

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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3rd Sunday of Advent – 17 December 2017

RCIA : Rite of Entry to the Catechumenate – 9.30am – St John's

A Warm welcome – and congratulations – to our five RCIA catechumens and candidates: **Andrew Farmer, Lesley Irvine, Nadine Robb, Gift Thomson and Kenny Stewart Sturrock.**

Since September, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group has been meeting each Tuesday in the parish house, led by our catechists, Alice Codling, Colette Dempsey and Laurie Blyth, with other parishioners present as sponsors/supporters. This year we have been blessed with five 'enquirers', all of whom will enter the second stage of the process this Sunday – **Gift and Nadine** will become **catechumens**, **Andrew, Lesley and Kenny**, **candidates** - catechumens are those who haven't been baptised, candidates are those baptised into another Christian denomination, or Catholics who have yet to receive all the sacraments of initiation – baptism, confirmation and eucharist. Normally, baptism and reception into the Church takes place at the Easter Vigil, though we hope that Gift will be baptised on Sunday 7 January, the Feast of the Epiphany, before his return to Malawi. **Please pray for Andrew, Lesley, Nadine, Gift and Kenny – and the RCIA Group.**

ADVENT OPEN DAYS AT ST JOHN'S – Tuesday 19 December to Thursday 21 December: 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 from this 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 – at 2pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 7pm on Thursday.**

Christmas Season Schedule



Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

St John the Evangelist

6.00pm - Children's Mass

8.30pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

St Mary Magdalene

8.30pm Carol Service

10.30am – Children's Mass

There will be celebrations in the Hall at St Mary Magdalene's after the Carol Service and St John's after the Vigil Mass.

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

There will also be Mass at St John's at 10am on the 27th for the Patronal Feast of St John, and a celebration in the Hall afterwards.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 December

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

1pm - St John's – Reception of Mary Salvona's body.

Monday 18 December

10am - St John's – Requiem Mass for Mary Salvona

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.'

TUESDAY 19 - THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER – 9AM TO 9PM – ST JOHN'S - OPEN CHURCH

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

Sunday 24 December

6pm – St John's – Christmas Children's Mass

8.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's - Carol Service

8.30pm – St John's – Christmas Vigil Mass

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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 – or 0131 331 4469).

NOTICEBOARD

A warm welcome to Fr Dermot Morrin OP, celebrating the Vigil Mass this Saturday while Fr Jock marries his niece, Hero, to Rory Mitchell, in North Berwick.

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

AN ADVENT APPEAL FROM SCIAF

Donna Morris and Siobhan Wright – SCIAF Parish Officers write 'On 15th August 2017, the 100th 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 24th 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.

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.'

- The YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative) Grand Final took place in school this week with 5 teams of senior pupils competing for the £3000 donation to their chosen charity. The judges decided that overall, Meadow Belal and Rhiannon Falconer's presentation merited first prize and a cheque for £3000 was presented to "U-Evolve" a mental health charity who support many people in Edinburgh.
- Well done to all the S1-3 pupils who participated in the Micro-Tyco Challenge. The task to grow an initial investment of £1 per team into the largest profit possible within one month resulted in a staggering £1135.63 – an incredible achievement. This profit will be re-invested to help entrepreneurs in developing countries.
- All our S2 pupils enjoyed the Particle Physics For Scottish Schools event in school. Thanks to former pupil Juliette Martin for coming back to see us and helping out with Professor Alan Walker MBE from Edinburgh University.
- S5/6 Modern Studies pupils visited London for the day to visit the Holocaust Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum and the Parliament. The pupils went on a tour of the Palace of Westminster and then witnessed a debate in the House of Lords, followed by a workshop on lowering the voting age to 16. Parliamentary staff complimented pupils for their insightful questions. Back to the classroom to reflect on this fantastic learning experience!

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary Salvona, Michael Jefferey, John Cahill

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Margaret Knowles, George Smith, Ron McLeay, Jim Marin, Mary McNally.**

St John's :

Dec.16:- Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; Dec.17:- Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; Dec.18:- Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964); Dec.19:-Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan; Dec.20:- Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949); Dec.21:- Eileen Flannigan (2012); Alexander Paton (2001); Jean Malcolm (1998); Mary Gallagher (1992); Francis O'Connor (1969); Dec.22:- Gytha Somervell (2014); Joseph Desmond (1990); Thomas Heaney (1989); Francis Rooney;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Dec.16:- Patricia Scott (1999); Dec.19:- Mary McNally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979); Dec.20:- Jim Marin (2010); Dec.21:- Elizabeth McEwan (1996); Dec.22:- Sally Murphy (2002); John Shaw (2000);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, David Codling, 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, Guilio 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: Agnes Harvey, 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, 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.

Offertory Collections for 10 December	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£223.05 (inc £68.00 gift aid)	£738.85 (inc £ gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Next Sunday, there will be the Annual Christmas collection at St John's for their twin community of Legho – with a basket left at the back of St Mary Magdalene's if anyone wants to contribute from there.

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
17 December	Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes	Anne Jabir
24 December	Catrina McGillivray & Eileen Igoo	Peggy Ferguson



Warm birthday greetings to Frank Logan, 90 on Thursday 14 December ...and to Eliza Veitch (our parishes' photographer), 40 on Tuesday 12 December



Welcome to the world, Innes Philip Richard Hay, a first child for Susan and David, born last Sunday, 10 December

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 23 December	J Roarty, M Spencer, V Paterson	Sunday 24 December	E White, C Volpe, A Dixon, J Rynn, B Gallagher
Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Vigil Masses: '6.00pm: Pauline MacInnes , Maura Spencer, Jackie Plews, Bernie Gallagher, Grant Sellar 8.30pm: Eddie Clark, Penelope McLellan Hawkes, Gena Gallagher, Tracy Burgess, Chris Vinestock Names in bold to set up, please.'			

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16 December	10.00am Mass – Tina Stevenson 6.30pm:- Mass – George Smith	
Sunday 17 December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am:- Mass – Thomas Welsh	11.15am:- Mass – Charles and Mary McLauchlan
Monday 18 December	10.00am - Requiem Mass for Mary Salvona 2.30pm: - Healing Mass – William Cotterell 7-8pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 19 December	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Margaret Knowles
Wednesday 20 December	9.45am:- Mass – Requiem Mass Elizabeth Elton (NB Time)	
Thursday 21 December	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am – Mass – Alison Prosser
Friday 22 December	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Josephine Connolly	
Saturday 23 December	10.00am Mass – Jane & Robert Wright 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 24 December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE	9.30am:- Mass – Ron McLeay 6.00pm – Children’s Mass 8.30pm:- Mass - Ina & Thomas McNama	11.15am:- Mass – Willie Robertson
Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY		10.30am – Children’s Mass - Robert Iheji