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3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 22 JANUARY 2017

The warmest of welcomes to Fr Loreto Tabone, who arrives on Wednesday 25 January to cover for Fr Jock for four weeks. (See the 'Noticeboard' section of the newsletter for an explanation from the latter....)

The final celebration for The Week of Prayer of Christian Unity – after the gatherings for lunchtime prayer in different churches between Monday and Friday - TONIGHT, Sunday night – at 6.30pm at St Mark's Episcopal Church, 287 Portobello High St, for a Bring and Share Meal (and an invitation to perform your party piece if you wish....)....ALL WELCOME, including those unable to make the lunchtime prayer...

CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER

(The parishes in our 'Cluster' – a geographical area in the Edinburgh deanery covering 5 parishes -- are St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, St Ninian's, Restalrig, St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, St John the Evangelist, Portobello and St Teresa's Craigmillar.)

Siobhan Sellar writes: 'Following Archbishop Leo Cushley's visit in February 2016, a summary of the group discussions from the second of the three Cluster meetings he initiated – the one that took place on 29th October 2016 – is attached to this newsletter. We would encourage everyone to read the report and let the planning team know if you have any questions. Copies of the complete record of the discussions are available at the back of the Church.

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. The meeting is being organised by the 'Cluster Group' comprising the Priests and Parish Council Chairs from the five Cluster Parishes named above.

The discussion points for the meeting are "*EXPLORING WHAT MAKES PARISHES VIBRANT and NAMING GOALS for JOINT ACTION*". 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.

From next weekend [28th and 29th January 2017] a sign-up sheet will be 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

Saturday 21 January:

1pm – St John's – Baptisms of Seth Roarty and Ellie Kidney

Sunday 22 January

9.30am – St John's - Do This in Memory Mass

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Primary 3 - Rite of Illumination Mass and Children's Mass

1pm–7.30pm – Trip to Nunraw

6.30pm: St. Mark's - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Bring and Share meal

Monday 23 January –

2.15pm (Rosary) & 2.30pm - St John's – Monthly Mass of Healing with the sacrament of the sick. There will also be an opportunity for Reconciliation after Mass. Teas & Coffee in the hall afterwards.

Tuesday 24 January

7-8pm – Lauriston Centre, Lauriston St – 'Marking Holocaust Memorial Day – The Sacred Heart Justice & Peace Group invite you to an hour of music and contemplative prayer.' 'Holocaust Memorial Day is a time for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered or whose lives were changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Saturday 28 January – 10am-1pm – St John’s Pamoja Fashion Sale

Sunday 29 January – 7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – PACT meeting – one of three annual meetings for the laity and clergy of Portobello and Area Christians Together.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Saturday 4 February - 2pm - St Mary’s Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street EH6 6AW: ‘When One is Broken the Body Suffers - A Time of Prayer for people who have been Abused whilst in the care of the Roman Catholic and other Christian Churches in Scotland’.

Marie-Louise Cochrane writes: ‘You are warmly invited this service of prayer and reflection for anyone who has experienced abuse and anyone who wishes to show their concern and support for survivors. The service will last about 40 minutes and there will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. This is being organized by a small group of lay Catholics from different parishes. For more info please contact me on 0131 467 1449 or email marielouisecochrane@blueyonder.co.uk (not St Mary’s please).’

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.’

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’.

NOTICEBOARD.

Fr Jock writes: ‘As quite a lot of parishioners from both parishes are aware, in October last year, long before my mother’s death, I made provisional plans - since Lent didn’t start till 1 March – to take a month away from the parishes in order to work on the book on my priest uncle Jock that a friend, Bernadette Campbell, and I had been working on for over ten years! Since arriving in late November 2013, I have not managed to find any time to work on it – all half a million words of it (so hard to cut one’s own work...but so necessary, as is honing) so this seemed the only way to make any progress (and absolutely no guarantees that it will be finished, or near finished, at the end of February – so limited expectations please!)

Fr Tabone very generously agreed to come over from Gozo from four weeks from 25 January to 23 February to make this time away possible. I am, as so often, immensely grateful to him. It’s lovely to see the smile that always comes to people’s faces when his name (and, sometimes, imminent arrival) is mentioned.

