

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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6th Sunday – 11 February 2018

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.



LENT starts on Ash Wednesday – 14 February – this Wednesday

It is, with Good Friday, one of only two days of **Fasting and Abstinence** in the Church's Year..

There will be Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 10am at St John's and at 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's.

Our full Lenten programme – and that of the other parishes in our Cluster – will be presented in next week's newsletter but it will include

- **Lenten House Groups – ‘Stories of Hope’.** A chance to participate in a Lenten house group focusing on the material offered by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland using the recommended material provided by ‘HOPE’ (*a partnership of Christians involved with prisoners and ex-prisoners and their families.*) The material consists of 6 stories taken from the book ‘40 Stories of Hope’. We are invited to walk with Jesus through Lent, learning from Mark's Gospel and from the lessons prisoners, ex-prisoners and chaplains have learned.
The Groups will start week beginning Sunday 18 February (next Sunday) for the whole period of Lent, meeting at the same time each week in homes around the Parishes.
The various house groups from which you can choose are below in the Noticeboard section.
- **A Lenten Ignatian Retreat Online**
Tessa Haring writes: ‘The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow has launched a new nationwide retreat for Lent 2018. All the prayer materials are available (free) online to download on your phone, tablet or computer. Ideally you should be able to find a time to pray with the Scripture or other material daily; anything from 15 minutes to an hour a day, whatever you find helps you. This is the first national Scottish retreat of its kind and whether you choose to pray individually or in a group you are most warmly invited to share in this retreat experience. **There is a local group, and the weekly group meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings during Lent in the Parish House, 7.30-9pm, starting on 21 February, and ending on 28 March. If you wish to find out more before possibly registering do contact me (07721 402996).’**
- **‘LOVE LENT’ - An Initiative on Three Fridays in Lent by Archbishop Cushley:**
‘Archbishop Leo would like to invite young adults, 16 to 29-year-old, to join him for a series of three Friday evening talks during Lent to take place at the parish hall of St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh on 23 February, 9 March and 23 March. Each talk will begin at 7pm. Entitled “Love Lent”, the series of talks will conclude with a young adults gathering in Edinburgh upon Palm Sunday, 25 March. For more information, go to: www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com’



SCIAF Wee Box Lenten Campaign 2018

'This year the Wee Box campaign is focusing on Cambodia, a country where almost threequarters of the population are living on less than £2/day. SCIAF is working with DPA, our partner in Cambodia, to help families protect traditional fishing waters from illegal fishing, and protect their land from illegal logging and corporate land grabbing as well as providing seeds, tools and training. All donations given as part of the Wee Box campaign will be matched by the UK Government, so every pound you give will be doubled – how's that for a bargain offer! So pick up your Wee Box and give generously.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 February – 12.30pm – St John's - **Baptisms of Declan Doohan Bee, Yasmin Doohan Bee and Aisla Grace Rita Neild.**

Sunday 11 February

9.30am – **Children's Mass** with a focus on P3.

11.15am – **Children's Mass** with a focus on 'Do This in Memory of Me' P4 Children.

7.00pm – St John's Parish House – St John's Pastoral Council Meal (a farewell for stalwart Jim Roarty – and welcome to new members).

Monday 12 February –

6.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of the Legho Renewal Group** – new members welcome

7.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Cluster Pastoral Council Chairs and Parish Priests.**

Tuesday 13 February – 5pm – St Catherine's Convent – **Edinburgh Deanery Meeting**

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday 15 February

11am Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House - **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.** (If parishioners have topics they wish raised, please contact Siobhán Sellar (Chair) ✉ sasellar@gmail.com ☎ 6573805 or Frances McDevitt (Secretary) ✉ sfmcdevi@gmail.com sfmcdevi@gmail.com ☎ 662 8573.)

