

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

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## 4th Sunday – 28 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 warm welcome to Fr Willy Slavin, with us for the next two weekends, and our gratitude to him and to Canon Andrew Monaghan** celebrating our weekday Masses until Friday 9 February when Fr Jock returns from getting on with his book....

**This Week is Catholic Education Week.** There is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Philip Tartaglia included with this newsletter – ‘Serving the Common Good’ – and there will be a second collection next Sunday for Catholic Education.

### 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 an hour and a half. For further information contact me - Alice Codling ☎0131 657 1862 ✉[alicecodling@btinternet.com](mailto: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 28 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)**

**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**

10am – St John’s Parish Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**

10am-5pm – Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge Day Workshop ‘**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: (for a registration form, contact Neil Walker – [mesp201@hotmail.com](mailto:mesp201@hotmail.com) – or 0131 331 4469).

### **Sunday 4 February**

**Celebrate the culmination of the Week (Fortnight?) of 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

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY**

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)

Monday 19 February – 2.30pm – St John’s – **Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

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 - see Noticeboard below)

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.’** – See Notice Board below.

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.)** - See Notice Board below.

## **NOTICEBOARD**

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

### **Holy Rood RC High School News on Education Sunday:**

**Joan Daly** writes: ‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- We were delighted to welcome over 100 parents/carers and pupils into school for the S2 Information Evening. The focus on supporting pupils to make the right choices as part of their Curriculum Review was welcomed by all in the positive feedback which was received after the event.
- Our Study Club for S1-3 pupils on Tuesdays after school continues to be well attended. The Study Club offers pupils the opportunity to complete homework activities or access the computers to complete project work in the school library.
- S6 pupils have been preparing their CVs in readiness for the Careers Fair at workshops offered by Karla Hart, our Careers Adviser.
- Upcoming events for parents:- S4-6 Careers Fair Wednesday 7 February, 5pm – 7pm.
- Please pray for our S5/6 pupils as they begin Prelims this week.

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

## A PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI - 26 August-6 September 2018

**Revd Tom Cuthell writes:** 'For the past 27 years I, the Rev Tom Cuthell, formerly Minister of St Cuthbert's Parish Church at the West End, have led group pilgrimages to Assisi. In 2016, Fr Jock and I led a hugely successful ecumenical pilgrimage to Assisi. In so many different ways Catholic and Protestant shared a remarkable unity in Christ, and the sense of togetherness in the group was so tangible. This year - 2017 - two parishioners of St John's, Maureen Brogan and Jeremy Devlin-Thorp, were part of the group, and I think it would be true to say that their time in Assisi certainly lived up to their expectations, and perhaps may have surpassed them.

Assisi is truly a holy and blessed place where the veil between time and eternity is as thin as gossamer. The possibility of being ambushed by grace is very real. Few people spend time in Assisi without catching something of the spirit of St Francis, and without being infected, even in a very small degree by his love of God and his love of God's world. A key factor in the success of these holiday pilgrimages is where we live. The Sisters of Santa Brigida can only be described as 'angels of hospitality'. They lavish love and care on us in abundant measure. The food they serve is excellent. But what appeals most is the feeling that we have been welcomed into their home as honoured guests - so much so that we feel part of their family.

I have been planning Assisi 2018 for some time, **and there are still a few places available.** The dates are 26th August to 6th September. It would be good if there was, again, an ecumenical dimension to the group - in other words, parishioners of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's signing up! I would be delighted to welcome you on board and have the opportunity of introducing you to 'the Assisi experience'. Why not have a chat with those who in 2016 and 2017 were captivated by 'the Assisi experience' - if only to whet your appetite?

I can be contacted by email on:- [tcuthell@gmail.com](mailto:tcuthell@gmail.com) for further information. Or by phone on 0131 476 3864. Blessings..'



**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. 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)

### **An Evening with Dr Rowan Williams (organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace.) 7.15-9pm – St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place EH12 5AW – Wednesday 21 March**

Registration 6.30-7.15pm The Format – A Talk by Dr Rowan Williams, and then conversation between Dr Rowan Williams and Professor Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies, Assistant Principal Religion and Society, Dean International, Middle East, the University of Edinburgh; followed by a Q & A with the audience.

Chair: Ewan Aitken, Chief Executive Officer of Cyrenians. Cost: £10/£8 (Concessions)/£3 (Students). For a [Registration Form](#): Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2018@hotmail.com](mailto:mesp2018@hotmail.com), 0131 331 4469.

