

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE



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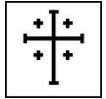
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – 21 May 2017

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.



The warmest of welcomes to Revd Dr Stewart Weaver, the minister of Portobello and Joppa Parish Church who will be addressing us at all three Masses, and to his associate minister, **Revd Lourens de Jager**, who will join us at the Vigil Mass. **This is a return visit after their hosting of Fr Jock last Sunday.**

With this newsletter is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Scotland concerning the forthcoming General Election.

This coming Thursday - 25 May – is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holyday of Obligation – and Celebration! There will be Mass at 10am at St John's (with the Primary School) and at 7pm at St Mary Magdalene's.

A CLUSTER PICNIC AT NUNRAW CISTERCIAN ABBEY TODAY SUNDAY - 21 MAY- between 1 and 5pm – A new Initiative for our 5 Cluster Parishes (St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Teresa's, Craigmillar, St



Ninian's, Restalrig and St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith.) - Catherine McAnenny, Anne Jabir and Jennifer Morris write: 'Everyone is invited to join the picnic,...Tea and coffee are provided by the monks for a donation but bring along your own food. (There is a barbecue you can use if you want hot food.) There will be field games we can all play but feel free to bring anything you think would add to the activities. We hope the sun will shine but there is a tearoom indoors we can use. During

the afternoon there will be an opportunity to gather in church for prayer with one of the monks and also learn a little about Nunraw. If you can offer transport or need transport let Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159 know if you're interested in going and need a lift organised. Children also particularly welcome to go.'

ANOTHER CLUSTER INITIATIVE - Saturday 3rd June - 10am - St John the Evangelist - Cluster Mass – 'All parishioners from both parishes are warmly invited to the Mass which will celebrate our journey together over the past 12 months as five cluster parishes working together. To help with catering for the refreshments after Mass and for transport arrangements for those who may require it, could you please sign up in advance on the sheet at the back of the church'.

SAVING THE PLANET AND PRECIOUS PENNIES - WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

Do you use e-mail? If you do we wondered if you would consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail. Your newsletter would be e-mailed each Friday. Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save 'wear and tear' of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to get your newsletter e-mailed then please send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 May

1-5pm – Cluster Picnic at Nunraw

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

Monday 22 May – 7pm – St John’s – Reception of the body of Bill Hunter

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

10am – St John’s – Requiem Mass for Bill Hunter

7.00pm - St Mary Magdalene’s - Confirmation Rehearsal for ALL Parents, Children and Sponsors.

Wednesday 24 May – 7.30pm - Parish House – Baptism Preparation Course II

7.30pm - **Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH91QT** - Newman Association 75th Anniversary Lecture - The Edinburgh Circle celebrates 75 years of the Newman Association with a special lecture by **Sir James MacMillan**.- "Music, Modernity, the continual search for the Sacred, and the place that Elgar's Dream of Gerontius has in it".

Thursday 25 May – Feast of the Ascension

7.50pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **Six-monthly Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers (both Parishes)**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 28 May – Carfin Grotto, Motherwell - Legion of Mary Thanksgiving Day

2pm - Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association (EIFA) Peace Walk

‘The walk will commence from **St Mary’s Cathedral, York Place, at 2pm** (assemble from 1.45pm) and will proceed to the **Baha’i Centre, Assembly Hall / New College** (which will serve as an intermediate stop around 2.45pm, for anyone who wishes to join there), **St Columba’s by the Castle, Edinburgh Central Mosque, Orthodox Community of St Andrew** and ending at the **Synagogue in Salisbury Road** where we will hold an Interfaith Peace Service and meal starting approximately 4:15pm.’ This family-friendly event is **open to all** and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.’

Monday 29 May - 2.30pm in St John's - Mass with Anointing. (The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation after Mass). All are welcome to the Hall for tea and cakes afterwards. For further information contact Maria Igoe (669 0247) after Tuesday.

Tuesday 30 May - 7.00pm - St Mary Magdalene’s – CONFIRMATION with Archbishop Cushley.

