

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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1st Sunday of Lent – 18 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.



THE RITE OF ELECTION FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults) is a central group in our parishes – a response to the call of Jesus to 'go and make disciples of all nations'.....since September the group has been meeting each Tuesday evening – and this week-end is an important one for **our four catechumens and candidates – Andrew Farmer, Lesley Irvine, Nadine Robb, and Kenny Stewart Sturrock** – who will be baptised/received and confirmed and make their first communion at the Easter Vigil. At the midday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral they will celebrate **the Rite of Election with Archbishop Leo Cushley**. Please pray for Andrew, Lesley, Nadine and Kenny– both today and throughout Lent – for their catechists, Alice Codling, Colette Dempsey and Laurie Blyth, and for their sponsors, and the whole RCIA Group.....and don't forget **Gift**, now back in Malawi for a few months, who was baptised on the feast of the Epiphany.

This Saturday, 24 February, at 10am at St John's, there is our three monthly **BEREAVEMENT MASS** – all most welcome.

PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES

The season of preparation for Easter began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday.

DO MARK IN YOUR DIARIES – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – 24 MARCH - 1 APRIL – the celebration for which Lent is a preparation.

In the sister parishes we offer different ways of preparation for you to choose from. Lenten initiatives include:

- **A choice of weekly Lenten House Groups – either 'Stories of Hope' or 'A Lenten Ignatian Retreat'** (which can also be done online by oneself) - there is still a chance to sign up for a group for either course, details of which are listed below. (Contact Fr Jock if you wish to know what's involved in a house group...) **See below for more details.**
- **Our Reconciliation Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent – 17/18 April**, when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament. Many people appreciate the opportunity this way of celebrating offers, **but it's good to look at other ways of celebrating the sacrament which offer an opportunity for a longer chat with a priest, so this year we will also offer**

...a Communal Celebration at 7pm on Tuesday 20 March at St Mary Magdalene's

...a chance to celebrate the sacrament not only after the 10am mass on Saturdays, **but also on Wednesdays at 10.30am at St John's**, Thursdays at 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene's and at 7.30pm on Saturdays after the evening Mass at St John's

...and, of course, at any time simply by making an appointment with Fr Jock.

- **LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF's WEE BOXES:**



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 now and give generously.'

This year also, there is an additional focus for your generosity....since October we have been looking at ways of renewing our community's links with the community of Legho in Tanzania, now a parish in its own right. As in so many places in our world there is much basic poverty in the village, and no NHS to provide free medical care, or other social services – the parish has to try and care for those in greatest need and it does so through its outreach group....**and so Fr Jock will be 'undergoing' a sponsored slim** (in an attempt, as one kind person put it, to 'renew his waistline') – **and is inviting other parishioners to join him in doing so! Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches....**

- **Each weekday (from Monday to Thursday) there is the Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am at St John's**
- **On Wednesday mornings, there is Stations of the Cross at St John's** after the 10am Mass/Eucharistic Service.

....and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week:

- each day there is Mass in either St Mary Magdalene's or St John's, normally at 10am
- each week there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
on Mondays at St John's from 7pm to 8pm, on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9.25am to 9.55am at St Mary Magdalene's, and on Fridays (normally) at the same time at St John's.
- On Fridays there are Divine Mercy Devotions from 3-4pm at St John's.

THE 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.

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 a hour and a half. For further information contact Jennifer Morris, Fr Jock or Alice Codling ☎0131 657 1862 ✉alicecodling@btinternet.com.

- **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).**

IN THE CLUSTER AND DIOCESE THERE ARE ALSO VARIOUS LENTEN EVENTS AND INITIATIVES (for the cluster, see next week's Cluster Corner additional newsletter) including

- **'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'

THIS WEEK

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

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.

3pm – St Cuthbert's, Slateford Rd – Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – with at 4.30pm a meeting in the hall for all those interested in joining Youth for Lourdes (see Notice Board below)

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. – postponed to Thursday 22 February]

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)

Thursday 22 February - 6pm – Parish House – Meeting of new Interecessors' Group.

Friday 23 February – 7pm – St Mary's Cathedral – 'Love Lent' – a talk for young adults with Archbishop Leo (See above).

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)

3pm – St John's – Renewal of Vows by Tom and Gina Gallagher on their Golden Wedding Day.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 25 February –

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – SPRED FAMILY MASS – in which the catechists and learning disabled from the SPRED groups – Mass taking a slightly different form....

6pm – St Mark's – St Mary Magdalene's, St John's and St Mark's Youth Group Meeting

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’ – See Notice Board below.

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.

Friday 21 – Sunday 23 March – Sr Mary's. Kinoull, Perth – ‘The Beginning Experience – A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change’ - ‘there is a special heartache for those who find themselves single again – now there is help’ - for more information, call Ros on 669 0003 or email tos2524@yahoo.co.uk.

NOTICEBOARD

Cluster Battlefields Experience/Pilgrimage : 16 – 20th April 2018



The preparation meeting for those attending this tour will be held in St Ninian's Church at 7pm on Monday 26th February. There are still a few places available for anybody wishing to join this tour. Further details are available from Des Brogan, 0131 661 9191.

A Lenten Retreat Day with Miriam McHardy – ‘Who do you say that I am? Reflecting on the question in our lives today.’ – Saturday 17 March – 10am-4pm – Lauriston Hall.

‘Join us for a quiet day during Lent, reflecting on the question posed by Jesus to his apostles and to us in our lives today.

