

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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The Epiphany of the Lord – 7 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.



Many Congratulations to Gift Thomson, who today, Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany, will be baptised, confirmed and make his first communion at the 9.30am Mass at St John's – and many thanks to his friends in the RCIA group who have prepared him for this great day.....**Gift** is from the STEKA home in Malawi, and like Sandra Ndale who was here last year, has been studying at Queen Margaret's University, while living with Queen Margaret's lecturer, Emma Wood, and her family, here in Portobello. The article Emma wrote in last Thursday's *Scotsman* about Gift and STEKA is included with this newsletter.

In Scotland, **the Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace takes place this Sunday, 7 January.**

With this newsletter there is a **pastoral letter** from Bishop William Nolan, the President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland Justice and Peace Commission. There will also be a **leaving collection** for the work of Justice and Peace.

Do you wish to help develop the St John's Open Church Initiative? There is a **meeting at 7pm this Monday, 8 January**, in the Parish House for all who would like to help...all welcome. Last week, the following card was discovered in the postbox: *'Many thanks to everyone at St John's, Portobello, who keep the church open and looking so beautiful. It is such a lovely and peaceful church and I am so grateful that it is open during the day for visits and prayer. With thanks and best wishes for the New Year. A Visitor.'*

The warmest of welcomes to Fr Loreto Tabone, who arrives on Wednesday 10 January to cover for Fr Jock for a fortnight. (See the 'Noticeboard' section of the newsletter for an explanation from the latter of his whereabouts for the next four weeks....)

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7 January

9.30am – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, **with Baptism of Gift Thomson.**

11.15am – Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, **with Baptism of Orla McCauley.**

Monday 8 January

11am – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

6.15pm – Parish House – The **Meeting to set up a new group of 'Intercessors'** who will pray for the intentions in the Prayer Request Books, found in both church porches **has been postponed** because of the illness of the co-ordinator, Pauline McInnes

7pm – Parish House - **Meeting of the 'Locker-Uppers' and anyone interested in helping develop the St John's Open Church Initiative.**

Tuesday 9 January – 7.30pm – Parish House – RCIA restarts.

Wednesday 10 January – 7pm - Parish House – Meeting of the St Mark's, St Mary Magdalene's and St John's Youth Group Leaders.

Thursday 11 January - 6.30pm – Parish House – St John’s Fabric Committee Meeting

Friday 12 January – 10am – St John’s – Mass with St John’s Primary School to celebrate the Feast of St John (transferred from the feast on 27 December because it’s in the school holidays)

Saturday 13 January – 10.45am – Parish House - Praying with the Sunday Gospel (‘Lectio Divina’) – All Welcome.

Sunday 14 January

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass with P4 ‘Do this in Memory of Me’ P4 pupils, with presentation of the Gospels.**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Children’s Mass (with a focus on the P3 First Reconciliation candidates).**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday, 16 January – 11.45am – 12.45pm – St John’s Hall – Pilates Class for those who have had hip or knee surgery
7.30 pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18, West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ – **the first Edinburgh Newman Association meeting of the year – ‘Read the Bible but - "What is Truth?"** – ‘This talk will be given by the Circle’s Chair, Jeff Bagnall, former lecturer in Religious Education. All are welcome to this meeting. We ask for a small donation to cover our costs.’

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 – or 0131 331 4469).

NOTICEBOARD

Many thanks to Mary Ianarelli, Jeremy Devlin-Thorp and Chris Vinestock, and to all who helped welcome 50 members of the Edinburgh L’Arche community for their Epiphany Meal last Thursday, 4 January.

That evening, Mike Noonan, the Community Leader, emailed the Community’s gratitude: ‘Once again many thanks for such a warm and generous welcome in the parish today. We were all touched and warmed by the kindness shown to us all. Please, on our behalf thank all who were involved in preparing the welcome and the serving of the meal, and of course Jeremy for his music. We had a marvellous time, and can vouch that the parishes really reflected the face of Christ as they gave so wholeheartedly. Every blessing in the journey towards Epiphany.’

