

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT – 12 MARCH 2017

Please remember our five catechumens and candidates – Maggie Tam, Lesley O'Donnell, George Young, Colin Murphy and Xiaojing Wang - in your prayers – throughout Lent as they prepare for baptism and reception at the Easter Vigil.

And please pray also for the P3 children celebrating reconciliation for the first time on Monday at 7pm in St John's. ..Do come and support them if you're free.

PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES

DO MARK IN YOUR DIARIES – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - 9-16 APRIL – the celebration for which Lent is a preparation.

In the sister parishes we offer different ways of preparation for you to choose from. Lenten initiatives include

- **A choice of weekly Lenten House Groups** – There is still a chance to sign up for a group for either course. (Contact Fr Jock if you wish to know what's involved in a house group...)

**To Be A Pilgrim In The Footsteps Of Jesus -
The Community Bible Experience:**

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- **Our Reconciliation Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent** – 1/2 April, when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament.
- **LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF's WEE BOXES:**
Jim Roarty writes: 'This year, the Wee Box campaign is focusing on Zambia. Pick up your Wee Box pack at the back of the church and find out how your assistance is helping to improve people's lives in other parts of the world'
- **Each weekday (from Monday to Thursday) there is the Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am at St John's**
- **On Wednesday mornings, there is Stations of the Cross at St John's** after the 10am Mass/Eucharistic Service. **There will also be two evening celebrations of the Stations** – on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm at St Mary Magdalene's and on Thursday 30 March at 7pm at St John's.
and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week:
- **each day there is Mass** in either St Mary Magdalene's or St John's, normally at 10am but a 7pm Mass one evening a week at St Mary Magdalene's
- **each week there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
on Mondays at St John's from 7pm to 8pm (though not this week because of First Reconciliation), on Thursdays from 9.25 to 9.55pm at St Mary Magdalene's, and on Fridays at the same time at St John's.
- **On Fridays there are Divine Mercy Devotions from 3-4pm at St John's**
- Every other **Saturday**, there is **Lectio Divina** at 10.45am in the Parish House.

And a Lenten note from the Justice & Peace Group: 'Re-Act (Refugee Action Scotland) has obtained new premises for the donation of warm clothing, camping equipment, blankets etc for refugees abroad or in Scotland. These are at Chesser House, 500 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3YJ. Check the Re-Act website for donation days or alternatively, leave donations in the Re-Act box at the back of St John's and the J&P Group will ensure it is delivered.'

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN OUR OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY

St John's Church will be open each day from 9.30am to 5.30pm throughout Lent (and hopefully thereafter....) giving everybody a chance to spend some quiet time of prayer and personal reflection there at any time of the day they wish.

This is the result of long thought and planning and we hope a positive follow-up to the Year Of Mercy.....Extra security has now been installed within the Church to make it possible for us to do this. We hope that by "**Throwing Open the Doors to Christ**" (Pope St John Paul II – 2000) and by sharing one of our beautiful Churches, we will serve the people in the surrounding area – of all faiths and none – and that the community of our two parishes will flourish even more as a result.

We would greatly appreciate volunteers to help us in closing St John's each evening at 6pm... a Lenten act of generosity? **We need people to cover Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday** (ideally two for each day so you would only be 'on' one evening every fortnight and would have cover if you couldn't manage a particular day.) Please contact Fr Jock or Chris Vinestock for further information, or to 'sign up'...

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 March – 3.30-5.30pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **St John's Pastoral Council Planning Day.**

6pm – 7.30pm - St Mark's – Youth Group Meeting (p7 to S5)

Monday 13 March – 7pm – St John's – First Celebration of Reconciliation with P3 pupils.

7.30pm - St. Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh - Mass for Vocations. 'Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention. Refreshments in the Concert Hall afterwards'.

Wednesday 15th March -

7.30pm - Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Evening II

7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church - Edinburgh Circle Newman meeting - Revd. Scott McKenna, Minister of Mayfield Salisbury Church, will speak - on "Eucharistic Traditions"

All are warmly welcome to come along.

Thursday 16 March – 10.45am - Parish House – Pastoral Team Meeting

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 19 March

9.30am - St John's - P4 Do This in Memory Mass with Presentation of the Creed.

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene – Children's Mass with P3

4pm – Parish House Prayer Room – St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Planning Day

Tuesday 21 March – 6pm - Odeon Cinema, Lothian Rd - 'My Feral Heart' - A screening in aid of World Down Syndrome Day – 'poignantly and beautifully acted' – and featuring the 'absolutely terrific 'Steven Brandon in the lead role...' The film explores many of the contemporary issues faced by people with Down Syndrome, and concludes on a note that rightly insists it's the task of the audience to decide whether these issues worsen or alleviate in the future, making the BIFA nominated drama the perfect filmic accompaniment to World Down Syndrome Day, which was founded to advocate for the awareness, rights, inclusion, and wellbeing of people with the syndrome.....

Saturday 25th March – 10.30am - St Catharine's Convent - Legion of Mary Retreat - 'The Legion Retreat will, beginning with tea and coffee at 10.30am. It will be given by Fr Stefan Park, OSA. Please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5. The Retreat will be followed by the Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.'

