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8th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 26 FEBRUARY 2017

LENT starts on Ash Wednesday – 1 March – 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 9.45am at St Mary Magdalene's (with St John's Primary school) and at 7.30pm at St John's.

This Week, there are three other important services to which everybody is invited

- **On Monday at 2.30pm at St John's the monthly Mass of Healing with the sacrament of the sick.** It will be preceded by the rosary, and followed by an opportunity for reconciliation, and tea and coffee and pre-Lenten cakes (!) in the Hall.
- **On Friday at 6.30pm at Portobello and Joppa Church - the (originally Women's but now for everybody) World Day of Prayer - All welcome**
- **On Saturday at 10am at St John's the three-monthly Bereavement Mass.**

'This is an opportunity to come together with others who are bereaved and to remember and reflect on our losses and those we are parted from. All welcome. Teas, coffees, and refreshments will be available afterwards in the Parish House.'

Our main Lenten initiative in the 2 parishes is **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. (week beginning 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 invite YOU to walk the journey with Jesus. ALL ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THIS JOURNEY. There are lists at the back of both Churches for you to sign up:

Start 1st March

Wednesday Afternoon 2pm

Host - Eileen Rennie

4 Joppa Station Place 669 8051

Led by Sheelagh Dobson

Start 8th March

Wednesday evening 7pm

Host - Rosalind Mackay

2 Goff Avenue 669 0003

Led by

Start 6th March

Monday evenings 7.30pm

Host - Joyce Martin

38 Milton Road West 669 6339

Led by Jennifer Morris + David Connarty

Start 9 March

Thursday evening

Host - Ann Jabir

17 Daiches Braes 657 3950

Led (also) by Ann Jabir

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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 – **it started this week – but you can still join - meeting this week at 14 Duddingston Row at 2pm on Tuesday....or you can join a new group which will start meeting on Monday evenings (6pm – 7pm) from 6 March in the Parish House. If you wish to join either group please contact me directly on 669 2433.**’



We plan to open St John’s Church on a daily basis throughout Lent, giving everybody a chance to spend some quiet time of prayer and personal reflection there at any time of the day they wish. Extra security has now been installed within the Church. We hope that by “*Throwing Open the Doors to Christ*” (Pope St John Paul II – 2000) and by sharing one of our beautiful Churches, we will serve the people in the surrounding area – of all faiths and none – and that the community of our two parishes will continue to flourish.



Jim Roarty writes: ‘SCIAF Wee Box. This year, the Wee Box campaign is focusing on Zambia. Pick up your Wee Box pack at the back of the church and find out how your assistance is helping to improve people’s lives in other parts of the world.’

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26 February

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

1pm – 7.30pm – Trip to Nunraw. ‘The minibus will leave St John’s at 1pm and return at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided. If you wish to go contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.’

Monday 27 February 2.30pm – St John’s Church - Healing Mass

7pm – St John’s Hall – Meeting for P3 Reconciliation Parents and Children.

Tuesday 28 February –

11am – Parish House – Pastoral Team Meeting

7.30pm - Parish House – RCIA Mass and Party for the end of the Catechumenate

Friday 3 March – 6.30pm – Portobello and Joppa Church - World Day of Prayer. All welcome

Sat. 4 March

10am - St John’s Parish Church - Bereavement Mass: ‘

10am to 1 pm.- St John’s Hall - Pamoja Fashion sale

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 5 March - 3pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – RCIA Rite of Election for RCIA candidates.

Saturday 11 March –

10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina

NOTICEBOARD.

Fr Jock returns this weekend after a good break, good time with his Dad.....and a fairly fruitful four weeks on 'the book'!...real progress made but still a long way to go - revising the 18 chapters, he's got to chapter 8 and 1968 - and his uncle died in 1985...i.e. Please don't ask him 'have you finished it yet?' because he won't for some time...!

RUNNING FOR PEACE....IN TANZANIA!