A Mini-sabbatical on ‘The Book’:

Fr Jock writes: ‘As many of you might recall, last January I took a month to be physically away from the parishes in order to focus on the book on my priest uncle Jock that a friend, Bernadette Campbell, and I had been working on since 2006! Since arriving in the two parishes in late November 2013, I had not managed to find any time to take it forward – all half a million words/1200 pages (you are all too aware of how difficult some of us find it to be concise...) - and taking time away seemed the only way to make any progress.

Well, the four weeks away made a big difference, with 7 of the 18 chapters being edited and honed, and I said at the end of it that if only I could find six more weeks, we might be reasonably close to completing it (no more than that...). However, since then I have only managed one week - for one more chapter – last August so thought again that I needed, if possible, to take another four weeks this January.....very kindly, Archbishop Leo was open to the idea, and Fr Tabone has again very generously agreed to come over from Gozo though sadly, is only able to be here for a fortnight because of his own commitments there. I am, as so often, immensely grateful to him. I’m also very grateful to Fr Willie Slavin who will cover the last two Sundays of the four weeks and Canon Andrew Monaghan, who will celebrate daily Mass for the last two weeks.

I am also very grateful to both parishes for (hopefully) being understanding and supportive of this mini-sabbatical. Moreover, since my 91 year old father has become very very frail in the last three months – and specially so this week-end with my mother’s first anniversary - I will not be going far and will, as always, very much be keeping in touch with parish

life (and popping in occasionally...). Again, your prayers – for my Dad (and also please for the book) - during these weeks will be greatly appreciated. Thank you...'

The Portobello and Joppa Parish Church Burns Supper takes place this year on 20 January – PJPC 'will not



this year be sending tickets to the different churches but if anyone wants to attend, tickets can be ordered from Louise Simpson or Winnie Davis or from the church office – office@portyjoppachurch.org ☎0131 657 3401 (Monday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am – 1.30pm). Please give the name of those who want to attend for seating arrangements and with any dietary requirements when ordering the tickets'.

Pilates 4 All

Clare Shillinglaw will be starting a new Beginners' Pilates class on 16 January in the St John's church hall. This will be a weekly class every Tuesday from 11.45am to 12.45pm. Clare writes: 'This is a fun and friendly gentle stretch and strengthening class that will ensure you improve your strength, posture and movement patterns in a safe way that will help you function better in everyday life. This class is suitable for beginners and those living with bone and muscular conditions that require adaptations, eg pre and post hip and knee replacement, and other ailments. If you feel it may be challenging to get up and down off the floor, the class can be done seated or you can use the chair as an aid. There are always ways to ensure you get maximum benefit out of the class. Having had both hips replaced myself at a young age, I know only too well the challenges faced when living with degenerative bone and muscle conditions. Classes cost £48 for a 6 week block or £42 for concessions/retired/students and St John's and St Mary Magdalene's parishioners. You will have 8 weeks to fully use your block although most feel the benefit by coming weekly. All equipment is provided, please just come as you are, wearing loose or stretch clothing. Please get in touch with me if you would like to book up or if you have any questions at all or would like to chat about how Pilates might help you. ✉info@pilates4all.co.uk ☎ 07714512397. There is also more information on Clare's website – www.pilates4all.co.uk'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jean O'Flaherty, Anne-Louise Dalrymple, Andrew Neilsen, Ellen Barker

St John's :