Saturday 17 February - 1pm – St John's – **Baptism of Lily Webber.**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 18 February

12 midday – St Mary's Cathedral – **Mass with the Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens and Candidates.**

2-4pm – Duddingston Kirk Hall, Duddingston Rd West EH15 3PX – **Rehearsals for 'To the Cross' – a dramatic outdoor production on Easter Sunday, 1 April (2-4pm)** To express interest, or take an active part, or offer assistance, please contact Duddingston Kirk – email: dodinsoffice@aol.com – telephone: 0131 661 4240 – web:

www.duddingstonoffice@aol.com – Post: Duddingston Kirk Office, 5 Old Church Lane, Edinburgh EH15 3PX – giving your name, address/contact details, and your interest.

5pm - St. John the Baptist Church, 37 St. Ninian's Road, Corstorphine. - **A Remembering Service** – 'For all those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support, to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise their loss and help with healing.'

Monday 19 February

2.30pm – St John's – **Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

6pm – Parish House – Meeting of new Interecessors' Group.

7pm – St John's Church Hall – **P3 Reconciliation Preparation Meeting Children & Parents**

7.30pm – Sacred Heart, Lauriston – **'So, Who is My Neighbour?'** - with biblical scholar **Fr Nicholas King SJ, the first in a series of Lenten talks. 'Their Story is Our Story - Immigrants in the Bible.** The Bible on looking after foreigners and the marginalised: turning refugees into friends made in God's image and likeness; the trap to avoid, the secret of getting it right.'

Tuesday 20th February

7pm – St Mary Magdalene's Hall – St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting.

7.30 pm- Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ - Edinburgh Newman Meeting - Fr. Jim Lawlor will speak on “‘Thou shalt not...!’ Negative pedagogy, pastoral ministry and 'yes' to life’.
'All are warmly welcome to this meeting. We ask for a small donation to cover our costs.'

Wednesday 21 (and 28) February – 7.30pm – Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Course I (and II)

Saturday 24 February

10am – St John’s - **Bereavement Mass**

Starting 10am – Arthur’s Seat – **Sponsored Walk and Talk** (organised by Heath in Mind to provide more funding for Mental Health Services in Scotland)

Sunday 25 February – 11.15pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – SPRED Mass (more details next week)

Saturday 17 March – 10am-4pm – Lauriston Hall - A Lenten Retreat Day with Miriam McHardy – ‘Who do you say that I am? Reflecting on the question in our lives today.’ – . For more information email: just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk

Wednesday 21 March – 7.15-9pm – St Mary’s Cathedral, Palmerston Place EH12 5AW - An Evening with Dr Rowan Williams (organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace.) - For a Registration Form: Contact: Neill Walker, mesp2018@hotmail.com, 0131 331 4469.

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock returns this weekend after a fairly fruitful four weeks on 'the book' – the life and times of his priest Uncle Jock – trying to tell the story of the Church here in the East of Scotland and also internationally from the 1940’s to the mid 1980’s through the story of his uncle’s life and and developing thought and spirituality:

‘Real progress has been made but there is still some way to go - revising the 18 chapters (and 1100 pages...) we’ve moved from chapter 8 (page 435) and 1970, to chapter 15 (page 851) and 1981 - and my uncle died in 1985...so we’re nearly there...but please be careful before you utter those charged and challenging words 'have you finished it yet?' because I haven’t...! I’m very grateful to the three priests who’ve covered our Masses in the last month – and to the parishes for your prayers and understanding. I was also able to spend some good time with my old Dad too – and again am grateful for that opportunity. (PS ‘The book’ has been on the go since 2006...)’

A Message from the J&P Group.

Jennifer Morris writes: Bethany Update – ‘Thanks to your generosity, so far this winter our 42 volunteers have been able to provide meals on 5 nights, catering for up to 75 customers a night. To quote one young volunteer “ I don’t think I did much but it was good to be able to do something.” We are very grateful to Appetito, Arnold Clark and Morrissions for their donations towards the cost of food. We have 3 nights still to go this winter but we are already thinking ahead to winter 2018/19. If anyone would like to volunteer for evenings from October 2018 onwards please contact Jim Roarty. (Anyone who is looking to gain experience and add to their CV will find leading a volunteer team worthwhile.)’

LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS 2018 - STORIES OF HOPE

Day	Time	Host	Venue	☎
MONDAY	7.30pm	Joyce Martin	38 Milton Rd West	669 6339
TUESDAY	2.00pm	Geoff/Sheelagh Dobson	11 Coillesdene Ave	669 1699
TUESDAY	7.00pm	Rosalind MacKay	2 Goff Ave	669 0003
WEDNESDAY	2.00pm	Pauline MacInnes	56/1 Moira Terrace	657 3411
THURSDAY	7.00pm	Jennifer Morris	14 Duddingston Row	669 2433

Please sign up on the **lists for participants, available at the back of both churches**. Each meeting will last no more than an hour and a half. For further information contact Jennifer Morris, Fr Jock or Alice Codling ☎0131 657 1862

✉alicecodling@btinternet.com .

LENTEN INITIATIVES IN THE CLUSTER PARISHES (More details next week)

St Mary’s Star of the Sea Lent programme is as follows:-

- Lenten online Retreat at www.lentretreat.org with weekly meetings to reflect on it, these would take place on Wednesday morning at 7.30am, or 7pm and Friday afternoon at 1pm
- Beginning on Shrove Tuesday, there will be Taize in the church starting at 7pm
- Stations of the Cross, Friday mornings prior to Mass at noon
- There will also be a community come and sing day, songs of sisterhood and solidarity for international women’s day on Saturday 10th March

- A memorial Mass will be held at St Kentigern's church for Fr David Gemmell on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm.'

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Holy Rood RC High School News at the end of Catholic Education Week:

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

- We were privileged to host a visit from Maree Todd, Minister for Childcare and Early Years on **Internet Safety Day**. A group of pupils and staff discussed the use of technology in school and in particular, the use of the internet.
- Over 450 pupils had the opportunity to attend our **Careers Fair** and engage with delegates from 43 organisations including Finance, IT, Legal Service, Public Service, Childcare, Construction, Hospitality, Engineering and the Creative Arts. Pupils were also able to seek advice on the opportunities available at Edinburgh College, Queen Margaret University, Napier University, Herriot Watt University and Edinburgh University. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in attendance for the evening session and receive such positive feedback from all involved.
- Congratulations to S5 pupil, Saskia McCallum, **Future Chef Central Scotland Regional Finalist**. We are very proud of Saskia's great achievement and delighted to share the news that Saskia's mentor has offered her a job in the prestigious Prestonfield House. Saskia has accepted!
- In sport, our S1 Football Team progressed to the 2nd round of Scottish Plate after beating Bathgate Academy 4-3.
- We take a short break for the February week holiday and will return with an update on 23 Feb.

Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

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PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Lucy Hughes

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Cammack, Margaret Lappin, Kevin Crow

St John's :

Feb.10:- Edward McCabe (2008); David Young (1985); D V McCaughan (1984); Mary (O'Brien) Callan (1926);

Feb.11:- Marie Buchanan (2005); Lucy Hughes (1989); Hannah Knowles (1964); Canon Albert Franklin (1955);

Feb.12:- Pat Kelly (1997); Bill Jacob (1984); Feb.13:- William Lawrie (1973); John Duffy; Annie Nicholson;

Feb.14:- Mary Kathleen McConville (2002); Bernard Halpenny (1985); William Hughes (1978); Patrick Gilroy (1966);

Feb.15:- Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll (1997); Feb.16:- Charles Malcolm (1993); Betty McGuire (1987); John Denning 1959);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Feb.11:- Ian McLeod (1996); Feb.12:- Mary Tully (2007); Feb.15:- John O'Keefe (1982); Feb.16:- Ellen Conway (1972)

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mary Phair, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Cathy McGravie, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, David Codling, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Matthew Harvey, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, James Sangster, 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, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Kate Neilsen, Jimmy Kesson, Tracey Moohan, 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: Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Kayleigh O'Brien, 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, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Isabel McInrue, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, young Ray Donovan Syme.