NOTICEBOARD

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.

Our Ash Wednesday services for all Year Groups were very dignified and appropriate occasions to mark this very important time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Our pupils chose The Teenage Cancer Trust for their Lenten appeal and already fundraising efforts are well underway during Tutor Time. We hope to raise as much money as possible during a Lent for this worthy cause.

Supported Study - Pupils are always encouraged to maximise their potential and the recently updated Supported Study Programme at lunch time and after school demonstrates the range of additional study opportunities available for our young people.

Our Prefects have also delivered special attainment assemblies focussing on helpful exam techniques/revision hints.

The **Tug-of-war League** for all pupils in S1 to S6 has started and runs during Tutor Time with each pupil competing up until Sports Day in May. The Health and Wellbeing indicators for this year together are:-**Active**, everyone should feel **Included**. No kit is required, just enthusiasm! **Please use the link to have a look at our website <http://www.holyroodrchighschool.co.uk> and follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'**

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Rennie, Hugh McGeady

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Alexander Connelly, Anne Kinane

Week : Mar. 11 – Mar. 17 2017

St John's :

Mar.11:- Francis Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O'Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan; **Mar.12:-** Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A McGrory (1967); Wood family (1955); **Mar.13:-** Jessica Quinn (2000); Thomas Henderson (1984); Cecily Docherty (1972); Patrick G Hunt (1968); John T Clarke (1943); Roseanne D'Arcy; **Mar.14:-** Mary Kelly (2000); Elizabeth Binnie (1987); **Mar.15:-** Greta Clarke (2013); Very Rev.Charles Canon Brodie (1999); John Barber (1998); Alexander Connelly (1985); Rebecca M O'Kane (1981); James Waugh (1979); **Mar.16:-** May Mackay (1997); Edward Molloy (1961); **Mar.17:-** Sheila Devlin (2005); Patrick Duff (1981); Chris Lynch (1975); Mary Hunt (1966); Margaret Burns (1937); Esther Keating;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Mar.12:- Jeannie Docherty (2010); **Mar.13:-** Helen Sibbald (2014); Gertie Urquhart (1980); **Mar.15:-** Robert Harris (1981); **Mar.16:-** Joseph Patrick Foster (1969);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Pauline McInnes, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Pat Hunter, Patricia Crawford, Giulio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Mary Phillips, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, 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, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Una Gallagher, Pat Marin, 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, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Fr John Robinson, 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, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Lesley Lemarchand.

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| Offertory Collections | ST MARY MAGDALENE | ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST |
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| <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> | £334.42 (inc £177.00 gift aid) | £1025.16 (inc £338.40 gift aid) |

ST MARY MAGDALENE

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| Readers for Sunday | Willie Montgomery & | Bidding Prayers | Jim Gallagher |
| 12 March | Anne Jabir | | |
| 19 March | | P3 Children's Mass | |

NEXT SUNDAY AT 4PM IN THE PARISH HOUSE PRAYER ROOM – PASTORAL COUNCIL PLANNING DAY – ALL WELCOME.....

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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| Vigil 18 March | P MacInnes, J Plews, M McDiarmid | Sunday 19 March | T Burgess, P Connarty, C Dempsey, G Gallagher, M Slight |
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On **Wednesdays** from 8 March Stations of the Cross will be said after Mass.



Chris Vinestock writes: 'A Fabric Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 6.30pm in the Parish House. New members always welcome.'

Congratulations

Welcome to the world...Noah Francesco Asiatico Finlayson, born on 1 March, a first child for Sharleena and Stephen



.....**and Shay Graham**, born on 11 January, a second son for Katy and Kevin, and a brother for Cillian.

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The new Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you are not currently a member of this Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Karen, our Parish Administrator who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

| Masses, Devotions and Services | | |
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| | St John the Evangelist | St Mary Magdalene |
| Saturday 11 March | 10.00am: - Joe Martin 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass - SI | |
| Sunday 12 March 2nd Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am: Mass – Sheila Scott | 11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish |
| Monday 13 March | 10am: Mass – Anne-Louise Dalrymple 7pm –Celebration of Children’s 1st Reconciliation | |
| Tuesday 14 March | 10.00am: – Eucharistic Service | 7pm: Mass - Pamela Jacob |
| Wednesday 15 March | 10.00am Mass – Alexander Connelly | |
| Thursday 16 March | 10.00am: – Eucharistic Service | 9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am: Mass – James Gaylor |
| Friday 17 March Feast of St Patrick | 9.25-55am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass – Helen McKail | |
| Saturday 18 March | 10.00am: - Anne Kinane 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm: Mass People of the Parish | |
| Sunday 19 March 3rd Sunday of Lent | 9.30 am: Mass – Margaret Reid | 11.15am: Mass – SI 40 th wedding anniversary |

No Perfect Leader

‘Good leaders are aware of both their strengths and weaknesses. They are not afraid to admit to the latter. They know how to find support and are humble enough to ask for it. There is no perfect leader who has all the gifts necessary for good leadership.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth p220

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