

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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33rd Sunday of the Year – 19 November 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 or a member of the Parish Team..



This Sunday is the first World Day of the Poor, as indicated by Pope Francis last year at the end of the Year of Mercy. Please see the handout that accompanies this newsletter. It complements our other handout this week – the text of the three presentations at last week's Sunday Masses on our Legho Sunday – by Linda McGhee, Sheila Tansey and Bethany Burgess.

An Advent Initiative by Archbishop Leo

'During the three Fridays of Advent this year, I would like to start an initiative in the Archdiocese which aims to engage the young people entrusted to our care and to bring them into a closer relationship with the Lord. Inspired by St John Paul II's vision for World Youth Day, this new initiative is based on relationships, namely, for us to get to know our young people and help them get to know other young Catholics, which eventually should lead to a deepened and sustained relationship with Christ. I would like, therefore, to ask our young people, aged 16-29, to the Cathedral each Friday in Advent (8, 15 and 22 December) at 7pm for a period of catechesis prepared and delivered by me, followed by a short time of prayer, and a period of socialising afterwards in the hall.'

THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 November

9.30am – St John's – Mass with Baptism of Estera Jamieson

1pm (leaving St John's) - **Trip to the Cistercian Monastery at Nunraw**

Monday 21 November

7pm-9pm – Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – Ways of Praying (Evening 3)

*'This is an ecumenical course that has emerged from the invitation of PACT (the Portobello and Area Christians Together) to help deepen its members' experience of prayer – remember, no previous retreat experience is necessary and **you do not need to have come to the first two evenings** – on both of which nearly forty people attended. Alison Moody and Bernadette Campbell are guiding the evenings; they are facilitators in the Ignatian tradition, working at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow and within the Epiphany Group, Scotland'*

Tuesday 21 November

10am - St John's - **Requiem Mass for Benny McLeish.**

7pm – Parish House – **Justice and Group meeting.**

7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church - **Meeting of the Edinburgh Newman Circle** - Lord James Drummond Young will speak on "**Splits, Schisms and Seceders**"- **the story of Presbyterian Church Government in Scotland** – 'All are warmly welcome to come along. A small donation is requested.'

Friday 24 November – St Ninian's/Cluster Youth Group Bowling Night - meeting at Fountain Bridge Bowling Alley at 5.15pm (cost - £5) A new youth group in the Cluster for 16+'s – if interested contact Des Brogan (des@mercattours.com).

Saturday 25 November – 6pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Mass for Young Adults on the feast of Christ the King** followed by a celebration in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 26 November – ‘Name Tag Sunday’

9.30am – St John’s - Do This in Memory of Me Mass with Baptism of Alba Margaret Quinn.

9.30 am / after mass - St John’s Church and Hall – **Prayer Partners meet the young people who are making their First Holy Communion in June 2018.**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – P3/Children’s Mass with baptism of Emma Boyle.

7pm – St Mary Magdalene Hall – Open Parish Meeting.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Friday 1 December – 7pm – St John’s Church Hall – Twende Pamoja Evening Sale of Quality Clothes & Accessories for the Winter Season.

Saturday 2 December – St John’s - Baptism of Oonagh and Evie Fraser and Archie Moyes.

Sunday 3 December – First Sunday of Advent – ‘Nametag and Sit in another Seat Sunday’!

3pm – St Andrew’s Square Gardens East – Blessing of Christmas Nativity Scene by Archbishop Cushley.

Monday 4 December – 5-8pm — Holy Rood High School - Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6 December – 10am – St John the Evangelist Church – Mass celebrating the 130th Anniversary of St John’s Primary school.

Friday 8 (and 15 and 22) December – 7pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – An Advent evening for Young People (16-29 year olds) with Archbishop Leo.

Saturday 13th January - beginning with Mass at 12 noon - Broxburn - The Legion of Mary Reunion.

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock sets off on Sunday afternoon to the founding L’Arche community at Trosly-Breuil in Northern France for five nights **for his annual retreat**. (Jean Vanier still lives there – but is recovering from a recent slight heart attack – please pray for him). He returns on Friday via the funeral in Cambridge of his mother’s 99 year old half-sister, Cynthia. **Fr Andrew Monaghan** will kindly be covering the weekday Masses next week.

During the winter months, St John’s will continue to open at 9.00am – but will now close at 4.30pm....



A Twende Pamoja Evening Sale of Quality Clothes and Accessories for the Winter Season on Friday, 1 December from 7.00pm onwards. St John’s Church Hall, Brighton Place, - Entry £3, which includes refreshments. Raffle tickets to purchase on the night.



