

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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## 3rd Sunday – 21 January 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 Fond Farewell and our grateful prayers to Fr Loreto Tabone** as he returns to Gozo on Wednesday...and a warm welcome to **Canon Andrew Monaghan** celebrating our weekday Masses from Wednesday onwards, and **Fr Willie Slavin**, with us for the next two weekends.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

Please join all the churches of Portobello for short services of prayer followed by a lunch of soup and sandwiches and friendship.- ALL welcome

**At noon** every day in the week 22-26 January

Monday 22 St John's Church, Brighton Place

Tuesday 23 Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street

Wednesday 24 St Mark's, 287 Portobello High Street

Thursday 25 St Martin's Church, 1 Magdalene Drive

Friday 26 St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham Avenue

**And Celebrate with Music on Sunday 4 February**

6pm Traditional Evensong at St Mark's Church

8pm Feast for Life Choir at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, Abercorn Place



***Would You Believe It...Lent is only three and a half weeks away!***

### LENT 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 in homes around the Parishes. To enable this we need people to HOST groups in their homes and we also need FACILITATORS for those Groups. There are lists at the back of the Church for HOSTS and FACILITATORS. **Please put your name on the sheets at the back of either church if you would be willing to take on these Lenten roles. Lists for participants will be available later.** For further information contact me - Alice Codling ☎0131 657 1862 ✉[alicecodling@btinternet.com](mailto:alicecodling@btinternet.com).'

### THIS WEEK

Week Beginning **Sunday 21 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (with lunchtime prayer at midday Monday to Friday in various local churches – followed by a shared soup and sandwich lunch).**

**Thursday 25 January – 10.45am ( NB New Time) – Parish House – Praying with the Sunday Gospel ('Lectio Divina') - All welcome**

**Friday 26 January** – 9.30am – 10.30am – St John’s Church Hall – **Yoga** – for further details contact Lisa Williams (07429 540 849)

### **Sunday 28th January**

Leaving St John's at 1pm - **Trip to Nunraw**

6pm – St Mark’s Church, 287 Portobello High Street – **Inter-Church Youth Group (P7-S5)**

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Monday 29 January** – 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston St - **A First Showing of the highly acclaimed film ‘THE CLAIM: Archbishop Romero, His People and Pope Francis’ followed by a Q and A session.** No charge – donations welcome.

**Saturday 3 February** – ‘**Spirit And Liberty**’ – A Day Workshop with Fr Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace – 10am-5pm - Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge Day Workshop : (details to follow soon – but for a registration form, contact Neil Walker – [mesp201@hotmail.com](mailto:mesp201@hotmail.com) – or 0131 331 4469).

**Sunday 11 February** – 5pm – St John the Baptist Church – **Remembering Service** (see Noticeboard below)

**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)

**Saturday 24 February** – Starting 10am – Arthur’s Seat – **Sponsored Walk and Talk** (organised by Heath in Mind to provide more funding for Mental Health Services in Scotland - see Noticeboard below)

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**The Archdiocesan Catholic Directory** for 2018 can be purchased from both Church Stalls – price £2.50



The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow is launching a new nationwide retreat for Lent 2018. All the prayer materials are available (free) online to download on your phone, tablet or computer. Your local group facilitator may be able to help with printing off materials for those who do not have online access.

Register on the retreat website at <http://www.lentretreat.uk> and then the ISC will match you with a local group which will

meet weekly throughout Lent and which will be facilitated by an experienced prayer guide or pastoral associate. Being part of one of the Lenten Prayer Groups is not essential but it is hoped that the whole experience might be deepened by appropriate sharing.

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 will be a local group, co-ordinated by Tessa Haring.** 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. There will also be a brief introductory meeting at the Parish House on Wednesday 7 February. **If you wish to find out more before possibly registering contact Tessa (07721 402996).**

### **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](mailto:dodinsoffice@aol.com) – telephone: 0131 661 4240 – web: [www.duddingstonoffice@aol.com](http://www.duddingstonoffice@aol.com) – Post: Duddingston Kirk Office, 5 Old Church Lane, Edinburgh EH15 3PX – giving your name, address/contact details, and your interest.**

### **A Remembering Service – Sunday 18 February**

‘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. St. John the Baptist Church, 37 St. Ninian’s Road, Corstorphine. Sunday 18 February at 5.00pm.’

## A SPONSORED WALK AND TALK TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Sean Gray, Health in Mind writes:** - 'I am writing from Health in Mind to invite yourself and you all to take part in our **Sponsored Walk and Talk on Saturday 24 February**. This will be a great opportunity to provide vital funding for our mental health services across Scotland, as well as allowing for a healthy, energising, and social day out as a part of a community of supporters, including local church groups, craft groups, and anyone who would like to join! The walk starts from 10am and is done in pairs. The group will meet at 10am at Arthur's Seat, we can have a chat and get to know each other. We'll then buddy walkers up with someone, or you can come with a partner or friends. We plan to swap the groups around during the walk, so you'll walk and listen with different people. We think this is a nice event to look forward to in the Winter, especially at a time of year people don't want to leave the house due to the cold and dark days, as well as a fantastic opportunity to create a welcoming environment to encourage communication between people. Even if only for half an hour, it's nice to have a chat. For each person looking to take part, we'd ask that you raise at least £25 in sponsorship. Although for a church group such as yourselves we would be very happy with a sponsorship covering the whole group. Asking for sponsorship is a nice way to engage family and friends, as well as getting the conversation going about mental health. This helps us two-fold: by generating vital funding for our mental health services, as well as raising awareness for them. I really hope yourself and your congregation are able to join us on Saturday 24 November – Please let us know if you are willing to take part, or if you have any questions about the event, or how the money is to be used! Additional information about Health in Mind as a charity can be found at <http://www.health-in-mind.org.uk/>'