‘Dr Rowan Williams is acknowledged internationally as an outstanding theological writer, scholar and teacher. He has been involved in many theological, ecumenical and educational commissions. He has written extensively across a very wide range of related fields of professional study – philosophy, theology (especially early and patristic Christianity), spirituality and religious aesthetics. He has also written throughout his career on moral, ethical and social topics and, since becoming archbishop, has turned his attention increasingly on contemporary cultural and interfaith issues.’



#### **Mark Robertson writes on behalf of Fresh Start:**

‘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.’

## **PARISH REGISTER**

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Denis Green***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Paul Bainbridge, Canon Edward Glackin***

#### **St John's :**

Jan.27:- Paul Bainbridge (2015); Andrew Gilhooly (2000); Graham Scott; Jan.28:- Edward Grady (2011); Catherine M Gray (2007); Jan.29:- Patrick J Bannon (1992); Peter Kelly (1948); Jan.30:- James McGuire (1991); Elizabeth Keogh (1986); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Edward Stone (1975); Alice Boyle; Jan.31:- Beryl Donegan (2010); Jamesina Laidlaw (2006); Alex. Begg (1974); John Ward (1920); Feb.1:- Umberto Tesoro (2013); Fr Daniel McGuinness (1997); Feb.2:- Margaret Malcolm (1998); Feb.3:- Bernadette Heron (2012); Jean Anderson (2006); Harry T Johnson (2006); Douglas Begg (1960); Kate Barrins (1959); Thomas Conner (1948);

#### **St. Mary Magdalene's :**

Jan.27:- William Skey (2009); Jan.28:- William McCartney (2004); Charlotte Foggo (2002); Feb.1:- Isabella Connor (1999); Frank Risi (1972); Feb.2:- Michael E Kempton (1991);

### **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, Roksan 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>21 January</b>	£243.80 (inc £81.40 gift aid)	£740.05 (inc £266.71 gift aid)

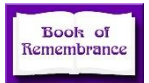
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ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	<b>Readers for Sunday</b>	<b>Bidding Prayers</b>
28 January	Robert Moyes & Laura Tweedie	Aileen Hall
4 February	Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir	Jim Gallagher
	If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with <b>Madge /Rob Moyes</b> 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.

A Book of Remembrance is available at the back of both churches, for anyone wishing to add family names, please contact Celia Stone.



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	
<b>Saturday 3 February</b> G Sellar, M Mackenzie, V Paterson	<b>Sunday 4 February</b> E White, P Glancy, M Iannarelli, L Moran, C Volpe
<b>Maria Igoe writes:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘The next trip to Nunraw will be on Sunday 28 January, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to go, please contact me on 669 0247.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on 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.</li> <li>• The Church Stall has an excellent selection of cards for all occasions. New stock includes 'Thinking of You' and a large number of 'I lit a Candle for You' cards. All cards are priced at 60p. So please come in and have a browse.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
<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>	
	The next Pamoja Fashion Sale will be held on Saturday 3 February at 10am in St John's Parish Hall. All welcome.



## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 27 January</b>	<b>10.00am</b> – Eucharistic Service  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – SI (Healthy pregnancy)	
<b>Sunday 28 January</b>  <b>4th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – Fr Harry Stocks
<b>Monday 29 January</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – Michael Jeffrey  <b>7pm–8pm</b> – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Tuesday 30 January</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	<b>9.25am-9.55am:-</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:-</b> Mass –SI
<b>Wednesday 31 January</b>  <b>St John Bosco - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – SI – Christmas	
<b>Thursday 1 February</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	<b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – Canon Edward Glackin
<b>Friday 2 February</b> <b>THE PRESENTATION</b> <b>OF THE LORD - FEAST</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:-</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – Jimmy Docherty	
<b>Saturday 3 February</b>	<b>10.00am</b> – Mass (SI)  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – Bill Hunter	
<b>Sunday 4 February</b>  <b>5th Sunday of the year</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – Sr Dolores	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – People of the Parish

### A Vulnerable Heart

‘In our deepest selves, below the levels of action and understanding, there is a vulnerable heart, a child who loves but is afraid to love. Silent prayer nourishes this deep place. It is the most important nourishment of all, because it is the most secret and personal.’

*Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p191*

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