However, after the events of the last few weeks – and so many thanks to the many kind people who came to the funeral last Monday and to all who have been praying for my mother and us all and offering such loving support – my plans have had to change a little. I will still be away from the parishes for most of the month, although popping in occasionally (hopefully briefly!), and working on the book, but will be spending most of the time nearby in or near North Berwick to keep an eye on my father, and to do the kind of things that need to be done in the aftermath of the death and funeral of a parent. Again, your prayers and understanding during these weeks will be greatly appreciated.’

Lectio Divina Group Diary Dates for January – April: (at 10.45am in the Parish House) .- Saturday 4 February, Saturday 18 February, Saturday 11 March and Saturday 22 April.

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.’



More than 60 S3/4 pupils attended **Edinburgh College Open Day** on Tuesday 17th January. Pupils learned about courses on offer during a very informative presentation and benefitted from a look around the facilities during a guided campus tour. The unanimous reaction from all was great excitement and pupils said it was a very "useful" day!

National 5 Prelims are underway for our S4 pupils, please remember them and our S5/6 pupils, who begin their Prelims on 2 Feb, in your prayers.

Forthcoming events for parents:- S2 Information Evening 30 January, 6pm - S4-6 Careers Fair Wednesday 8th February 5pm - 7pm. - We hope as many parents/carers as possible will be able to join us for these events.

Please use the link to have a look at our website <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk> and follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

Maria Igoe writes: ‘St Teresa of Calcutta said, “The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty -- it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There’s a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.” These words can be applied to the work that the Legion of Mary aim to do. We endeavour to bring friendship and caring to those who spend a lot of time on their own. Unfortunately we cannot reach out to as many as we would like and are unable to visit them as frequently as we should.

We hope that others may contemplate the words of St Teresa and decide to give the Legion of Mary a try. Our Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery and everyone is welcome to come along to a Meeting to see what we do. Having a few more members would make a big difference to how many parishioners we can visit.’

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: **John Parham, Jane Thomson, Susan Creswell**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: **Ellen Barker**

St John’s :

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); **Jan.27:-** Paul Bainbridge (2015); Andrew Gilhooly (2000); Graham Scott;

St. Mary Magdalene’s :

Jan.21:- Martin Forbes (2005); **Jan.22:-** Mary Robertson (2016); Jane Graham (2000); **Jan.27:-** William Skey (2009);

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, Giulio 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, Dymna 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 15 January**

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£343.40 (inc £176.50 gift aid)

£997.08 (inc £380.71 gift aid)

Many thanks

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh Catholic Directory for 2017 is now available.

It can be purchased from the stall/shop at the back of either church.

The cost for each directory is £2.50 each



ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

Children

Bidding Prayers

Children

22 Jan

29 Jan

Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir

Peggy Ferguson

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 28 Jan P Hunter, J Plews, O Brooks

Sunday

E Clark, G Gallagher, M Slight, M

29 Jan

Iannarelli, P MacLellan Hawkes

Liz McClory writes: ‘The Pamoja fashion sale will be a week earlier on the **28th of January** not 4 February.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 21 January	10.00am: Mass – Fr Harry Stocks 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 22 January 3rd Sunday of the Year	9.30 am: Mass – John Dalrymple and Mike Allen	11.15am: Mass – Barbara Devlin and Mary Service
Monday 23 January	2.15pm - Rosary 2.30pm: Healing Mass - Anne-Louise Dalrymple 7.00pm-8.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 24 January Memorial of St Francis De Sales	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	7.00pm: Mass – SI Sick Person
Wednesday 25 January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul	10.00am: John, Vincent and Eileen Mcglinchey	
Thursday 26 January Feast of St Timothy and St Titus	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – SI Christmas Blessings
Friday 27 January	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass –SI Sick Person	
Saturday 28 January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas	10.00am: Mass – Ellen Barker 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 29 January 4th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am: Mass – Maureen Brown	11.15am: Mass - SI - Christmas Blessings

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