

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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2nd Sunday of Lent – 25 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.



With this newsletter is

- **A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Cushley** – an initial response to the Cluster Consultations.
- **A Cluster Corner** handout – something we hope to produce every three months or so.

The Warmest of Welcomes to the learning disabled and catechists from SPRED (Special Religious Development) leading us in worship at a SPRED FAMILY MASS at 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene's. We particularly welcome **Emma Robertson**, SPRED's Director, whose final Mass it will be before her retirement at the end of the month.

This Friday, 2 March, at 10.30am at Duddingston Kirk there is the annual service for the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER....'All God's Creation is Very Good' - written by the Christian Women of Surinam. 'Please join us for this special service which will be held all over the world on the same day...All Welcome....Refreshments will be served in Duddingston Kirk's Garden Room following the service.' On Friday morning, Mass at St John's will be at 9.45am to enable folk to go to Mass and then on the WDOP service. (Lifts will be available).

PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES

The season of preparation for Easter began on Wednesday 14 February.

DO MARK IN YOUR DIARIES – **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – 24 MARCH-1 APRIL** – the celebration of 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. **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 are held on Wednesday evenings during Lent in the Parish House, 7.30-9pm...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 this 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. The first was on 23 February, the final two will be on 9 March and 23 March. Each talk begins 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 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.**

Sunday 25 February

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

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

Monday 26 February

10am – St John’s - Requiem Mass for Margaret Scott

7pm – St Ninian’s, Restalrig -Preparation meeting for the Cluster Battlefields Experience/Pilgrimage :

16 – 20 April 2018. There are still a few places available for anybody wishing to join this tour/pilgrimage.

Further details are available from Des Brogan (0131 661 9191).

7.30pm - St Patrick’s, Cowgate - Healing Service – ‘The evening will start with praise / worship and Confessions, followed by Adoration and testimonies of Christ’s healing. Finally our priests will lay on hands for healing.’

7.30pm – Sacred Heart, Lauriston – ‘Our Homeless Neighbour’ – with Alistair Cameron (Chief Executive, Scottish Churches Housing Agency) the second in a series of Lenten talks.

Wednesday 28 February – 7.30pm – Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Course II.

Thursday 1 March – 11am – Parish House – Pastoral Team Meeting.

Friday 2 March – 10.30pm – Duddingston Kirk, Old Church Lane, Duddingston – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER....‘All God’s Creation is Very Good’ written by the Christian Women of Surinam.....

Saturday 3 March

10am-1pm – St John’s Church Hall - Pamoja Fashion.

10am-12 midday – St Ninian’s, Restalrig - A Morning Lenten Retreat with Fr Peter Griffiths SJ.

10.45am – Parish House – Meeting for P3 and P4 ‘Parish Children.’

Sunday 4 March

9.30am – St John’s – Children’s Mass with a focus on the P3 children celebrating Reconciliation.

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – Children’s Mass with P4 ‘Do This in Memory of Me’ children.

6pm – St Mark’s, 287 Portobello High St - ‘Are you sitting comfortably...Then we’ll begin’ - St Mark’s Gospel – read by members of the congregation. All Welcome.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 5 March

10.30am – St John’s Church Hall - **Charity Coffee Morning.** Donations will be sent to the Missionary Society of St Columban. Please come along.

7pm – St John’s – **FIRST RECONCILIATION.**

Wednesday 7 March – 7pm - St Kentigern's, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton - **Mass to celebrate Mgr David Gemmell's 10th anniversary** (Light refreshments will be available afterwards).

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 rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

NOTICEBOARD

A Warm Welcome – and our gratitude – to Fr John O’Connor, OP, the Chaplain at George Square, celebrating the Vigil Mass as St John’s this Saturday.

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.’ just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk

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....Email: youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris on 07747867003.

Holy Rood RC High School News:

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

- As we return from the February break, our senior pupils are making the most of the opportunities available to them as they attend the additional supported study classes available at lunch times and after school in the countdown to the SQA examinations.
- We are delighted that to report success in sport as our S1 girls reached the Basketball Quarter Final Scottish Cup against Perth High School.
- Fundraising is underway for our Lenten Charity this year, **Peace Direct**.
- Pupils from S2-6 (Phoebe Vendil & Sophie Murtaza, Rhianne Thomas, Simirn Diggall, Yvette Mapira, Tovia Ovie, Laura Kazuwa, Amadea Daley, Caitlyn Cowan, Gurpreet Kaur and Katie Kelly) will travel to Derry in Northern Ireland on 1 March with their Art teacher, Miss Wade, to participate in the semi-final of **“Junk Kouture”**. This is a national contest which encourages secondary school designers to create striking couture designs and impressive works of wearable art from everyday junk that would normally find its way into the bin. 1533 entries were submitted to Junk Kouture this year and all 4 of our designs have made it to the semi-final. Now it's time for our pupils to really impress the judges with not only their incredible designs but their performance on the catwalk! Please support Holy Rood’s four semi-finalist teams by casting your vote on the Junk Kouture Facebook page, votes account for 10% of the final mark, you can vote for more than one design at a time and cast a new vote every 24 hours! Voting closes at midnight on Friday 23rd Feb.

Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh.’

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Gerry Power (Snr), John Fearon, Anna Phanjoo, Daniel Owens, Tommy Byers, John McCole, Mary O’Rourke, Catherine McCulloch, Maria St Denys

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Rennie, Josie Flanagan, Una O’Reilly, Rupert Ridge

Week : Feb.24 – Mar. 2 2018

St John’s :

Feb.24:- Josephine Broadley (2006); Mary McPartlin (1989); Luisa Iannarelli (1978); Richard Rooney; Charles Wynne; Feb.25:- Agnes Watters (1999); Thomas Robb (1997); Mary Young (1903); James Hanlon; James Keegan; Feb.26:- Betty Rope (2009); Mary Green (2006); Helen Molloy (1968); Bridget Meehan (1958); Edward Magee (missing 1944); Filomena Perilla; Feb.27:- William Murray (2010); Fr. Walter Glancy (1980); Sean O’Donnell(1969); Susan Passmore Feb.28:- Mary Meenan (2014); John Patrick McTighe (2009); Peggie McGill (1998); James Alexander (1975); Mary Coll (1974); Bernard Macnamara; Baby girl Lamb (1967); Rita Deignan; Mar.1:- Lauren (baby) Grassick (1998); Gerald P Stone (1972); Mar.2:- Thomas Malcolm (1983);

St. Mary Magdalene’s :

Feb.24:- Mary Coll (2004); Feb.27:- James Cranston (1983); Feb.28:- Adele Croskery (2016); Mar.2:- James Sweeney (1971);

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: Edith Lautner, Allan Crombie, 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, Rokhsana 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 Jorden (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		
18 February	£253.50 (inc £95.45 gift aid)	£767.69 (inc £258.01 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
25 February	SPRED group readers	Anne Jabir
4 March	P4 – do this in memory	

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 3 March	J Roarty, M Mackenzie, M Reilly	Sunday 4 March	L Moran, A Dixon, J Rynn, A Tanzi, E White



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.

Someone asked recently for an example of Unfair Trade. Here is one based round chocolate and also what Fairtrade is doing.

Unfair Trade example – Cocoa

Cocoa is the raw material from which chocolate is made. The global market for chocolate is around \$150bn and is controlled by nine major companies whose share of the price of your chocolate bar has risen over the years while the cocoa growers' share has reduced – from 16% in the 1980's to around 5%. The major cocoa-growing countries are Ghana and the Ivory Coast where because of reduced income, the majority of cocoa farmers earn considerably less than the \$2/day poverty threshold – in the Ivory Coast, often only around 50cents/day!

One spin-off of this is the increased use of child labour – an estimated 2m children, some trafficked in for this work. Another spin-off is that there is insufficient money for growers to invest in more efficient methods – fertilisers, pesticides etc., so their production is inefficient. They are also suffering as staple food prices increase globally. Typically, the villages in cocoa growing areas have poor healthcare, sanitation electricity supply and education – adult literacy in the Ivory Coast, for example, is at 41%. Fairtrade is tackling these issues by:

- A premium built into the price for strategic investment (fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, yield and quality)
- A community investment premium for in essential infrastructure (healthcare, education, clean water)
- Facilitating access to export markets
- Supporting strong, entrepreneurial and representative farmer organisations
- Access to training and capacity building
- Environmentally friendly and long-term sustainable practices'.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
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
Monday 26 February	10.00am:- Requiem Mass – Margaret Scott 7pm–8pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 27 February	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Margaret Rennie
Wednesday 28 February	10.00am:- Mass – Deceased Members of the Wynne family 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thursday 1 March	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – Josie Flanagan 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 2 March	[NB Change of Time] 9.10am-9.40am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45am:-Mass – Rupert Ridge	
Saturday 3 March	10.00am – Eleanor O’Donnell 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish 7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 4 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am:- Mass – Mgr Jim Clancy	11.15am:- Mass – John Fearon

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