Mike Knox writes: ‘There are 12 young people from Legho running for Peace in the Kilimanjaro Marathon on Sunday this weekend. They are asking family and friends to sponsor them. Any money they raise they will use to set up a fund for orphans, of which there are over 16,000 in the Diocese of Moshi. The Christmas Gift Collection was for young people in Legho this year

The young people set up a Makutano Group in Legho and have just completed a week’s ICT basic training. This was funded from the Christmas Gift Collection. The money donated will cover the small £3 entry fee for the marathon and the bus fare to get to town, which they simply do not have.

I also gave Fr Sangawe £50 which he used to put on a Christmas Mass and Party for all the Legho Primary children. There is still half the collection left, which they will use to set up a chicken project and a sewing project, the latter using the machines that were provided by Pamoja Fashion. They have decided that the profits will also go to their Orphans Fund. They will run together with the Mweka Makutano Group and will take part in a joint retreat in March, the Legho Groups expenses also being covered from the collection.

If anyone would like to sponsor them there is a basket at the back of the church’.

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 hope that this helps to keep you informed about some of the pupil learning experiences and exciting events.

- The theme for Catholic Education Week highlights the strength of the community partnerships that exist between schools, homes, parishes, dioceses and at a national level. The Transition Mass took place on Wed 22 Feb at St Mary's Cathedral. Our S1 pupils and musicians represented the school and met with pupils from our Cluster Primaries.
- The entire S2 Year Group participated in the Mercat Tours Experience on Thurs 23 Feb. Many thanks to Kat Brogan for this invaluable event which gave our pupils an insight into the tourist industry.
- English and Expressive Arts pupils saw a wonderful performance of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" at the Lyceum Theatre.
- Almost 80 of our S3 Biologists visited the Five Sisters Zoo, West Calder on Tues 21 Feb to complete fieldwork.

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: **Jane Murray, James Gaylor, Dympna Clifford**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: **Joan McTighe, Josie Flanagan, Kevin Crow**

Week : Feb. 25 – Mar. 3 2017

St John's :

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; **Feb.29:-** Baby girl Lamb (1967); Rita Deignan; **Mar.1:-** Lauren (baby) Grassick (1998); Gerald P Stone (1972); **Mar.2:-** Thomas Malcolm (1983); **Mar.3:-** Agnes Denning (2012); Hugh Christie (1995); Joan Gillon (1991); William T Laydon (1991); Vincent McGlone (1990); Mary Young;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

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: Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Mary Phillips, 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 Matrondola, 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, 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 19 February	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	£278.85 (inc £119.00 gift aid)	£851.44 (inc £429.68 gift aid)

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday 26 Feb 5 March	Children's Mass	Bidding Prayers
	Tessa Haring & Sam Henry	Anne Jabir

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 4 March	P Hunter, O Brooks, J Martin	Sunday 5 March	B Gallagher, L Moran, C Volpe, A Dixon, J Rynn
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Maria Igoe writes :

- 'During Lent, the Morning Prayer of the Church will be said at Our Lady's Altar before the Mass or Eucharistic Service from Monday to Thursday.
- On Wednesdays from 8 March Stations of the Cross will be said after Mass.
- The next Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 6th March after 10am Mass. Donations will be given to 'Aid to the Church in Need'. Please come along.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25 February	[10.00am: Mass – SI at St 6.30pm: Mass – Janette Marren	Teresa’s, Craigmillar]
Sunday 26 February 8th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am: Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am: Mass – Kevin Crow
Monday 27 February	2.30pm: Mass – Healing Mass – SI 90th Birthday 7.00pm-8.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 28 February	10.00am: – Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – Joan McTighe
Wednesday 1 March ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30pm Mass - Josie Flanagan	9.45am: Mass with Distribution of Ashes – SI (90th birthday)
Thursday 2 March	10.00am: Requiem Mass for Jane Murray	
Friday 3 March	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – Fay Dignan	
Saturday 4 March	10.00am: Bereavement Mass – Roy McGillivray 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass – Tommy & Alasdair Fagan	
Sunday 5 March 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30 am: Mass – Jimmy Gallagher	11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish

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