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4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 29 JANUARY 2017

A very warm welcome (back) to Fr Loreto Tabone, with us for the coming month, and also to his sister Amelia and brother-in-law Raymond, who arrived with him on Wednesday, and are here for a week's holiday.

2 NEW INITIATIVES:

I) 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....'



II) 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...



CLUSTER PARISHES TOGETHER – THE THIRD AND FINAL MEETING - SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

(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 available at the back of both churches. 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 also available there.

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 this weekend 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 4 February:

9-11am – Liberton Northfield Church Hall, Claverhouse Drive – **The Claverhouse Breakfast Conversations - The Refugee Crisis:** 'How can we respond from a healing place – and at a personal level? In turbulent times, when uncertainty, division and fear seems to fragment the human soul, how do we find humanity through the cracks of a collapsing world? *'Join us for breakfast from 9am, followed by discussion and conversation with Bruna Kadletz - All warmly welcome.'*

10am -1pm – St John's – **OPEN CHURCH.**

10.45 am Parish House – **Lectio Divina**

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 12 February – 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.'

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 12 February

9.30am - St John's - **P3 + Children's Mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **P4 "Do this in Memory Mass and Presentation of the Creed"**

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 on 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.'

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'**.

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.

Please pray for Fr Jock, starting a month's mini-sabbatical, and for the book he is trying to make progress on during these weeks away from the parishes....

2 Job 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>’

Lectio Divina Group Diary Dates for February – 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: Holy Rood will host the area final of **Rotary Club Young Musician of the Year** on Tues 7 February at 4.30pm. This is the first time our school will host this prestigious competition and we wish our pupils well.

Upcoming events for parents:- **S2 Information Evening** 30 January, 6pm.

S4-6 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 remember our S5/6 pupils in your prayers as they sit **Prelim Exams** in the coming week 2 Feb – 7 Feb
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 on behalf of The Legion of Mary: ‘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:

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

St John’s :

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.28:- Adele Croskery (2016); William McCartney (2004); Charlotte Foggo (2002); **Feb.1:-** Isabella Connor (1999); Frank Risi (1972); **Feb.2:-** Michael Edward Kempton (1991);

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 Matrondola, 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 22 January	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£371.27 (inc £131.50 gift aid)	£948.23 (inc £384.40 gift aid)
Many thanks		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday 29 Jan	Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir	Bidding Prayers	Peggy Ferguson
5 Feb	John Kelly & Catriona McGillivray		Aileen Hall



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.'



Sunday 12 February is Catholic Education Sunday - A Special Collection will take place on behalf of SCES – the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 4 Feb	J Roarty, M McDiarmid, B Tansey	Sunday 5 Feb	T Burgess, P Glancy, C Volpe, A Dixon, A Tanzi
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OPEN CHURCH – Saturday 4 February 10.30 am – 1pm
Would-be welcomers requested to please add their names to the list at the back of the Church.

HELP!

Many thanks to Bernadette Gallagher and the Legion of Mary, and all who help in the Stall, for the £500 donation made to the Parish recently.



Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28 January	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
Monday 30 January	10.00am: Mass – SI - Christmas Blessings 7.00pm-8.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 31 January Memorial of St John Bosco	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	7.00pm Mass – SI Christmas Blessings
Wednesday 1 February	10.00am: Mass – SI - Sick Person	
Thursday 2 February FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – SI – Sick Person
Friday 3 February	9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – John Ritchie	
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

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes