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## 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 12 FEBRUARY 2017

**LENT STARTS ON 1 MARCH – IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS' TIME**

.....so we introduce our main Lenten initiative in the 2 parishes: a number of house groups meeting weekly – same day each week, same venue, following the course

- **TO BE A PILGRIM IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS' –**

**Alice Codling writes:** 'The journey follows the Gospels of Cycle A and the Journey of Jesus: **Into the Wilderness – On the Mountaintop – By the Well – At the Gate – In – or By – the Tomb – On the Road to Emmaus.**

There are 5 sessions, plus an Easter session on the 'Road to Emmaus'. The course has been created by Kathryn Turner.

The Groups will begin the first week in Lent. (Sunday 5 March)

It would be good if we could make a very special effort this Lent in following the journey of Jesus together – linking with our own journeys and celebrating his glorious Resurrection. We need HOSTS to welcome people into their homes for the journey. We need FACILITATORS to guide us on the journey.

Also, we need YOU to walk the journey with Jesus. ALL ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THIS JOURNEY

There are two lists at the back of both Churches - One for those willing to HOST a group. One for those willing to FACILITATE. As soon as we get information about the Hosts we will produce lists with the times and days of different groups for you to sign up.'

For further information contact:-

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### AND AN ECUMENICAL INITIATIVE FOR LENT:

#### **The Community Bible Experience:**

**Jennifer Morris writes:** "The aim is to read the New Testament over 8 weeks. Copies of the New Testament – specially designed for this approach - will be available, and each week participants will meet in the same small group to discuss what they've been reading. (However if you can't make every week that is ok.) These gatherings are designed to feel more like a **book club** than a traditional Bible study. They're an opportunity to share how God's story is making an impact on each person—what inspires, surprises, puzzles, or challenges us. There's no advance preparation required for participants other than keeping up with each day's suggested reading (or catching up with the week's reading just before the 'club' meets!). **Una Gallagher and I will be leading and hosting a group open to any parishioners who are interested starting next week – the week beginning 19 February – and will give details of the time and venue in next week's newsletter - if you are interested please put your name and contact details on the sheets at the back of either Church or contact me directly on 669 2433.**"

#### **THIS MONDAY - 13 FEBRUARY – 7.15pm - WILSON MEMORIAL CHURCH – AN EVENING WITH ADRIAN AND BRIDGET PLASS AND FRIENDS**

'as they bring us a mixture of theatre, humour, music, and storytelling celebrating the Heroes and the unsung Heroes of the Bible, history, and today. It will also be a chance to look at and laugh a little at our own attempts to follow in their footsteps. HEROES is a joint production between Searchlight Theatre (David Robinson and Michael Taylor), Scargill House (Adrian and Bridget Plass), and singer-songwriter Rob Halligan.'

**Where: Wilson Memorial Church (corner of Kekewich Ave/Portobello Rd) Cost: £10:00 at the Door/£8:00 from the church/£8:45 online)** (Online booking: [admin@searchlighttheatre.org](mailto:admin@searchlighttheatre.org) - 45p booking fee will apply)

[www.searchlighttheatre.org](http://www.searchlighttheatre.org)

[www.wilsonmemorial.org.uk](http://www.wilsonmemorial.org.uk)



## CLUSTER PARISHES' WORLD WAR 1 BATTLEFIELDS VISIT 2018

During the Cluster Planning Group discussions last Monday, it was suggested that a means of bringing **our 5 parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Ninian's, St Theresa's and St Mary, Star of the Sea**, together would be to provide opportunities to share various spiritual and social occasions. Since 2018 is the centenary of the end of WW1, it was suggested that a tour to the battlefields of France and Belgium could be arranged. Des Brogan from St Ninian's parish has organised such trips for many years and taken both adult groups and pupils from Holy Rood High School where he once taught. This note is an invitation to anyone who might be interested in participating in such a visit. Depending on numbers (30 minimum) a trip could be arranged for Spring 2018 to visit the battlefields of Ypres and the Somme and attend the Menin Gate ceremony. If you are interested in finding out more and getting an itinerary please contact Des at [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com) or by phone on 0131 661 9191. The tour would be organised on a cost covering basis only.

### The Cluster Group WWI Battlefields Experience Sample Itinerary

#### Day 1

Depart Edinburgh 10.30am  
Drive to Hull. P&O North Sea ferry to Zeebrugge  
Two berth Cabin included

#### Day 2 Day 1: Southern Lip of Ypres Salient:

Arrive Zeebrugge approx. 9am  
Visits to Messines, Pool of Peace, Sanctuary Wood, Hooge Crater, Menin Road, Hill 60.  
Overnight in Pax Hotel Diksmuide  
Lunch and dinner included

#### Day 3 Day 2: France and the Somme Battlefields:

Beaumont Hamel, Thiepval, Ulster Tower, La Boisselle, Pozieres Ridge, Vimy Ridge. Menin Gate Ceremony, Ypres  
Overnight in Pax Hotel Diksmuide  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included

#### Day 4 Day 3: Northern Lip of Ypres Salient:

Essex Farm, Poelkapelle, Passchaendale, Tyne Cot, Langemark. Free time in Ypres  
Overnight P&O Ferry from Zeebrugge to Hull.  
Breakfast at Pax Hotel included  
Two berth Cabin included

#### Day 5

Arrive Hull approx. 09.00  
Arrive Edinburgh approx 15.00.