## 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](mailto:just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk)

## A Message of Thanks from Mark Robertson of FRESH START



'A big Thank You again to those in the parishes who have very kindly kept up donations of much needed household items. Imagine being homeless and losing all of your possessions. Then you are offered the tenancy of a flat, a glimmer of hope, an opportunity to start again. But you have nothing – no pots & pans, no cutlery, no bedding, no towels – the list seems endless. This week we have been working with Thomas (name changed), who received keys to his new flat at the beginning of the month. Thomas became homeless after his flat was set on fire. This led to him spending a long period of time in an Edinburgh Hostel. Although he was grateful to the Council for providing him with a place to stay, he described the experience as 'not much fun'. Like most of the people in his situation he needed help. We were able to help him with bedding, towels, crockery, pots and pans, toiletries and small electrical items (a toaster, kettle and an iron). At the end of the month he is going to work alongside some of our Hit Squad Volunteers and decorate his living room and bathroom. This month we are in particular need of glass tumblers, towels and clean pillows. On behalf of Fresh Start I thank you for your ongoing support.'

## 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.'

- 20 Hospitality pupils achieved the industry standard award: Elementary Food Hygiene certificate awarded by Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland.
- S6 pupils have been preparing their CVs in readiness for our annual Careers Fair on 7 Feb. Another CV Builder Workshop will be offered by Karla Hart, our Careers Adviser, on Mon 22 Jan from 4-5pm.
- As S4 Prelims drew to a close, please pray for S5/6 pupils as they begin Prelims in the coming week.
- Upcoming events for parents:-
- **S2 Information Evening** 22 January, 6pm.
- **S4-6 Careers Fair** Wednesday 7 February, 5pm – 7pm.

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

## PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Catherine Leslie*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mike Allan, Sarah Sharkey, Fr Harry Stocks, Mary Service, Barbara Devlin, Michael O'Sullivan*

## St John's :

Jan.20:- Mary Greenan (2000); Jack Shaw; Jan.21:- Barbara Devlin (1988); Mary McGuire (1969); Joan Knox;

Jan.22:- Antonio Pacitti (1997); Andrew Donoghue (1966); Jan.23:- Liz Saddler (2016); Irene C C Wheatley (1999); Catherine Gilroy (1997); Jan.24:- Mary Conner (1997); Adolf Haller (1974); Thomas & Mary Kyle;  
 Jan.25:- Elizabeth Hooper (2007); Patrick Murray (2000); Margaret Kelly (1991); Winifred Roper (1985); Annie Brown (1972); Helen Dykes (1959); Teresa Gaffney; Jan.26:- Elizabeth Gillies (2004); Veronica Wallace (2002); Teresa Fusco (1998); James Halpenny (1982); Mollie Walsh (1979);  
**St. Mary Magdalene's :**  
 Jan.20:- John Keating (1976); Mary Wilson (1976); Pearl O’Gorman (1972); Jan.21:- Martin Forbes (2005);  
 Jan.22:- Jane Graham (2000);

**Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including**

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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, Mary Phair, 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:** 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, Dennis Green, 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, Roksana 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, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, young Ray Donovan Syme.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
<b>Offertory Collections</b>		
<b>14 January</b>	£503.41 (inc £285.40 gift aid)	£893.71 (inc £308.34 gift aid)

*Thank you for your generosity*

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
21 January	Anne Jabir & Willie Montgomery	Jean Douglas
28 January	Robert Moyes & Laura Tweedie	Aileen Hall

 If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with Madge /Rob Moyes direct.



**Are your details in the Parish Database up to date?**– if not, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete a Parish Census Form (available at the back of both churches) – and return it as soon as possible.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST		
<b>Saturday 27 January</b>	J Roarty, J Martin, M Spencer	<b>Sunday 28 January</b>
		E Clark, G Gallaghr, M Slight, P Maclellan Hawkes, T Burgess

**Maria Igoe writes:**

- ‘The next trip to Nunraw will be on Sunday 28th January, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.
- 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.’



## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 20 January</b>	<b>10.00am - Mass</b> – Lindsay Thomson and deceased members of the Thomson & Creamer families  <b>6.30pm:- Mass</b> – Michael O’Sullivan	
<b>Sunday 21 January</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the year</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass</b> – Mike Allan	<b>11.15am:- Mass</b> – People of the Parish
<b>Monday 22 January</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – Mary Service & Barbara Devlin  <b>7pm–8pm</b> – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 23 January</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.25pm-6.55pm:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7.00pm:- Mass</b> – Michael Jeffrey
<b>Wednesday 24 January</b> <b>St Francis De Sales - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – James Malone	
<b>Thursday 25 January</b> <b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – SI (Christmas)
<b>Friday 26 January</b> <b>St Timothy &amp; St Titus - Memorial</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:-Mass</b> – Sarah Sharkey	
<b>Saturday 27 January</b>	<b>10.00am</b> – Eucharistic Service  <b>6.30pm:- Mass</b> – SI (Healthy pregnancy)	
<b>Sunday 28 January</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass</b> – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am:- Mass</b> – Fr Harry Stocks

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