Jan.6:- Rita Scott (1997); James Huntly (1946); John Christie; Mary Gralton; James McNamara; James Meehan;
Jan.7:- Kathleen Fusco (2010); William Turnbull (1995); Jan.8:- Brigid T Stuart (2005); Hugh Robertson (2003); William Birrell (2002); Charmaine McIntyre (1997); Alexander Gilroy (1974); Jan.9:- Les Garvin (2015); Anne Hughes (2011); Leo J Stone (1958); Jan.10:- Frank Davey (1999); Andrew Durkin (1991); Andrew Blaney (1958);
Jan.11:- Betty Peddieson (2007); Donald Montgomery (2004); James Clarke (1933); Jan.12:- Elizabeth Doherty (2009); Maureen Molloy (2002); Canon Hugh Gordon (2001); Arthur J Cockburn (1980); James Marshall;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Jan.6:- Margaret Hay (2000); Jane Newman (1995); Jan.7:- Elizabeth Marinello (2013); Jan.8:- Daniel McGlynn (2003); Marco de Marco (1975); Jan.10:- Alex. McEwan (1997); Jan.12:- Maureen Fairnie (2009); Peter Fergus (1997).

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Cathy McGravie, Pauline McInnes, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, David Codling, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Matthew Harvey, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Mary Phair, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, 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(daughter of Brid and Colin), 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, Catherine Leslie, 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
Offertory Collections		
31 December	£338.14 (inc £112.00 gift aid)	£690.40 (inc £ 231.40 gift aid)
Christmas envelopes		£175.00 (inc £140.00 gift aid)
Legho (total amount over last 2 weeks)	£174.62	£430.88

Thank you for your generosity




ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
7 January	Tessa Haring & Sam Henry	Jim Gallagher
14 January	P3 Mass – Children	
	<p>The 200 club winner for December – No. 3 - John Gilhooley - £25 ...and the special £200 end of year draw goes to No. 48 - Irene Mcleod - £200. If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with Madge / Rob Moyes direct.</p>	



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.

Living Faith booklets – with a reflection for each day between January and March - are now available in both church porches. A donation of £2 or £1 would be appreciated to help us cover costs....

The Archdiocesan Catholic Directory for 2018 is now available to purchase from both Church Stalls – price £2.50

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST		
Saturday 13 January	P MacInnes, B Kelly, J Kemp	Sunday 14 January L Moran, C Volpe, A Dixon, A Tanzi, E White
<p>Welcome to the World...Antonio Crolla, born on 18 December, a son for Teresa and Giovanni, and a brother for Rebecca. </p> <p>Many congratulations, and the promise of our prayers, to Doreen Jones, wife of Chris from the St John's Music Group, who will this Sunday be installed as an elder at Duddingston Kirk.</p> <p>Maria Igoe writes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'If you have not yet paid your money for the Legion of Mary Reunion on Saturday 13th January, please give £12 to me. This covers the cost of your 3 course meal. Thank you. • The December Coffee Morning raised £180 for Mary's Meals and this will be doubled by Benefactors. So thank you to all who contributed to this amazing amount. • The January Coffee Morning raised £160 for Sightsavers and the UK Government will match this amount. Many thanks to all who came along and contributed. • 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
Saturday 6 January	10.00am - Mass – Mary Salvona 6.30pm:- Mass – Margaret Moore	
Sunday 7 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Solemnity	9.30am:- Mass – Jimmy Gallagher	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 8 January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Feast	10.00am:- Mass – Deceased members of the Logan family	
Tuesday 9 January	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Ellen Barker
Wednesday 10 January	10.00am:- Mass – George Dougal	
Thursday 11 January	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	7.00pm:- Mass – SI (Christmas)
Friday 12 January	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:-Mass – Willie Vidler	
Saturday 13 January St Kentigern - Feast	10.00am - Mass – Jack Farnes 6.30pm:- Mass – Canon John Walls	
Sunday 14 January 2ND Sunday of the year	9.30am:- Mass – Andrew Neilson	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

Is the world called to be a hierarchy or a body?

‘Hierarchy has a top and a bottom where the best are at the top and the least good or the worst are at the bottom. The body is the place where everybody finds their place. Is humanity called to be a body or is it called to be a hierarchy? If it’s a hierarchy, we’re in a world of struggles and conflicts because each wants to get higher. We have to move up the ladder. If it’s a body, then each one will find their place. Even the littlest and the weakest will find their place and we can rejoice together.’

Jean Vanier

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