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 12 February

**9.30am** - St John's - **Children's Mass with a special focus on the P3 Reconciliation children.**

**11.15am** - St Mary Magdalene's - **P4 'Do this in Memory' Mass and Presentation of the Creed**

**12 noon** - St Mary's Cathedral - **The Annual White Mass** (for healthcare workers from across Scotland) - 'the event is organised by the Scottish Catholic Medical Association and is endorsed by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. A reception in Café Camino will follow.'

**Monday 13 February - 7.15pm** - Wilson Memorial Church - 'An Evening with Adrian and Bridget Plass'.

**7.30-9pm** - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - 'The Sermon the Mount: Reformation? Revolution? with Fr Jim Crampsey SJ - 'These two talks - the second being on Monday 20 February - will look at significant sections of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, including the Beatitudes and the antitheses, and not forgetting the Lord's Prayer. Can Jesus be seen as a reformer or a revolutionary in his teaching? 2017 is the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation and the centenary of the Russian Revolution.'

**Tuesday 14 February - 10am - Requiem Mass for Malachy Meehan**

**Wednesday 15 February - 7.30pm** - Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1QT - **Newman Society Meeting - "New Models of Christian Community: towards a Post-Clericalist Church"** - Speaker: Werner G Jeanrond, Master of St. Benet's Hall, 1 Oxford. 'All are warmly welcome to attend.'

**Thursday 15 February - 11am - Funeral Service for Alexander Craven.**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

**Sunday 19th February - 5.00pm** - St. John the Baptist Church, St. Ninian's Road, Corstorphine - **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. The service may be helpful to anyone who feels that they have not had the opportunity to acknowledge and grieve for their loss.'

## Monday 20 February

**7pm – 8pm** – 5 Sandford Gardens – **A Meeting for all interested in helping revitalise the St John's- Legho Relationship.** 'Come and catch up on the recent visit to Legho by parishioners help and opportunity to strengthen the ties between our communities...'

## Thursday 23 February

**7pm** - Sacred Heart Hall, Lauriston – **'First for Downs, Up for Anything Else - a creative & discursive event on new prenatal screening tests.'** 'We are delighted that His Grace Archbishop Cushley will be attending.

Details are here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-for-downs-up-for-anything-else-tickets-29679493163>

If you would like to know more about the event, then please contact Rachel on 07850 080267.'

## Saturday 25 February

**10am** - St Teresa's, Niddrie Mains Road - **Mass** - followed at **11am** – **in Richmond Church Hall** (across the road) - **by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final planning meeting of 'Cluster Parishes Together'**.

## Sunday 26 February

**9.30am** – St John's - **Reunion Mass for children in P5+6+7** who made their First Communion and Confirmation in the past 3 years. There will be refreshments in the hall after each mass.

**11.15am** – St Mary Magdalene - **Reunion Mass for children in P5+6+7** who made their First Communion and Confirmation in the past 3 years. There will be refreshments in the hall after each mass.

## NOTICEBOARD.

### **CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER – THE THIRD AND FINAL MEETING - SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**

**Siobhan Sellar** writes: 'The third and final planning meeting for all five Cluster Parishes will be held at **St Teresa's, Niddrie Mains Road, Craigmillar, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017** with 10am Mass, followed by the meeting in **Richmond Church Hall** [across the road]; from **11am to 12.30pm**. All parishioners in each cluster are warmly invited to attend the meeting, to listen and to contribute as constructively as possible. We would encourage all Parishioners to attend as this is your chance for your voice to be heard and to participate in these important discussions on the future of our Parishes and Archdiocese. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church to help provide some indication to the organisers of the numbers attending from each Parish and to assist us in ensuring there is transport to St Teresa's, Craigmillar for those that require it. If you have any questions about the meeting or next stages then please let **Siobhan Sellar** or **Laura Tweedie** know.'

### **The St John's-Legho Relationship:**

**Linda McGee** writes: 'It is now over 30 years since our friendship with Legho Village Tanzania, was established. We are looking for ways to continue to develop this link and would warmly welcome new members to the parish steering group. A meeting will be held to hear about the recent visit to Legho made by Elizabeth McClory, Susan Christopher and Linda McGee with a chance to chat about any ideas people may have on strengthening our connections with Legho parishioners. If you would like to know more please come along to 5 Sandford Gardens on Monday 20th February 7pm - 8pm. Tanzanian tea and coffee will be served !'

