

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – 10 December 2017**

**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 or a member of the Parish Team..



**This Sunday, 9/10 December, is Reconciliation Sunday:** which takes the form of a short service at the starting-time of each Mass, with several priests available before the different Masses – we welcome with gratitude Mgr Francis Kerr, Fr Gordon Brown, Fr Aelred Connolly OP and Fr Martin Moran OMI.

## AN ADVENT INVITATION FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

**Jim Roarty** writes on their behalf: . *“What you did to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me.”* – the words of Jesus in last weekend's Gospel when he spoke about helping the hungry, homeless, imprisoned etc. Here are a few sample opportunities you might like to take advantage of in this pre-Christmas period:

**marysmeals.org.uk** : Help Mary's Meals to feed and educate hungry children at the same time; special bargain offer! – all donations up to end of December being doubled by generous sponsors.

**sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/128-rohingya-emergency-appeal:** Support SCIAF's work in helping the persecuted, starved, raped, massacred Rohingya population currently being “ethnically cleansed” in Burma.

**salvationarmy.org.uk;** Help the work of the Salvation Army with the homeless and lonely.

**crisis.org.uk:** Help Crisis not only to give homeless people a warm meal at Christmas but to give them a leg up to improve their situation.

**freenazanin.com:** Add your name to the petition to Theresa May to use the efforts of her Government to free Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe currently unjustly imprisoned in Iran.

**change.org;** Stop the slave markets in Libya – migrants crossing Libya to seek a better life elsewhere are being sold at slave auctions for as little as \$200! Find the petition to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the change.org site and add your name.

These are only a small sample of the opportunities available to us to stretch out to *“these brothers of ours”.*

## ADVENT OPEN DAYS AT ST JOHN'S – Tuesday 19 December to Thursday 21 November: 9am-9pm

**Fr Jock writes:** ‘the whole Open Church Initiative was the result of a suggestion at a St John's Open Parish Meeting in November 2014 that we have a couple of open days in Advent that year...the tremendously positive response set us thinking – and the Church being open each day during daylight hours is the consequence of that...this year we hope to have three ‘Even More Open’ Days on Tuesday to Thursday 19 to 21 December – with lights on, a warm church, music, books, magazines and pamphlets available – and with a couple of welcomers available....please sign up on the list in the St John's porch if you are willing to offer an hour for that ministry....In addition, **Mairi Clunas**, a St John's parishioner who has lived the consecrated life for nearly thirty years will offer a reflective Advent service each day (time tbc).

## THIS WEEK

**Saturday/Sunday (Second Sunday of Advent) – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY**



**Sunday 10 December - 6.30pm - St Mark's Episcopal Church, 287 Portobello High Street. - Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band Christmas Concert - ‘Tickets £8 (free entry for under 16's). [www.stmarksportobello.org](http://www.stmarksportobello.org) ☎0131 629 1219 ✉ [stmarkstickets@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkstickets@gmail.com)’**

## Monday 11 December

10.45am – St John's - **Requiem Mass for Denise O'Donnell**

7pm - St Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh - **Mass for Vocations.** 'Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention.'

## Thursday 14 December

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

## Friday 15 December

10am - St John's – Requiem Mass for Ronnie Smith

7-9pm - **UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS- An Advent Initiative on Friday Nights in Café Camino in St Mary's Cathedral – TALK – PRAYER – SOCIAL - led by Archbishop Leo - for Youthful (16-29yr old!) Catholics.**

Archbishop Leo writes: 'I would like to ask our young people, aged 16-29, to the Cathedral each Friday in Advent (8, 15 and 22 December) at 7pm for a period of catechesis prepared and delivered by me, followed by a short time of prayer, and a period of socialising afterwards in the hall.' For more information –

SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk

## Sunday 17 December

**9.30am** – St John's – **Mass with RCIA Rite of Entry to the Catechumenate.**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

18 December – 2.30pm – St John's - **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** 'The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Everyone is invited into the Hall for tea and home baking afterwards.'

20 December – 9.45am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Elton.**

3 February – '**SPIRIT AND LIBERTY' - A DAY WORKSHOP WITH FR LAURENCE FREEMAN, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace** – 10am-5pm - Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge Day Workshop : (details to follow soon – but for a registration form, contact Neil Walker – [mesp201@hotmail.com](mailto:mesp201@hotmail.com) – or 0131 331 4469).

## NOTICEBOARD

### Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Eve

St John the Evangelist  
6.00pm - Children's Mass

St Mary Magdalene

8.30pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

8.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

10.30am – Children's Mass

The **9.30am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass at St John's on 24 December** will be a 'Low Mass' – ie a quiet, short (!) one without any music...

**Fr Dermot Murrin OP** will kindly celebrate the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm next Saturday, 16 December, at St John's – Fr Jock will be away in North Berwick celebrating the marriage of his niece Hero to Rory Mitchell.



PLEASE ASK THE POST OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS STAMPS FOR YOUR CARDS – otherwise they'll no longer bother printing them...

**Warm wishes and prayers are with our seven parishioners – and nine others – on pilgrimage from 7 to 12 December to Fatima** - there for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception last Friday and also celebrating the centenary of Our Lady's appearances there.

## **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIAN AID**

**Grant Sellar writes:** ‘A great big thank you to everyone involved and for the generous donations contribution towards the sum raised. The PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) Advent Carol Service at St John’s last Sunday 3 December was a thoughtful, reflective and joyful coming together of fellow Christians from across Portobello and surrounding area. Thank you to everyone involved in organising the service, who participated and to all those who came along. The retiral collection raised £758.28, of which £340.50 was gift Aid eligible, giving a total of £843.41. **With the additional UK Government uplift matching every £ donated, the total contribution to Christian Aid is £1601.69.** Thank you to all for your generous donations to help Christian Aid fight poverty in areas across the world this Christmas time.

**Hear the good news!** You can now listen to a recording of Sunday Mass via the internet. The Masses for St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s are available at [www.soundcloud.com/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes](http://www.soundcloud.com/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes). There will be a link from our Facebook page each week. You can also listen to excerpts from the St Mary Magdalene Sunday Mass by going to the St Mary Magdalene website ([www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk)). The opening hymn, readings and homily are there. It all sounds great so give it a go.”

### **AN ADVENT APPEAL FROM SCIAF**

**Donna Morris and Siobhan Wright – SCIAF Parish Officers write** ‘On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, SCIAF adopted Blessed Oscar Romero as a patron. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador was known as a champion of the poor. He was shot dead by a sniper’s bullet whilst celebrating Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1980. SCIAF has chosen El Salvador as the focus of this year’s Advent appeal. We will be working with our partners CESTA to help disabled people in the country to stand up for their rights and are equipping them to support themselves and their families. If you wish any further information about the Advent appeal please do not hesitate to contact us on 0141 354 5527.

**AN APPEAL FROM EMMS – the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society**, a Christian International Health Care Charity who believe that every life matters, and long to live in a just world where all people have access to good quality and dignified healthcare. They work with partners in Malawi, India, Nepal and the UK to see lives lived in poverty and sickness set free to health and hope. Please see leaflets at the back of both churches.

**An appeal from Bethany Christian Trust:** ‘Bethany is very short of single beds at the moment so if you happen to have a good quality bed you can spare for someone that doesn’t have one, your donation would be gratefully received. To arrange an uplift, please call 0131 561 8903. Beds are given along with other items of furniture to people who have moved into new tenancies and don’t have the resources to furnish the place themselves.’

### **Holy Rood RC High News:**

**Joan Daly writes:** ‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- Many thanks to all those parishioners, cluster parents/carers and primary pupils who came along and supported our “Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair”. We were delighted with the evening, from the magical musical performances and carols to the wide array of stalls on offer, Christmas spirit was in abundance! The local crafters were very complimentary about our school and commented on how friendly, polite and helpful our pupils are. To top it all, we raised over £1000 for The Rock Trust – our chosen advent charity this year.
- Senior National 5 Hospitality pupils visited the Sheraton Hotel to learn about the different jobs available. They toured the hotel and had a behind the scenes look the hotel rooms, kitchen, events hall, meeting rooms and reception area. A fantastic opportunity for these pupils to consider a career in the hospitality industry.
- Huge congratulations to Saskia McCallum, winner of the local heat of the National Futurechef competition. She is looking forward to the Scottish final!
- Higher Biology pupils attended the Global Classroom Conference on Conservation at Edinburgh Zoo.
- 3 senior pupils Amira Pacia, Alex Rodriguez and Leah Hooks have been offered the opportunity to shadow MSP, Ash Denham, for a full day in her work at the Parliament. A fantastic experience for these young people.

*Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh’*

## **PARISH REGISTER**

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Ronnie Smith, Jack Farmes, Margaret Moore***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Jane Wright, Jenny Wormald, Myles Durkin, Maria Juska, George Smith, John Ritchie, Roy McGillivray, Charlie and Mary McLauchlan, John and Pat McHugh, Jane Wright, Stan Tweedie, Tina Stevenson, William Cotterell***

**St John’s :**

Dec.9:- Jenny Wormald (2015); May Maclean (2007); S. M. Nelson (1985); Frank McGuire (1979); Bridget Lawrie (1990); Dec.10:- Jimmy Duke (2014); Vincent Kelegher (2003); Margaret T Ward (2001); Mary McLauchlan (2000); Joseph Dykes (1985); Maggie Bonner (1982); Michael Keogh (1948); James Anderson; Dec.11:- Stan Tweedie (2014); Mary Meehan (2006); Bridget & Michael Meldrum; Annie Shrivener Dec.12:- John Ritchie (2016); Valerie Messent (2003); Myles Durkin (1975); Margaret Riach (1960); Ann Cassidy; James Daly; Dec.13:- Jane Wright (2016); John Dalrymple (2016); James

Quinn (1991); Joseph P Gannon (1968); Agnes Stone (1964); Dec.14:- Isabel Garvie (2015); Peter Brown (2004); Annie C Dobson (2002); Margaret Donaldson; Margaret Ward; Dec.15:- Sarah Carty (2001); Janet Peters (1993); William Cotterell (1984); Jeannie O'Brien (1959); Edward D Maher (1958); Catherine Carvell; Catherine Connell;

**St. Mary Magdalene's :**

Dec.9:- Richard Sheppard (1973); Mary MacDougall (1969); Dec.10:- Maria Juska (2015);  
Dec.11:- Winifred Graham (1981); Dec.15:- Colin Newall (1968);



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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** David Codling, Mary Salvona, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Matthew Harvey, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Mary Phair, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Patricia Crawford, Giulio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Cathy McGravie, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

**Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:** Maureen Scott, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Ella Ayers, Pat Marin, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir.

**Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:** Joseph Jordan, Vic Legrix, Alan Knight, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Joanne Cooper, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Ian Petrie, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, baby Summer Martin, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Philys Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan (aged 17), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, young Ray Donovan Syme.

<b>Offertory Collections for 3 December</b>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>	<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b>
	£255.62 (inc £67.00 gift aid)	£837.43 (inc £369.40 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>		
	<b>Readers for Sunday</b>	<b>Bidding Prayers</b>
10 December	Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir	Aileen Hall
17 December	Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes	Anne Jabir
 The lucky no. was 13 – the winner was Robert Moyes Jr who won £25.		
 <b>The Altar Servers at St Mary Magdalene's held a Bake Sale</b> after the 11:15 Mass on Sunday 26 Nov and raised a wonderful £240 in aid of Mary's Meals.		

<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b>			
Saturday 16 December	C Vinestock, M Reilly	Sunday 7 December	L Moran, M Iannarelli, P Glancy
	M Mackenzie,		P Maclellan Hawkes, T Burgess,

**THANK YOU** The Pamoja Fashion team would to thank everyone who supported them last weekend, the total raised was £551.50.

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Candles (including Pro-Life candles) are on sale at the Church Stall. The Stall is open every day during Mass. Please feel free to serve yourself, if there is no-one on duty, and hand in the money to the Parish House. Please support our Stall because all the profits go to the Parish.

The Legion of Mary Reunion will take place in Broxburn on Saturday 13 January, beginning with Mass at 12 noon and followed with a 3 course meal and entertainment. The cost has yet to be decided, but all who have been before know that the catering is excellent and the cost is very low. Numbers are required now, so if you wish to go, please contact me on 669 0247.'

**Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>9.45am Mass – Tony Kretz [Nb Change of Time]</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – Colin Phair</b>	
<b>Sunday 10 December</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Philip Sutherland</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – Maria Juska</b>
<b>Monday 11 December</b>	<b>10.45am:- Requiem Mass for Denise O'Donnell</b>  <b>7-8pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	  <b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>10.00am:- Mass – John Ritchie</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>  <b>St Lucy - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Myles Durkin</b>	
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>  <b>St John of the Cross - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.45pm – Mass - John &amp; Pat McHugh [NB Time]</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	<b>9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Ronnie Smith</b>	
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	<b>10.00am Mass – Tina Stevenson</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – George Smith</b>	
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Thomas Welsh</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – Charles and Mary McLaughlan</b>