Wednesday 31 May – Annual DAY FOR LIFE (more details next week)

Thursday 1 June - 7.00 pm - St Mary Magdalene’s - Reconciliation Service for ALL P4 ‘Do This’ children, followed by Rehearsal for children celebrating their First Communion at St Mary Magdalene’s on Sunday 4th June 2017

Saturday 3rd June - 10am - St John the Evangelist - Cluster Mass

Sunday 4 June

11.15 am - **St Mary Magdalene’s - First Holy Communion**


7pm – St John’s Hall - **An Invitation to the Participants of the November 2016 Retreat in Daily Life to meet on Pentecost Sunday to reflect together on the experience six months - and to look at possible future initiatives...**

Wednesday 7th June 2017 - 7.00 pm - St John’s - Rehearsal for First Communion Mass on Sunday 11th June.

Sunday 11th June 2017 –

9.30 am - **St John’s - First Holy Communion**

St Margaret Pilgrimage, Dunfermline (see back of church for further details).

Wednesday 14 June - St John’s - Justice & Peace and Cluster Event – Fight the Famine - Piano Recital - concert in St John’s with Father Elephtherios Koumasidis from Agistri, Greece, with the school choir of St Mary’s Leith. Put the date in your diary (See ‘Noticeboard below for further details....’) 

Sunday 25 June

11.15 am - **St Mary Magdalene’s - P4 Mass of Thanksgiving + Prayer Partner Celebration in hall.**

3-7 July – Madras College, Kilrymont Road, St Andrews, - New Dawn in Scotland Catholic Pilgrimage Conference with Annual Rosary Procession and Open Air Mass – see noticeboard for further details.

Monday 24-Friday 29 July – 9am-12.45pm - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church and St Mark’s - Guardians of Ancora - Portobello Ecumenical Holiday Club 2017

You can send Michelle Brown a provincial booking reservation at portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com

Our parishes' representative for the Holiday Club is Lynda Kazimoglu. For more information, email her on lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk

NOTICEBOARD

Grant Sellar writes: CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14 – 20 May 2017.

'The Ecumenical Service and Concert to mark the launch of Christian Aid Week in Portobello was held in St Mark's Church on Sunday 14th May. An extremely enjoyable and reflective evening raised a fantastic £792.49, which with Gift Aid, gives a donation totalling £902.31 to Christian Aid. Christian Aid Week envelopes will be available in both Churches this weekend for anyone wishing to make a donation. Please return envelopes either in the collection plate or in the Post Boxes in the Churches. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of Christian Aid to alleviate poverty and hardship in the world today. Many thanks again.'



Justice & Peace and Cluster Event – Fight the Famine - St John's – 7pm - 14 June

Jennifer Morris writes: 'Father Elephtherios, a Greek Orthodox priest and renowned classical pianist is passing through Edinburgh on his way to a recital in Alnmouth and has offered to play for us to raise money for a good cause. The Choir of St Mary's School in Leith have kindly agreed to join him for a musical evening at St John's.

The event is free and there will be light refreshments. However we hope people will donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee's latest appeal to help the 16 million people starving in East Africa. It should be a great evening in support of a great cause so please come along.'

Would you like to support couples as they prepare for married life?

Sally McElroy, the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Co-Ordinator, **writes:** 'Are you friendly and able to put others at their ease, and good at getting other people to talk about themselves? There are a few places still available for either individuals or married couples on the Prepare/Enrich facilitators training

As part of their marriage preparation, engaged couples in the Archdiocese take part in Prepare/Enrich, a well-researched and recommended relationship programme. Prepare/Enrich uses an on line questionnaire to enable the couple to look closely at their relationship, especially how they communicate, make decisions and manage conflict. The couple then meet with a trained facilitator who helps them get the most from the experience. **The next facilitator's training takes place on Sunday 11th June 2017** from 10am till 4pm at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. For further details by email please contact: Sally McElroy sally.mcelroy@staned.org.uk or by phone on 07979142905.

Bernard Aspinwall Memorial Bursary 2017 – 'Applications from scholars and postgraduate students are invited for the Bernard Aspinwall Memorial Bursary, which is supported by the Scottish Catholic Association. The bursary or bursaries will be awarded (of between £100 and £250) for research trips and/or publication expenses for projects on any aspect of Scottish Catholic History. **Deadline: 31st May 2017.** (See noticeboards for further details)



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.