### **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 were honoured to host The Rotary Club of Portobello **Young Musician of The Year Competition** on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb and are delighted that out of the 19 entrants, 2 out of the 4 Holy Rood musicians taking part picked up first prize in their categories and secured their place in the area final to be held at Heriot Watt University on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. **Winner of Instrumental Category: James O'Donnell, Most Promising Musician: Agostino Crolla.**
- The **Scottish Youth Parliament** promoted the importance of pupil involvement in elections and boosted the number of young people registered to vote when they visited Holy Rood and talked to pupils over lunch time.
- Our first ever **Careers Fair** took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February with 33 different organisations represented. In a vibrant atmosphere, pupils found out about employment opportunities from industry experts and learned about further post-school study opportunities from representatives from colleges/universities. Parents reported that it was an invaluable opportunity to help their children make positive career choices and the organisations represented were very impressed by our pupils and the way in which they engaged. By all accounts, a huge success !
- Holy Rood is hosting the second gathering of our **Cluster Pupil Council** representatives meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Pupils from each Cluster Primary School will join Holy Rood pupils to deliver a short presentation on how each school promotes social justice and opportunity for all. **Serving the Common Good** is the theme for the meeting and it is taken from 'Developing in Faith', The Scottish Catholic Education Service document which provides guidelines for schools to support them in delivering the faith dimension of school life.'

Please use the link to have a look at our website <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk> and follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

## **PARISH REGISTER**

Please pray for those who have died recently: **Alexander Craven, Maric Woods, Malachy Meehan**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Kevin Crow, Dr Pall Vidalin Jonsson, Maisie Marron.

### **St John's :**

**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 McConvill (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); **Feb.17:-** Patrick Hughes (2011); May Lacey (1941);

### **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); **Feb.17:-** David Walker (2007); Feb 18 – Margaret Cheyne

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Eleanor Giubarelli, Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Jane Murray, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Mary Phillips, Francis Ginnelly, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Ina McNama, David Thom, John Cregan, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Michael & Maimie Richards, Cathy McGravie,, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

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

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, Poppy Smith (aged 6), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Dorothy Jamal, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, Rupert Ridge and Lesley Lemarchand.

Offertory Collections for 5 February	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£419.98 (inc £212.00 gift aid)	£718.12 (inc £329.83 gift aid)
	<b>Many thanks</b>	

## **ST MARY MAGDALENE**

Readers for Sunday	P4 Children	Do this In Memory of Me	Bidding Prayers	P4 Children
12 Feb				
19 Feb		Oaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick		Kate Neilson

**Madge and Robert Moyes** would like to express their gratitude for all the good wishes, cards and gifts they received on their recent 40th wedding anniversary....and **Welcome to the World, their granddaughter, Martha Emily Moyes, born on Tuesday 7 February, a daughter for Carly and Paul.**



*Thank  
You!*

**Arlene Lauder writes:** 'Calling all Children in P5+ 6+ 7 who made their First Communion and Confirmation in the past 3 years. You are all warmly invited to a 'Reunion Mass' on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St John's at 9.30am or St Mary Magdalene's at 11.15 am- (you choose). There will be refreshments in the hall after each mass. Looking forward to seeing you there.'

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THIS EVENT**



## **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

<b>Vigil 18 Feb</b>	G Sellar, V Knowles, M Mackenzie	<b>Sunday 19 Feb</b>	E White, L Young, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight
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**St John's Preschool Craft Club for 2-5 year olds** is held every other Tuesday morning 10am – 11.30 St John's Church Hall. Dates are as follows 21 Feb 7 March 21 March 28 March (Easter Party)

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 11 February</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> – Jane Thomson <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm: Mass</b> – Maria Dominica Crolla	
<b>Sunday 12 February</b>  <b>6th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am: Mass</b> – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am: Mass</b> – SI Sick Person
<b>Monday 13 February</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> – John Ritchie  <b>7.00pm-8.00pm:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 14 February</b>  <b>Feast of St Cyril and St Methodius</b>	<b>10.00am: Requiem Mass</b> – Malachy Meehan	<b>7.00pm Mass</b> – Pam Jacobs
<b>Wednesday 15 February</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> – Seamus Doherty	
<b>Thursday 16 February</b>	<b>10.00am: Eucharistic Service</b> <b>11am Funeral Service</b> – Alexander Craven	<b>9.25-55am:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am: Mass</b> – Anne-Louise Dalrymple
<b>Friday 17 February</b>	<b>9.25-55am:</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am: Mass</b> – Fay Dignan	
<b>Saturday 18 February</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass</b> – SI- Sr Aine' Lynch <b>10.30am:</b> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>  <b>6.30pm: Mass</b> – Grace Gilroy	
<b>Sunday 19 February</b>  <b>7th Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>9.30 am: Mass</b> – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am: Mass</b> – Anne Mcgeachie

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