

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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5th Sunday – 4 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.



A warm welcome, again, to Fr Willy Slavin, returning to us for his weekend's Masses, and our gratitude to him and to Canon Andrew Monaghan celebrating our weekday Masses until (and including) this Friday 9 February - when Fr Jock returns from getting on (slowly...)with that book....

There will be a second collection this Sunday for Catholic Education, marking the end of Catholic Education week.

The Conclusion of the Week/Fortnight of Prayer for Christian Unity – this Sunday Evening:

6pm **Traditional Evensong** at St Mark's Church 287 Portobello High Street

8pm **Feast for Life Choir** at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, Abercorn Place. – with a guest appearance from the St John's Music Group!

Awareness and Safety in our Catholic Communities' - in the Parishes of St John the Evangelist and St Mary Magdalene's

*Each year around the end of January, a date is set aside by the Bishops of Scotland for a statement to be made on the ongoing need to be aware of the importance of Safeguarding, and so **Alison Connelly (St Mary Magdalene's) and Peter Gillam (St John's) write (and will announce):** 'The Catholic Church's safeguarding programme involves us all: the Parish Priest, the Parish Co-ordinator, volunteers, the parish community. Here at St John's and St Mary Magdalene's we have a number of families with children of all ages and at all stages of their faith development. We are fortunate in having a number of Catechists who undertake the task of introducing the children to their faith and of preparing them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist and Confirmation. We also have a number of volunteers who provide support to the children by presenting the Liturgy of the Mass of the day through a range of appropriate planned learning activities aimed specifically at meeting the needs of the age range of the children. A further group of volunteers undertake the role of Eucharistic Ministers, taking Communion to the sick or housebound. As parishes, we warmly welcome and fully appreciate the contributions made by all those who volunteer, in whatever way and using whatever skills they may have, to enhance the spiritual and temporal life of our parish. In law, anyone who works with children or adults at risk is obliged to undertake a Disclosure check, and in our parishes this process is carried out through the two of us who have been approved by the Diocese to carry out the administration work involved. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has a further requirement that anyone who offers their services as a volunteer with vulnerable groups must complete an application form, self-declaration form and provide two character references.'*

LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS 2018 - STORIES OF HOPE

Alice Codling writes: 'This year we are linking with Churches Together in Britain and Ireland – and, we hope, with other Christian denominations in Portobello, Bingham and Magdalene - using the recommended material provided by 'HOPE' (*a partnership of Christian denominations, chaplains and organisations 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 for the whole period of Lent, meeting at the same time each week in homes around the Parishes. **Lists for participants are now available at the back of both churches.** Each meeting will last no more than a hour and a half. For further information contact me - Alice Codling ☎0131 657 1862 ✉alicecodling@btinternet.com.'

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 February

Celebrate the culmination of the Prayer for Christian Unity with Music

6pm **Traditional Evensong** at St Mark's Church 287 Portobello High Street

8pm **Feast for Life Choir** at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, Abercorn Place. St John's Music Group is also participating in this event.

Monday 5 February – 10.30am – St John's Hall – **Coffee Morning in aid of 'Chance for Childhood'**, which helps vulnerable children in the poorest countries.

Thursday 8 February – 10.45am – Parish House - Praying the Sunday Gospel/Lectio Divina – All Welcome.

6.30pm – Parish House – **Fabric Committee Meeting**

Saturday 10 February – 12.30pm – St John's - Baptisms of Declan Doohan Bee and Yasmin Doohan Bee

Sunday 11 February

9.30am – Children's Mass with a focus on p3 and Baptism of Ailsa Grace Rita Neild

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

7.30pm – St John's Parish House – St John's Pastoral Council Meal (a farewell for stalwart Jim Roarty – and welcome to new members).

IN THE COMING WEEKS

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday 15 February – 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) ✉ sfmtcdevi@gmail.com sfmtcdevi@gmail.com ☎ 662 8573.)

Sunday 18 February

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)** (see Noticeboard 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**

7.30pm – Sacred Heart, Lauriston – **'So, Who is My Neighbour?'** - with biblical scholar **Fr Nicholas King SJ, the first in 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.'

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)

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

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 are delighted once again to be hosting **the Rotary Club of Portobello Young Musician of the Year Competition**. This will take place on **Thursday 8 February at 4.30pm in our Assembly Hall**. There are two categories; vocal and instrumental. The winner from each category will proceed to the Rotary District 1020 Young Musician of the Year Competition Area Final at Heriot Watt University. We welcome the parents, carers, friends and families of the Holy Rood, Portobello and Castlebrae High School pupils who are participating. **Admission is free** and refreshments will be served from 3.45pm.
- On Tuesday, we were privileged to host a meeting of the Scottish Education Council, chaired by Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, who thanked us for “our warm welcome and assistance from such fine young people”
- S6 pupils, David Hajecki and Wiktoria Bieslawska, represented Holy Rood at a Holocaust Memorial Service which took place at The Scottish Parliament. The pupils had the privilege to meet Holocaust survivor, Rudi Oppenheimer.
- S1 and S2 pupils performed very well and were awarded 4th place at the “Giant Heptathlon” – a city wide athletics event. Well done to all who competed.
- S1 pupils attended a special Mass in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, celebrating Catholic Education Week and encouraging P7 pupils to think about their transition to High School.
- Upcoming events for parents:- **S3-6 Careers Fair 5pm – 6pm & S5/6 Senior School Information Session Wednesday 7 February, 6pm – 7pm.**

