetti etc), tinned fish & meat, soup, packets of instant noodles, pasta snacks and savoury rice etc, cartons of UHT milk, tea bags, please. There is a box at the back of the church (St John's) or in the foyer (St Mary Magdalene's)’.

## **A Major Autumn Initiative – 6-27 November - ‘A Retreat in Daily Life’**

**An invitation to everybody by the ministers, pastors and priests of Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, St Mark’s Episcopal Church, Duddingston Kirk, St Mary Magdalene’s, Portobello Baptist Church and St John’s to join them in an ecumenical retreat taking place during three weeks in November and involving praying with scripture.**

‘There will be an opening and closing gathering but thereafter this is an opportunity for us all to be accompanied individually by an experienced trained prayer guide (sometimes referred to as spiritual direction) who will help each of us to explore our own unique journey in faith.

A retreat is a journey in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, a mind and heart willing to be drawn by the Spirit and a willingness to protect the time we have made available for our retreat is all we need. We bring ourselves, as we are; leave the rest to God, and whoever may guide us. This retreat is being facilitated in association with the Epiphany Group which is an ecumenical group rooted in Ignatian spirituality ([www.epiphanygroup.org.uk](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk).) at the invitation of Portobello and Area Christians Together (PACT).’



**More details in a leaflet enclosed in next week’s newsletter, but if you want to find out more and/or to sign up, contact Fr Jock or the retreat co-ordinator, Bernadette Campbell, 27 Cargil Terrace EH5 3NF or [bjcampbell512@gmail.com](mailto:bjcampbell512@gmail.com)**

**A CHALLENGE FOR THE FINAL 2 MONTHS OF THE YEAR OF MERCY – take away, listen and respond to a talk on CD by Dr Scott Hahn – ‘The Healing Power of Confession’ – copies available at the back of both Churches.**

**Next Sunday 2 October - 2-6pm - St Patrick’s, Cowgate – ANNUAL VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE 2016.** ‘The day will begin at 2pm with a Holy Hour followed by a performance of the highly recommended play, **The Margaret Sinclair Story**, recently debuted at the Edinburgh Festival. Mass is at 4.30pm with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Please bring your own refreshments. All are very welcome.’ (Fr Jock writes: ‘I saw the play during the Festival and was very moved – it’s superbly acted and brings alive Margaret Sinclair and her story in a vivid, poignant and evocative way – and it’s fun!’)

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday 25 September:**

9.30am – St John's - **Mass with Baptism of Nieve Wilson**

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

### **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.**

**4pm: St John's: Reception of Sylvia Berry's body**

**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 John O'Connor OP - 'Making something out of a whole lot of nothing – The Dominican approach to teaching philosophy'**. (The talk by **Dr Peter Hunter OP - 'Science before Galileo? Early Dominican Physics'** will take place **Monday 3 October**)

**7.45pm** – Parish House – **Cluster Planning Meeting of Pastoral Council Chairs and Parish Priests – in preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cluster Day on 29 October.**

### **Tuesday 27 September:**

10am: St John's: **Requiem Mass for Sylvia Berry**

**6.30 – 8.30pm** Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall, 17 Newbigging, Musselburgh, EH21 7AJ: **New Beginnings Group: 'A Sense of Belonging'** - For further information please contact: Catherine Wallace on 07591097732.'

**7.30pm** Parish House: **RCIA Enquiry Evening 3.**

### **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.

**Thursday 29 September - 5.30pm : St John's** - Wedding Rehearsal for Marie Cole and John Fusco.

**Friday 30 September – 10am** St John's - **New Beginning Mass – Opening Mass of the School Year, with St John's Primary School.**

**10am-12 noon** - Salvation Army, Bath St - **A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.**



**2pm** – St John's - **Wedding of Marie Cole and John Fusco.**

**Friday 30th September until Sunday 2nd October** - Conforti Centre in Coatbridge - A **'Beginning Experience'**

**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. If interested phone Ros. on 0131 6690003 or email [rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk)'

**Saturday 1 October – 10am-1pm** - St Mary Magdalene's – **COFFEE MORNING, OPEN TO ALL.**

**Sunday 2 October -9.30am** Mass with **Enrolment of P4 children** in the "Do This is Memory of Me programme".

**11.15am : St Mary Magdalene - Children's Mass with special focus on P3 Reconciliation Children**

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Saturday, 8 October – 10.45am** – Parish House - **Lectio Divina Group**

**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

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Sylvia Berry, June Anderson, Alec Harper, Sr Jennifer Smith SND

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

### **St John's:**

Sept.24 :- Peter McDonald (2012); Robert Munro (2000); Annie K O'Neill (2000); Josephine Ross (1991); Molly Tracy;

