

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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

4 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.

THE RCIA ENQUIRY GROUP STARTS THIS TUESDAY – at 7.30 pm in the Parish House.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, KAREN BLAIR:

Karen is originally from Prestonpans but has lived in Port Seton for over 20 years. She is married to Andrew and has 2 sons, Martin 23 and Simon 21. She worked for the Council for over 33 years starting off in the Education Department. She has been a parishioner at St Gabriel's all her life and is a Reader, Eucharistic Minister and member of the Parish Council there.

NB The Parish Office will now be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 3pm.

A THANK YOU FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

Jim Roarty writes: 'Thank you for the generous response to our appeal last week for volunteers to provide meals at the Bethany Night Care shelters during the winter months. We had hoped that we would get enough volunteers to offer our services for two nights in the six-month period; in fact, we got forty eight volunteers between the two parishes which will enable us to provide at least five nights. We will let you know about the programme and seek availability for specific dates shortly. Thank you again for your generosity.'

PS The volunteer forms are still at the back of the church for anyone who missed the opportunity last week and the appeal in last week's newsletter is repeated below.

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 early next Friday, 35 Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Catholics (including several from our 2 parishes) set off together please remember us, as we will you.'

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

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 next Sunday - 11 September". See John Lauder or Fr Jock for more information. John's Contact details are 07710 626 697 and lauder.82@btinternet.com

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 4 September – National Pilgrimage to Carfin in honour of St Margaret of Scotland

7pm: St John's Hall: **'THE GOD QUESTION'** – the second 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.

Monday 5 September :

10.30am: St John's Hall: **Charity Coffee Morning.** 'Donations will be given to Mary's Meals, as this year the people of Malawi have had their worst ever harvest. Just a reminder - £12.20 feeds a child for a year.'

10.45am for 11 : Parish House, **Bereavement Team Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House - **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday 6 September

10am: St John's: **Requiem Mass for Jimmy Gallagher**

7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's: **Pastoral Council Meeting** - with Patricia Carroll, Director of Diocesan Pastoral Resources.

7.30pm - Parish House - **RCIA Enquiry Group Commences**

'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 starting this Tuesday 6th September, 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, 7 September : 5.30pm St Mary Magdalene – **Wedding rehearsal for Kate Fulton and Stephen McGonnell.**

Thursday 8 September 11am - Parish House : **Meeting of the Ministers and Priests of the area with Epiphany Group Representatives to plan for November's 'Retreat in Daily Life'.** (More details soon)

1pm - St John's - **Wedding Anniversary Mass for Gerry and Aileen Loney**

7pm - St David's Church, Dalkeith - : **Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Traynor.**

Friday 9 September : Assisi Pilgrims Depart



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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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.'

JUSTICE AND PEACE MUSICAL EVENING Friday 16th September at 7.00pm in St John's Church Hall 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

National Youth Pilgrimage to Whithorn (see [poster at back of church for further details])

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

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

This week sees the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week

The Legion of Mary: Maria Igoe writes: 'We wish to thank our Auxiliary members, who faithfully say the Rosary and prayers for Our Lady's intentions every day. This is a massive commitment and the Active members are very grateful for these prayers. It helps tremendously when we are engaged on some of our more difficult works to know that people are praying for us. The Legion of Mary meets in the Presbytery on Tuesdays at 10.30am and anyone is welcome to come along.'

Christian Meditation: ‘Experience the joy of God’s transforming and healing presence during traditional Christian meditation. Our group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Romero prayer room in the Sacred Heart Church at Lauriston St. Enter through the black door on the left side of the main entrance.

Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Email: edinburghmeditation@gmail.com Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

Ageing Well: ‘Are you over 50 and would like to meet new friends, enjoy the fresh air and get healthier?’ Come and join us for a walk along the Prom every Wednesday from 24th August – 2nd November 2016: 10.30am. Walks are led by trained, experienced volunteers. Meeting point: Café Refresh, Portobello Swim Centre, 57 Promenade, Edinburgh EH15 2BS. For more information please contact the Ageing Well office on 0131 458 2183 or ageingwell@edinburghleisure.co.uk

Jericho House Closed: **Jim Roarty** writes (again!): For those of you who have been leaving clothes for the homeless at the back of the church, please note that Jericho House is closed. The clothes presently there will be taken to Re-Act which distributes them to refugee camps such as Calais. Donations of food are still welcome as these go to the small food bank operated by St Teresa's, Craigmillar.’

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jimmy Gallagher, Ann Dempsey, Martynas Budrys.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: James Connolly, Fr Jock Dalrymple (1985)

St John’s: Sept.3 :- Mark J DiPonio (1995); Helen Cullen (1986); Joseph & John Deignan; **Sept.4 :-** Daniel Iannarelli (1992); Peggy Knowles (1991); Betty Hughes (1977); **Sept.5 :-** Muriel Wheatley (2004); Margaret Cunningham (1994); Maria Crolla (1993); Doreen Hogan (1991); Margaret Blore (1970); **Sept.6 :-** Catherine Lawler (1984); Mark Cunningham; Lorna Demarco; **Sept.7 :-** Mary Ann Lynch (1995); Tom Blore (1991); Giovanni Crolla; Dinah Spence; **Sept.8 :-** Josef Kraska (1991); David Docherty (1943) **Sept.9 :-** Mary Gilchrist (2005); Thomas Molloy (1996); Jeannette Kempton (1993);

St. Mary Magdalene’s: Sept.3 :- Elvira Pelosi (2001); **Sept.4 :-** Owen Mahon (1994); **Sept.6 :-** Matthew Lynch (1982)

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: Rose McKay, Anne McGeachie, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O’Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrondola,, Jude Ferguson, and 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 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	Ann Jabir John Cunningham	Bidding Prayers	Aileen Hall
.... and for next Sunday	Tessa Haring and Sam Henry		Jim Gallagher
. 200 Club - Winning ticket no. 123 £25– Congratulations to Kate Neilson -			
St John’s			
Vigil	<i>J Roarty, V Paterson and B Tansey</i>	Sunday	<i>B Gallagher, G Gallagher, M Slight, M Iannarelli, P McLellan Hawkes</i>

Offertory Collections for 27 & 28 August	
ST MARY MAGDALENE’S	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
£297.02 (in £152.50 Gift Aided)	£810.72 (in £267.40 Gift Aided)
Special Collection :African Missions	
£160.33	£517.83
Many thanks	

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday, 3 September MEMORIAL OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT	10.00am: Mass: June Keppie 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: SI- Sick Person	
Sunday, 4 September 23rd Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass: James Connelly	11.15am Mass : People of the Parish
Monday, 5 September	10.00am Mass: James Martin 7– 8pm : Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday, 6 September	10am: Requiem Mass for Jimmy Gallagher.	
Wednesday, 7 September	10am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: SI – Sick Person
Thursday, 8 September FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10am: Eucharistic Service	9.25-9.55pm: Exposition of the Blessed sacrament 10.00am Mass : Mary Cafferkey
Friday, 9 September	9.25 – 9.55am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am Mass : Jimmy Gallagher 3pm – 4pm – Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday, 10 September	10.00am Mass: SI – Sr Nan 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass:	
Sunday, 11 September 24th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	11.15am Mass:

An Imperfect Community

A community that is committed to itself – to appearing perfect, stable and secure – rather than to people, to their growth and inner freedom, is like a person giving an address who is more interested in the beauty and coherence of the talk rather than in whether the audience can hear and understand it. It is like a beautiful liturgy that nobody can follow and during which people have difficulty praying.

Jean Vanier

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