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

TO THE CROSS - a dramatic outdoor production of a Passion Play on Easter Sunday, 1 April, at Duddingston Kirk from 2-4pm The production will be led by *Theatre Alba* with a strong core of professional actors and musicians. Extras will be required for many minor acting parts as well as stewarding and support roles. *Children are especially welcome for a scene alongside the character of Jesus himself. Rehearsing by the production commences on Sunday 18 February at 2-4pm in Duddingston Kirk Hall, Duddingston Rd West EH15 3PX.* Car Paking is available in the Hall carpark. The dress rehearsal is on Sunday 31 March with the big event itself the following day, Easter Sunday at 2pm. 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.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Alexander Notman, John Allan, Anne Gallagher

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty di Ponio, Margaret Lappin

St John’s :

Feb.4:- Margaret Early (2003); Thomas McCreadie (2000); Margaret Blaney (1976); Mrs Hendry (1958); Patrick Rooney Feb.5:- Beatrice Crolla (2015); Nora Glancy (2015); Margaret Kelly (1999); Michael Gallagher (1985); Arthur Delaney (1974); Mary Malcolm (1969); Bridget Hanlon (1954); Feb.6:- Andrew Robertson (1995); Patrick Ready (Burma, 1943); Thomas D’Arcy; David McCartney; Feb.7:- Michael Devine (1998); David Boyes (1997); Susan McLean (1939); Mary Boyd; Feb.8:- Betty DiPonio (2015); Sheila Devlin (2000); Ada Iannarelli (1980); Bill McCann (1977); William Anderson ; Rose Ann Jamieson; Feb.9:- Alex. Neilson (1975); Feb.10:- Edward McCabe (2008); David Young (1985); D V McCaughan (1984); Mary (O’Brien) Callan (1926);

St. Mary Magdalene’s :

Feb.4:- Mary Doyle (1967); Feb.7:- Mary Fallon (2008); Joseph O’Neill (1969); Feb.8:- Norma Weddell (2001);

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: 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, Rokšana 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		
28 January	£273.13 (inc £89.50 gift aid)	£780.09 (inc £303.60 gift aid)

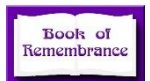
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ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
4 February	Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir	Jim Gallagher
11 February	P4 children	
<p>Jennifer Morris writes: 'Grateful thanks to those who supply meals for Father Jock and those who provide food for events at the Church. If you are missing any of your plates or food containers there are some in the hall awaiting collection. (If there are any you don't need back then we can offer them to Fresh Start.)'</p>		
 <p>If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with Madge /Rob Moyes direct.</p>		

Welcome to the world, Sophia Grace De Jager, a first child for Mishia and Lourens, born on Monday 27 January. (Lourens is Associate Minister at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church)



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 10 February P Hunter, O Brooks, B Tansey	Sunday 11 February B Gallager, A Dixon, A Tanzi, P Connarty, C Dempsey
 <p>Thursday 15 February – 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) ✉ sfmtcdevi@gmail.com sfmtcdevi@gmail.com ☎ 662 8573.</p>	
<p>Maria Igoe writes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '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. • The next Charity Coffee Morning will be this Monday 5 February in St John's Hall after Mass. Donations will be sent to 'Chance for Childhood', which helps vulnerable children in the poorest countries. Please give them a chance and come along. • 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. <p>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."</p>	



Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 3 February	10.00am – Mass (SI) 6.30pm:- Mass – Bill Hunter	
Sunday 4 February 5th Sunday of the year	9.30am:- Mass – Sr Dolores	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 5 February St Agatha - Memorial	10.00am:- Mass – Mary Salvona 7pm–8pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 6 February St Paul Miki and Compansions - Memorial	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI - Christmas
Wednesday 7 February	10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Alexander Notman	
Thursday 8 February	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – SI
Friday 9 February	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:-Mass – Pat Tracy	
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

Journey Towards Openness

‘What sort of society do we want? There are, for me, a few principles. A society that encourages us to break open the shell of selfishness and self-centreness contains the seeds of a society where people are honest, truthful, and loving. A society can function well only if those within are concerned, not only with their own needs or the needs of those who immediately surround them, but by the needs of all, that is to say, by the common good and the family of nations. Each one of us, I believe, is on a journey towards this openness where we risk to love.’

Jean Vanier

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