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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 5 FEBRUARY 2017

Next Sunday is Catholic Education Sunday - A Special Collection will take place on behalf of SCES – the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

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 25th 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.'

THIS WEEK

Sunday 5 February

3pm - St Cuthbert's, Slateford Road – Mass in honour of our Lady of Lourdes –

Youth for Lourdes – 'Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. There will also be a meeting for anyone interested travelling with the Youth for Lourdes Group on pilgrimage this year. All are welcome.'

Monday 6 February

10.45am (after 10am morning mass) – St John's Hall – Charity Coffee Morning (in aid of Mary's meals)

7.30pm – Parish House – Cluster Planning Meeting

Thursday 9 February

6.30pm – St John's Parish House - Fabric Meeting

Saturday 11 February – 11am - St John's Church Hall - Justice & Peace Group AGM:

Jim Roarty writes: 'Come along to the AGM of our joint parishes' J&P Group for a short film, a cup of tea and a blether and a chance to catch up on the Group's activities in the last year. All Welcome.'

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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'. (See Noticeboard section below)

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.'

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 Hal, 1 Oxford. 'All are warmly welcome to attend.'

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 3rd 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.

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 !'

The Community Bible Experience:

Jennifer Morris writes: "One of the opportunities for faith development on offer as we approach Lent and Easter is something called a 'Community Bible Experience', which has proved interesting and fruitful in several different places where it has been tried.

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!).

If you are interested in this opportunity please put your name and contact details on the sheets at the back of the Church.. When we know how many people wish to participate we'll arrange dates and times for meeting. However if you're ready to join an existing group with Christians from other churches, we can arrange for you to join groups at St Mark's Episcopal Church which is also offering the 'Community Bible Experience'. Groups begin meeting there on 7 February (7-8pm) and 8 February (lunchtime). It would be good if we, too, could organise a couple of groups to start then as it would mean completing the programme by Easter....'

Fairtrade Fortnight:

'Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. It's about supporting the development of thriving farming and worker communities that have more control over their futures and protecting the environment in which they live and work. **And** it's your opportunity to connect with the people who grow



the produce that we all depend on. Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27 February to 12 March and the Justice and Peace Group will be arranging for the stall to be in operation those two weekends. Please have a look at our merchandise.'

Are you interested in joining a Youth Group?:

Once a month a youth group for P7-S6 meets at St Mark's on a Sunday evening from 6 to 7.30pm. During their time together the members play games, eat, and have a discussion on a topic of faith. The dates for the youth group are given out in advance. We hope in the coming weeks to encourage some of our young people to join this ecumenical group – more details will follow soon...

Vacancies: 1) 'The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a dynamic and results-orientated Business Manager to be responsible for the provision of a range of professional and business support services to the Archdiocese. For a full job description or more information, contact Derek Stark, Interim HR Manager, at derek.stark@staned.org.uk or go to the Archdiocesan website at www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com. Closing date for applications: 17 February 2017.'

2) Resident Warden of the Catholic House of Prayer on the island of Iona. 'Administrative, housekeeping and communication skills are required of a practising Catholic person or couple willing to support the spirit of ecumenism on Iona. For an application form and full particulars of the post please write to: 'The Colmcille Trust, Cnoc a' Chalmain, Isle of Iona, Argyll PA76 6SP or email catholic.iona@btconnect.com or telephone 01681 700369.'

WILSON MEMORIAL CHURCH 'is pleased to host an evening with ADRIAN AND BRIDGET PLASS and Friends as they bring us an evening 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.

When: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:15pm 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 - 45p booking fee will apply)
www.searchlighttheatre.org www.wilsonmemorial.org.uk

Christian Meditation – 'Experience the joy of God's transforming and healing presence during traditional Christian meditation. Our group meets every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Romero prayer room in the Sacred Heart Church at Lauriston St. Enter through the black door on the left side of the main entrance. Contact info - mobile: 0771 777 2614 Email: edinburghmeditation@gmail.com Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1cuO5QJ>

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.



- Over 30 senior pupils attended the Immersion Day run by Holy Rood staff at Duddingston Golf Club. The main aim of the day was to prepare pupils studying Higher and Advanced Higher French and Italian for the final performance oral examinations. A huge well done for the outstanding effort put in by all on the day – bravo!
- 20 S1 and S2 pupils participated in the City of Edinburgh Heptathlon Games and were delighted that their efforts resulted in 2nd place overall – well done to our athletes of the future!
- More wonderful news as we are selected to Host a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Visit on the 15th March.
- Upcoming events for parents:-
S3-6 Careers Fair Wednesday 8th February. This event promises to be an exciting and valuable opportunity for our young people who will attend in the afternoon. Parents/carers are invited into school from 5pm -7pm with their children to hear about employment opportunities from industry experts and representatives from colleges/universities. We will also explain how parents can help their children to make positive choices for learning and success in the senior school.

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: Patrick Doherty, Grace Gilroy, Sheila Scott

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Beatrice Crolla

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 Di Ponio (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 Doyle (2008); Joseph O'Neil (1969); **Feb.8:-** Norma Weddell (2001);

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, Patrick Doherty, 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, Malachy Meehan, 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 29 January	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£295.75 (inc £102.50 gift aid)	£818.59 (inc £368.63 gift aid)
	Many thanks	



ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday	John Kelly & Catriona McGillivray	Bidding Prayers	Aileen Hall
5 Feb			
12 Feb	P4 Children Do this In Memory of Me		
Warm Congratulations to Madge and Robert Moyes who celebrate their Ruby Wedding today, Sunday 5 February			
			
	200 Club January Winner no. 19 £25.00- Congratulations to Mary McGovern		



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 26th 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.’

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 11 Feb	P MacInnes, B Kelly, J Kemp	Sunday 12 Feb	L Moran, L Dick, B Gallagher, P Connarty, E Clark
Warm birthday greetings to Kitty Dykes who celebrates her 90th birthday today, Sunday 5 February.			
Maria Igoe writes: ‘The Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 6th February in the Hall after Mass. Donations will be given to Mary's Meals. Please come along.’			 
Chris Vinestock writes: ‘Next Fabric Meeting will be held on Thursday 9 February at St John’s Parish House at 6.30pm.’			

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 4 February	10.00am: Mass – Kitty and Bertie de Marco 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass – Jude Payne	
Sunday 5 February 5th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am: Mass – Beatrice Crolla	11.15am: Mass – SI – 40 th wedding anniversary/People of the Parish
Monday 6 February Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions	10.00am: Mass – Linda Wisbach 7.00pm-8.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 7 February	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass – Anne-Louise Dalrymple
Wednesday 8 February	10.00am: Mass – Pamela Jacobs	
Thursday 9 February	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – Susan Creswell
Friday 10 February Memorial of St Scholastica	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – Margaret Shillinglaw	
Saturday 11 February	10.00am: Mass – Jane Thompson 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass – Maria Dominica Crolla	
Sunday 12 February 6th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am: Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am: Mass –SI Sick Person

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