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Offertory Collections

4 February

£398.91 (inc £186.50 gift aid)

£800.09 (inc £413.70 gift aid)

Special Collection – Catholic Education

£151.15

£361.24

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

Bidding Prayers

11 February

P4 children

18 February

Irene Duncan & Emma Gibson

Peggy Ferguson



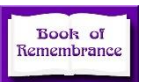
The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 20 February – all welcome.



The lucky no. was 12 – the winner was M Neilson – who won £25.00.

If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with Madge /Rob Moyes direct.

A **Book of Remembrance** is available at the back of both churches, for anyone wishing to add family names, please contact Celia Stone ☎669 2431, or fill in the form at the back of either church.



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 17 February P MacInnes, J Plews,
B Kelly

Sunday 18 February E Buckley, E Clark, G Gallagher,
M Slight, M Iannarelli



Leadership of St John's Music Group

Jeremy Devlin-Thorp has made the decision to step down from leading the Music Group, after serving in this role for 20 years. He will lead the group until Easter, with his final service being the Mass on Easter Sunday morning on 1st April 2018. If anybody is interested, or knows anyone who might be attracted to this role, please speak to Fr Jock or to Jeremy (07900 278043). The ideal person will be a musician with some experience of leading a group of singers and musicians, who can read music and can commit to growing the music liturgy and developing the people involved. Jeremy will support and give a full hand-over to make any change as seamless as possible.



Thursday 15 February – 7.30pm – Parish House - St John's Pastoral Council Meeting. If parishioners have topics they wish raised, please contact Siobhán Sellar (Chair) ✉ sasellar@gmail.com ☎ 6573805 or Frances McDevitt (Secretary) ✉ sfmcdevi@gmail.com sfmcdevi@gmail.com ☎ 662 8573.

Maria Igoe writes:

- **The next Healing Mass will be on Monday 19th February at 2.30pm.** The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation after Mass. All are invited to the Hall afterwards for tea and home-baking.
- The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on Sunday 18 February, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to come, please contact Maria Igoe 669-0247.
- During Lent Morning Prayer will be said at Our Lady's altar at 9.30am from Monday - Thursday.
- Many parishioners are contributing to the Mary's Meals backpacks. You may like to donate bars of soap, toothbrushes or toothpaste. Grateful thanks in anticipation.
- **MEDJUGORJE** - 39 people have booked for the trip to Medjugorje in May. The first week is fully booked, but it is possible to go from 22nd to 29th May at a total cost of £300 (sharing) or £365 (single room). If you wish to go or require further information, please contact me on 669 0247.



Comments from previous pilgrims include: "spiritually and socially uplifting giving time out to reflect and pray in beautiful surroundings." "I felt very blessed to have been able to visit this very special place. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an overwhelming experience with up to 40,000 people praying intently at the outside altar as the sun goes down."

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 10 February St Scholastica - Memorial	10.00am – Mass - Denise O’Donnell 6.30pm:- Mass – Margaret Lappin	
Sunday 11 February 6th Sunday of the year	9.30am:- Mass – Maureen Taggert	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 12 February	10.00am:- Mass – Willie Vidler 7pm–8pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 13 February	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Denis Green
Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am:- Mass with distribution of Ashes – Elizabeth Keogh	7.30pm:- Mass with distribution of ashes – Fr Michael O’Leary
Thursday 15 February	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:– Mass – Alex and other members of the Linton family
Friday 16 February	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:-Mass – Robert Cammack	
Saturday 17 February	10.00am – Mass - Mary Salvona 6.30pm:- Mass – Mgr Matt Coakley	
Sunday 18 February 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Kevin Crow

The Gift

‘Contact with people who are weak and are crying out for communion is one of the most important nourishments in our lives. When we let ourselves be really touched by the gift of their presence, they leave something precious in our heart. If we remain at the level of ‘doing’ something for people, we can stay behind our barriers of superiority. We have to welcome the gift of the poor with open hands.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p186

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