

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

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## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 31 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 and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



**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 New Year, when it comes. **There will be Mass at 11.30am on New Year's day at St John's** – followed by a coffee morning in the Church Hall (with proceeds to Sightsavers, and any money raised doubled by the government).

**Fr Jock** would also like to express his gratitude for all the cards, gifts and good wishes given in recent weeks, and to thank all those who so generously gave of themselves and their gifts to make our Christmas services so joy-filled.....

**This Sunday**, there will be a second chance – for those who missed the opportunity last Sunday – to contribute towards **the Annual Christmas Leaving Collection for the Parish and Community of Legho** in the diocese of Moshi in Tanzania, twinned with St John's since the early eighties.....**next Sunday, there will be a special collection for the National Justice and Peace Commission.**

This Thursday, 4 January, we are delighted to welcome **the Edinburgh L'Arche Community** – and to host their **Annual Epiphany Meal and Celebration** at 12.30pm in the St John's Church Hall.

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday 31 December - 9.30am** – St John's – Mass with baptism of Julian Orszt.

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

**Wednesday 3 January**

**3pm** – Seafield Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Michael O'Brien.**

**Thursday 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.

**Friday 5 January**

**12 midday** – Parish House – **Meeting to discuss the way forward for the Lectio Divina Group** – who reflect fortnightly on Saturday mornings on the gospel of the following Sunday.....**open also to anybody interested in seeking to deepen their prayer, and their knowledge of Scripture, and/or to find out what's involved in 'Lectio Divina'.**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

### **Sunday 7 January**

9.30am – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, **with Baptism of Gift Thomson.**

11.15am – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, **with Baptism of Orla McCauley.**

### **Monday 8 January**

6.15pm – Parish House – **Meeting to set up a new group of ‘Intercessors’ who will pray for the intentions in the Prayer Request Books, found in both church porches.**

7pm – Parish House - **Meeting of the ‘Locker-Uppers’ and anyone interested in helping develop the St John’s Open Church Initiative.**

**Saturday 13 January – 10.45am – Parish House - Praying with the Sunday Gospel (‘Lectio Divina’) – All Welcome.**

**Saturday 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



The Portobello and Joppa Parish Church Burns Supper takes place this year on 20 January – PJPC ‘will not this year be sending tickets to the different churches but if anyone wants to attend, tickets can be ordered from Louise Simpson or Winnie Davis or from the church office – [office@portyjoppachurch.org](mailto:office@portyjoppachurch.org) ☎0131 657 3401 (Monday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am – 1.30pm). Please give the name of those who want to attend for seating arrangements and with any dietary requirements when ordering the tickets’.

## PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*                      **John Young, Jimmy Docherty**

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:* **James and Jane Moyes, John Flynn, Fay Dignan, Terry Delaney, Anne-Louise Dalrymple**

### **St John’s :**

Dec.30:- Helen Reid (2016); James Fettes (1995); Dec.31:- Fay Dignan (2016); Philip McMicken (1995); Bertie Demarco; Thomas Rooney; Jan.1:- James Malone (1989), Catherine McElroy; Jan.2:- Terry Delaney (2016); Monica Cubitt (2007); Anne Marie Phillips (2004); Elizabeth Stone (1992); Alexander Donnelly (1985); Thomas Mackay (1979); Annie Graham (1973); Jan.3:- Betsy Hogg (1981); James Lacey (1973); Jan.4:- Hedley Smibert (2007); Fr.Thomas Gaffney SJ.(1998); Lucia Maher (1994); John Brown (1984); Bernard McAllister (1981); John Browne (1977); Jan.5:- Jessie Handren (2009); James Bannon (1999); Douglas Shannon (1992); Joseph & Isobel Simpson (1989); Renee McMartin (1984); John J McWilliams (1958); Kathleen McGovern (1940).

### **St. Mary Magdalene’s :**

Dec.31:- Annie Henderson (1999); John Moohan (1975); Jan.5:- Ronald Forrester (2011).

### **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:** Dennis Green, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Kayleigh O’Brien(daughter of Brid and Colin), 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.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
<b>Offertory Collections</b>		
<b>24 December</b>	£248.01 (inc £78.00 gift aid)	£3622.41 (inc £1072.90 gift aid)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	£589.65 (inc £202.00 gift aid)	- Christmas Eve Morning Mass and Evening Masses combined
<b>Legho</b>	£48.31	£350.88

*Thank you for your generosity*

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
31 December	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Kate Neilson
7 January	Tessa Haring & Sam Henry	Jim Gallagher

*Thank you for your generosity*



**Are your details in the Parish Database up to date?** – if not, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete a Parish Census Form (available at the back of both churches) – and return it as soon as possible.

**Living Faith booklets** – with a reflection for each day between January and March - are now available in both church porches. A donation of £2 or £1 would be appreciated to help us cover costs....

**The Archdiocesan Catholic Directory** for 2018 is now available to purchase from both Church Stalls – price £2.50

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 6 January	P Hunter, O Brooks, J Plews	Sunday 7 January	T Burgess, M Slight, M Iannarelli, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy

**Welcome to the world, Max James Kane, a first child for Natalie and Michael Kane, born on Boxing Day morning.**



Please note that there will be **NO** Pamoja fashion sale on Saturday 6 January 2018.

**Maria Igoe writes:**

- ‘The next Charity Coffee ‘Morning’ will be held on Monday 1st January in the Hall after 11.30am Mass. Donations will go to Sightsavers and whatever we collect will be matched by the UK Government. Please come along.
- If you have not yet paid your money for the Legion of Mary Reunion on Saturday 13th January, please give £12 to me. This covers the cost of your 3 course meal. Thank you.’

The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.

*Frederick Buechner*

There is not much fun in medicine but there is good medicine in fun.

*Philippine saying*



If you are always trying to be **NORMAL**, you will never know how **AMAZING** you can be.

*Maya Angelou*

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Eucharistic Service  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – Terry Delaney	
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>  <b>THE HOLY FAMILY - Feast</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – Fay Dignan	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – People of the Parish
<b>Monday 1 January</b> <b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Solemnity</b>	<b>11.30am:-</b> Mass – Jane and James Moyes	
<b>Tuesday 2 January</b> <b>St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	<b>9.25am-9.55am:-</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
<b>Wednesday 3 January</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – John Ritchie	
<b>Thursday 4 January</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	<b>10.00am –</b> Mass – Roy McGillivray & Denise O'Donnell
<b>Friday 5 January</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:-</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – John Flynn	
<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	<b>10.00am -</b> Mass – Mary Salvona  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – Margaret Moore	
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>  <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Solemnity</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – Jimmy Gallagher	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – People of the Parish

### Appreciating the Other

‘If we confine ourselves only to the work of God in ‘our’ group or ‘our’ church, we will miss something. Communities have so much to offer each other. But of course, to really appreciate the working of God in the hearts of other communities and churches, we have to be well rooted in our own; we have to belong. Otherwise we risk living in some confusion, without roots.’