

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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4th Sunday of Advent – 24 December 2017



Fr Jock and the Pastoral Team would like to welcome all visitors to our sister parishes for the festive season, and to wish everybody a Happy and Holy Christmas. They would also like to express their gratitude for all the cards, gifts and good wishes given to them in recent weeks. At this dear sacred season, may all our heartfelt Yeses to God – like Mary's – draw Jesus Christ more and more into our world

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 is the annual **Christmastide Leaving Collection for St John's twin community of Legho this weekend** - with a basket left at the back of St Mary Magdalene's for those who wish to contribute there. For those not at Mass this Sunday morning, there will be a basket available at the back of both churches next Sunday too.

The 9.30am Mass today at St John's is a 'Low Mass' – ie a quiet, short (!) one without any music.

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

St John's Church will remain open between 9am and 4pm on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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

Open Doors and a Free Christmas Dinner at HIBS and HEARTS Stadiums



'As part of the Gamechanger programme Hibernian FC, Heart of Midlothian FC and lots of local charities and supporters are coming together to provide a bit of good will, a Christmas Dinner, singing and fun on Christmas day to those who live locally and are on their own or feeling a bit isolated. If Christmas is a difficult time for you why not go along to either the

Tynecastle Stadium from 11am or the Easter Road Stadium from 11.45am to join in the fun. To find out more and let them know you are coming please contact either of the clubs directly or email

lmontgomery@hibernianfc.co.uk or edinburghcheer@nhs.scot.nhs.uk. Helpers are always need too, so if you want to do something different this Christmas day then just get in touch with the clubs, or the email contact above, they will be delighted to hear from you.'

THIS WEEK

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

Monday 25 December

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – Christmas Day Children's Mass

Tuesday 27 December

10am – St John’s – Mass for the Patronal Feast of St John the Evangelist

Thursday 29 December

12 noon - St Margaret’s Chapel, Gillis Centre - Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents, celebrated by Archbishop Leo Cushley for the intentions of the Archdiocesan pro-life movement. Refreshments will follow afterwards.

4.30pm – St John’s – Reception of John Cahill’s body

Friday 29 December

10.45am – St John’s - Requiem Mass for John Cahill

Sunday 31 December

9.30am – St John’s – Mass with baptism of Julian Orszt

IN THE COMING WEEKS

1 January – 11.30am – St John’s – Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God – and for the New Year....

4 January – 12.30pm - St John’s Hall – The L’Arche Community Epiphany Meal....if anyone would like to help with the welcoming and serving of the meal, please contact Fr Jock, Mary Iannarelli (07534 666439) or Jeremy Devlin-Thorp (07900 278043)

2.30-4pm and 5.30-7pm – Portobello Town Hall, High St, Portobello – VISIT OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE – new donors always needed.

7 January – 9.30am – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany with Baptism of Gift Thomson.

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

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.

- We say thank you and farewell to Sister Christine and Sister Jeannette who have been with us for 8 years. It is impossible to describe the service they have given to staff and pupils alike in this time. They have been a real blessing on our school with their commitment to support those in need. We wish Christine and Jeannette the warmest wishes for their retirement.
- S1 pupils had a great time at their Christmas party showing off their social dancing skills that they’ve been perfecting in P.E.
- “Holy Rood’s Got Talent” our annual talent show showcased a huge array of performances from S1 to S6 raising more money for our Advent Charity, **The Rock Trust**. Very well done to all pupils for their efforts and generosity, the final figure will be announced in January.
- Please remember our senior pupils in your prayers as they prepare for Prelim examinations over the Christmas break.

We wish all parishioners a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh’

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Larry Daly, John Cahill, Michael O’Brien

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Isabel O’Neill, Agnes Prior, John and James Moyes, George Dougal, Mary McLory. Eddie Kerr, Fay Dignan

St John’s :

Dec.23:- Cecelia McIntyre (2011); Alice Taylor (2006); Francis Rooney Snr.; George & Esther Waters; the Clyne, Harrison, Laurie & Lynch families; Dec.24:- Mary McClory (2010); Tom Brennan (1985); Elizabeth Welby (1964); Anne B Gallagher (1948); James McGravie; John Scally; Dec.25:- William T Pringle (2007); Francis Skey (1993); Arthur Scholan (1991); James Cordery (1989); John Callaghan (1988); Hugh Docherty (1985); Mary E Sweeney (1984); Raymond Demarco (1980); (Baby) Carol Begg

(1952); Dec.26:- Iris Murphy (2015); Marjory Graham (2007); Ian Holligan (1997); James Moran (1981); Mary Fusco (1948); David Headspeath; Dec.27:- Alexandrina Bell (2000); Joseph Mullan (1978); James O'Brien Sen.(1960); Joseph Mullan Sen. (1936); Dec.28:- Margaret McGuire (1970); Maria Rossi; Dec.29:- Isobel O'Neill (2016); Dennis Sistrom (2003); Agnes O'Donnell (1975); Annie Kirk (1962); Jackie Flynn; Marion Napier;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Dec.23:- Eddie Kerr (2009); Roseanne Barclay (1992); Michael Boyle (1970); Dec.25:- John Damer (1997); Cecilia Stewart (1992); Dec.26:- Loretta Connor (1996); James Smith (1982); Dec.29:- Mark Cunningham (2009);

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: Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, 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 18), 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 17 December	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£417.05 (inc £182.00 gift aid)	£783.51 (inc £314.46 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	
ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
24 December	Catrina McGillivray & Eileen Igoo	Peggy Ferguson
31 December	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Kate Neilson

Welcome to the World, Egon McGurk, born on 7 December, a son for Judy and Ken, and brother for Calum and Duncan.

Many congratulations to Sarah Gallagher (daughter of Una and Jim) and Chris Watterson, who recently announced their engagement.

There is a newsletter available from the Justice & Peace Group at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to take a copy.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 30 December	G Sellar, J Martin, B Tansey	Sunday 31 December	E Buckley, P Connarty, C Dempsey, E Clark, G 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.’			
Mary Salvona’s family would like to thank all those who contributed towards the collection of over £400 for Mary’s Meals which was taken up at her Requiem Mass on Monday 18 December.			
	Please note that there will be NO Pamoja fashion sale on Saturday 6 January 2018.		
CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES are now available at the back of the Church – if you wish, please take one...			

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Sunday 24 December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE	9.30am:- Mass – Ron McLeay 6.00pm – Children’s Mass – Isabel O’Neill 8.30pm:- Mass - Ina & Thomas McNama	11.15am:- Mass – Willie Robertson
Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY		10.30am – Children’s Mass – Robert Iheji
Tuesday 26 December ST STEPHEN – FEAST	10.00am:- Mass – George Dougal	
Wednesday 27 December ST JOHN - FEAST	10.00am:- Mass – Mary McLory & deceased members of the McLory family	
Thursday 28 December THE HOLY INNOCENTS - FEAST	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am – Mass – Denise O’Donnell
Friday 29 December	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.45am:- Requiem Mass for John Cahill	
Saturday 30 December	10.00am - Eucharistic Service 6.30pm:- Mass – Terry Delaney	
Sunday 31 December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - FEAST	9.30am:- Mass – Fay Dignan	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

God loved us so much that HE took on our humanity,
 walked with us for a while,
 spoke and ate with us,
 touched, laughed and cried
 And shared our joy.