Saturday 17 March, 10am – 4pm. Lauriston Hall, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ £25 /£20 (conc)

Tea/ coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.’

Miriam McHardy is an experienced spiritual director and retreat giver. She was previously coordinator for Justice and Peace in the archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, and has a particular interest in how faith supports and encourages our action in social justice. For more information email: just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk

A Six-Week introductory course to Christian Meditation during Lent

It provides an opportunity to those interested in finding out more, experience it in a small group, learn about its origins and discover its relevance as a form of prayer in the contemporary world.

When? Fridays 7-8 pm, 16th Feb-23rd March **Where?** The Romero prayer room in the Sacred Heart Church at Lauriston Street. Enter through the black door on the left side of the main entrance. **Contact info** - mobile: 0771 777 2614, Email: edinburghmeditation@gmail.com

YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2018 PILGRIMAGE – Friday 6-Friday 13 July – Flying from Edinburgh with full board accommodation in the Hotel Beau Site - £758 with funding options available....to find out more about the Pilgrimage come along to St Cuthbert's, Slateford Rd, Edinburgh this Sunday at 3pm for Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes....there will be a short meeting in the Church Hall after the Mass for all interested in travelling with YFL – meeting to commence at approx. 4.30pm – Refreshments available in the Hall.....Email; youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris on 07747867003.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Scott, Fr Charles Carr

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Crow, Margaret Cheyne, Jane Murray, Una O'Reilly

St John's :

Feb.17:- Patrick Hughes (2011); May Lacey (1941); Feb.18:- Molly Carr (1997); Sarah Taylor (1965); James J Stone (1954); Gordon Bartek; Feb.19:- James Hughes (1998); Theresa Bannon (1991); Feb.20:- Margaret Wood (2001); Catherine McGovern (1970); John McCann (1915); Helen Mackersey; Feb.21:- John Meagher (1999); Michael McCreadie (1997); Feb.22:- Wanda Kosok (2015); John Dunn (2014); John Walsh (1993); Feb.23:-John Hughes (1990);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Feb.17:- David Walker (2005); Feb.18:- Alex. Cummings (2003); Barbara O'Rourke (1991); Feb.19:- Margaret Cheyne (2014); Feb.20:- Anne Wallace (2008); Feb.21:- Elizabeth Mulvanney (1996); Sarah O'Neill (1993); Feb.22:- Mary Robertson (2016).



Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Rose Thornton, 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.

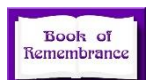
Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Kate Neilsen, Jimmy Kesson, Tracey Moohan, Agnes Harvey, Maureen Scott, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Ella Ayers, Pat Marin, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Betty 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: James Devlin, 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, Roksan 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		
11 February	£343.53 (inc £130.00 gift aid)	£958.04 (inc £355.04 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
18 February	Irene Duncan & Emma Gibson	Peggy Ferguson
25 February	SPRED group readers	Anne Jabir
11.15am next Sunday – SPRED FAMILY MASS – in which the catechists and learning disabled from the SPRED groups – Mass taking a slightly different form....		
	The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place at 7pm this Tuesday 20 February – all welcome.	
	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 24 February C Vinestock, J Kemp, V Knowles	Sunday 25 February T Burgess, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy, L Moran, C Volpe
 Many Congratulations to Tom and Gina Gallagher, who celebrate their golden wedding next Saturday, 24 February.	



Warm birthday greetings to Bethany Burgess, 20 last Monday, 12 February.



Jim Roarty writes: ‘**The Eucharistic Minister Rota** for March-June is now available for collection from the back of the Church. Please be aware that there is a separate rota for Holy Week and Easter.’



Fairtrade Fortnight 26 February – 11 March

During this fortnight, we aim to highlight the importance of Fairtrade. We will be running the Fairtrade stall again on Saturday 3/Sunday 4 March in St John’s. In addition, the teas/coffees after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 4 March will feature Fairtrade products. Also, please check out your local supermarket – some of them will be featuring Fairtrade promotions.



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/people will be a musician/musicians 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.

Maria Igoe writes:

- ‘**The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be this Sunday 18 February**, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to come, please contact me on 669-0247.
- **The next Healing Mass will be this Monday 19 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.
- 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.’



A Reflection on 2 Corinthians 5:20 – the Second Reading on Ash Wednesday

‘So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God.’

Reflection

In today’s passage the particular emphasis is on reconciliation: God reconciled us to himself in Christ, and so we must be reconciled to God. Just before today’s passage Paul says, ‘Everything is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, because God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not reckoning their sins to them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation’ (2 Co 6:18-19).

A special way to start Lent would be to think through our relationships with other people: is there anyone with whom I need to be reconciled? Is there any enmity or grudge or offence, reasonable or unreasonable, which I could set about healing during these forty days, so that the love and peace of Christ may flow more easily?

Actions for Lent

Plan three things for Lent:

- one a daily practice of prayer,
- another giving up a luxury,
- a third taking up a good work.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
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
Monday 19 February	2.30pm:- Mass – Healing Mass - Jane Murray 7pm–8pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 20 February	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI
Wednesday 21 February	10.00am:- Mass – Anne-Louise Dalrymple 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thursday 22 February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle - Feast	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – SI 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 23 February	(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) 9.00am-9.25am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am:-Mass – SI (99th birthday)	
Saturday 24 February	10.00am – Bereavement Mass 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Una O’Reilly 7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 25 February 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – SPRED Mass – Anne Gallagher