Health Focus Week – Whole School Sports Day - This year we brought together 'Active' and 'Included' Health and Wellbeing indicators in our first ever Whole School Sports Day. Every pupil and staff member in school was encouraged to take part in the active events out on the sports field throughout the day. The finals of the athletics events 800m, 400, 200, and 60m were particularly exciting! We were blessed with sunshine which helped us all enjoy and appreciate the day.

As part of **Digital Learning Week** pupils were asked to search for the HWB Indicators in Pokémon form around the school and count their steps with the use of technology. A very motivational opportunity for all.....

Primary Pupil Council Event - Our Cluster Primary P6 and P7 Pupil Councillors came to Holy Rood share their ideas on 'Serving the Common Good'. A very productive afternoon and pupils excited to be thinking about their transition to Holy Rood.

Nuffield Research Placement Scheme - Congratulations to Laura Spence in S5 who has been accepted onto the prestigious Nuffield Research Placement Scheme. **This is a great achievement.**

The SQA exams have 2 weeks left to run, please support these pupils by remembering them in your prayers.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-as-art-art-on-film-myself-tickets-33239563429> '

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: **Bill Hunter***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Brendan Boyle, Harry McKenna.***

St John's :

May 20:- Margaret Macmillan (2008); Fr.Norman Cooper (1996); May 21:- Lindsay Gordon (2013); Catherine Brock (2009); Mary Meagher ; Patrick O'Flaherty; May 22:- Harry McKenna (1988); *Archbishop Andrew J Macdonald (1950)*; May 23:- Alice Holligan (1929); May 24:- John Birrell (2000); Frank Gaffney; May 25:- Maureen Leitch (2009); Dorothy Flynn (1988); Mary Foley (1992); May 26:- Maureen Anne McElroy (2003); Charles McLauchlan Sen.(1969); Jane Clarke (1957);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

May 22:- Fraser R Morrison (1993); May 23:- Mary Pelosi (1992); May 25:- John Laughlin (2000); Mary Hunter (1967); May 26:- Michael Rooney (1994);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Patricia Davies, Anna Butler, Mary Phillips, Josie Martin, Joan Howie, Gerry Wynne, James Sangster, Mary Glancy, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Bob Crabbe, Mary Phair, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Tricia Davies, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, 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: 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: Philys Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Gordon Campbell, Sr May Lewis, Thomas Welsh, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, 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, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections for 14 May	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£372.98 (inc £193.50 gift aid)	£822.57 (inc £274.41 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Both congratulations and condolences to Clive Davis...50 years ago, last Wednesday, 17 May, he and Liz married at St John Vianney's. Very sadly, Liz died last year.....Clive will recall the day, and their five decades of shared love, when he speaks at the end of Mass this Sunday.

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
21 May	John Kelly and Willie Montgomery	Jim Gallagher
28 May	Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick	John Kelly

Next Sunday, 28 May is World Communications Day when there will be a second collection.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Vigil 27 May J Roarty, M Reilly, J Martin **Sunday 28 May** T Burgess, A Dixon, A Tanzi, L Dick, L Young

We are looking for new readers at the Vigil Mass and the 9.30am Sunday morning Masses. Please Contact Siobhan Sellar (Vigil) or David Connarty (9.30) – or Fr Jock – if you are open to serving the community in this way...

Maria Igoe writes: 'The Legion of Mary Thanksgiving Day will take place at Carfin Grotto, Motherwell, on Sunday 28 May. We will leave St John's at 12 noon and return by 7pm. If you wish to go, please contact me - 669 0247.'

The next **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting is at 7.45pm on Wednesday 31 May.

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 20 May	10am:- Mass – Mgr Eugene Harley 10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 21 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Brendan Boyle	11.15am: Mass – Fay Dignan
Monday 22 May	10.00am:- Mass – Jane Murray NB No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday	
Tuesday 23 May	10.00am:- Requiem Mass – Bill Hunter	
Wednesday 24 May	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25-55 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Harry McKenna
Thursday 25 May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	10.00am: - Mass (with St John's Primary school') - SI	7.00pm: Mass - Anne-Louise Dalrymple
Friday 26 May Memorial of St Philip Neri	9.25-55am: - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10am:- Mass – Molly Brogan	
Saturday 27 May	10am:- Mass – Ina McNama 10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 28 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Linda Wisbach	11.15am: Mass – Perma Mega and the Tibetan children