Sept.25 :- Robert McArthur (2008); Elizabeth Hoy (1993); Colin Kemp (1992); Sept.26 :- Bridget Allen (1978); Sept.27 :- Mary Lawrie (1985); Sept.28 :- Paul McElroy (2008); Christina Reidy (2008); Kitty Calder (2003); Arnold Waugh (1993); Esther

Leyland (1982); John Jeffrey; Sept.29 :- Ian Lawrie (2002); James G Kelly (1996); Patricia McAuley (1932); Sept.30 :- Alan Ford (1997); Leo Walsh (1991); Alexander Holligan (1981); David Erskine ; Annie Hanlon; Sarah McLelland;

**St. Mary Magdalene's:**  
Sept.25 :- James Lang (2008);

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Helen Harrison, Patricia Crawford, Giulio 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, Cathy McGravie, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Yrena Bruce, 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:**

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.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE

**Readers for this Sunday** Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick  
**.... and for next Sunday**

**Bidding Prayers** Peggy Ferguson  
**Children**

**An Invitation to our neighbours to join us for a 'cuppa':**

Jean Douglas writes: "A Long overdue invitation The St MM Parish Pastoral Council has decided to invite our neighbours to coffee/tea and biscuits on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 10am and 12noon** in our Parish Hall... We would appreciate it if as many of us as were available could be present- even to pop in for 15 minutes. Please, if possible, make the effort to come. If anyone can distribute a few of our flyers that too would be helpful. They are on the table in the porch."



## ST JOHN'S

**Vigil** P Hunter, V Knowles, M Watson

**Sunday** E White, J Rynn, A Tanzi, L Dick, L Young

**Warm wishes and the promise of prayers go with long-term parishioner, Florrie Quinn, who has moved to Bearsden in Glasgow to be closer to her family.**

**Welcome to the World... Sandie Isla, born 19 September, a daughter for Steve and Jane Iannarelli, and a first granddaughter for Mary and Mike. (Sandie is named after Jane's beloved grandfather.)**



**Recording of Mass for our sick and housebound parishioners.**

**Keith Young writes:** 'Eucharistic Ministers: in preparation for St John's commencing audio recording and CD distribution of the Sunday Mass to the housebound, this Sunday's Mass (25/09) will be recorded. Following this, a CD will be available in the Sacristy for collection by Eucharistic Ministers at next week's Saturday Vigil (01/10) and Sunday Morning (02/10) Masses. The CD will also be available to Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to the housebound during the week (03/10-07/10), as opposed to after the weekend Masses. Eucharistic Ministers are asked to leave the CD with those they visit and follow up over the next couple of weeks if there is a desire for that person to receive the Sunday Mass CD on a weekly basis. Eucharistic Ministers are then asked to complete the sheet in the Sacristy confirming who would like to receive a CD. Once the numbers involved are known, the full logistics of providing this on an ongoing basis will be finalised. Any questions, please e-mail Keith Young via the Parish Office.'

**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...!'

**Offertory Collections for 17 and 18 September**

**ST MARY MAGDALENE**

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

£297.02 (inc £87.50 gift aided)

£785.01 (inc £394.01 gift aided)

Special Collection : Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund

£179.85

£644.95 (inc £332.80)

Many thanks

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 24 September</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass:</b> Martynas Budrys <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Canon Tom Nolan	
<b>Sunday 25 September</b> <b>26th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> SI - Thanksgiving	<b>11.15am Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 26 September</b>	<b>2.30 pm: Healing Mass</b> SI – Thanksgiving 62 <sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary <b>7pm – 8pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 27 September</b> <b>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>10am: Requiem Mass for Sylvia Berry</b>	
<b>Wednesday 28 September</b>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:</b> Mass - William McLaughlin
<b>Thursday 29 September</b> <b>FEAST OF SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL</b>	<b>10am: Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> SI – sick person
<b>Friday, 30th September</b>	<b>9.25-55:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am Mass</b> - Minnie McGaff 2pm – <b>Wedding</b> Marie Cole and John Fusco <b>3-4pm:</b> Divine Mercy Devotions	
<b>Saturday, 30 September</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Jimmy Gallagher <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 1 October</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass:</b> George, Kitty and Andy Calder :	<b>11.15am Mass:</b> SI

‘Jokes that didn’t make the Fringe’ (courtesy of the Portobello and Joppa Parish Church E-newsletter!)

Why didn’t Noah go fishing?  
Answer He only had two worms

What do Winnie the Pooh and John the Evangelist have in common?  
Answer They have the same middle name

What time of the day was Adam born?  
Answer Just before Eve

What made Adam a famous runner?  
He was first in the human race

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