Barbara Service, Head of St John’s Primary, writes: ‘St John’s RC Primary will celebrate 130 years at a special 10 am Mass on Wednesday 6 December in St John the Evangelist Parish Church . All families and parishioners who have any connection with our school are warmly invited to attend .’

A message from the Justice and Peace Group: ‘Mary’s Meals - Double the Love! Every donation you make to Mary’s Meals will be doubled until 31 December 2017, thanks to three amazing donors. So, to get real value for money, go to www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/double-the-love/ to donate!’

Jim Roarty writes: ‘An appeal from Bethany Christian Trust: Bethany is very short of single beds at the moment so if you happen to have a good quality bed you can spare for someone that doesn’t have one, your donation would be gratefully received. To arrange an uplift, please call 0131 561 8903. Beds are given along with other items of furniture to people who have moved into new tenancies and don’t have the resources to furnish the place themselves.



A THANK YOU FROM FRESH START...AND A REQUEST: ‘COOKERS FOR CHRISTMAS’

Paul Bevan writes: "A big Thank You again to those in the parishes who have very kindly kept up donations of much needed household items. Think for a moment – you have no cooker and you cannot cook yourself or your family a hot meal. Fresh Start can provide a recycled cooker to our clients so they can cook a meal in their new home. When we receive donated cookers, our Trainees and Electrical Team clean them, check them for safety and ensure they are operational. They then help with the delivery and installation to our client’s home. Our *Cookers for Christmas Appeal *is an annual appeal we make in the months leading up to Christmas when we also ask for donations of money to help fund this Service. Imagine being homeless and losing all of your possessions. Then you are offered the tenancy of a flat, a glimmer of hope, an opportunity to start again. But you have nothing – no pots & pans, no cutlery, no bedding, no towels – the list seems endless. Where do you begin?

We are looking for items for our Starter Packs - in particular need of Pots & Pans, Crockery - plates & bowls, and light bulbs. Thank you! We appreciate all the donations we receive, but we would ask if you are donating any sharp objects, such as knives, and glass, can you please ensure they are wrapped appropriately in order to prevent any accidents when they are being unpacked. I am still able to collect larger items from people's homes if they need this service, and shall continue to clear anything left at the back of St. John's to deliver to Fresh Start, as I work very close to their premises. My tel. no. is 0131 653 0373 and mobile 07784490155.'

PRAYER PARTNERS:

Arlene Lauder writes: 'Thank you again to those of you who have volunteered to be a Prayer Partner with one of our 31 young people making their First Holy Communion in June 2018. There is an opportunity to meet 'your' young person after Mass next Sunday 26 November - which is not only the Feast of Christ the King but 'Name Tag Sunday' too! There will be tea, coffee and goodies in the hall after 9.30 am Mass at St John's. Please feel warmly invited. If you have any questions about this, please contact me on 07950880833.'



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.

- S2 Pupils accepted their John Muir Award certificates in Assembly this week.
- S4 pupils enjoyed watching the Scotland V Samoa Game at Murrayfield with Mr Dixon who leads the After-School Rugby Club and Lauren Millar (Active Schools Coordinator)
- Well done to all pupils participating in the Micro-Tyco challenge. We are 15 days in and the pupils have raised £380 for less fortunate entrepreneurs and their businesses. Our pupils have thought of lots of innovative ways to sell their products within our school and their communities. Thank you to Edinburgh Art Fair (EAF) who have donated a generous £100 to our the pupils. 15 days to go!
- Our School Captians attended the DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) Regional Conference at Murrayfield when they had the opportunity to share their ideas and network.
- Congratulations to Miss McNamee (Curricular Leader of Design, Engineering & Technology) who was awarded her Masters in Education Leadership.
- You are warmly invited to our Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair on **Mon 4 December 5-8pm**. The evening will include wonderful musical performances by our pupils and an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping - high quality gifts on sale from local crafters, teachers and also Christmas gifts made by pupils at the DET lunch time club.. Entry price £2 (children free). Proceeds to our advent charity and school funds.

Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Cynthia Postan, Domenico Fertini

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sally Stone, Jude Payne, Hugh Campbell O'Neill

St John's :

Nov. 18:- Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn; Nov. 19:- James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn ; Nov. 20:- Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); Nov. 21:- Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell; Nov. 22:- Mary R Stewart (2006); Patrick Loftus (1985); Daniel Holligan (1922); Fred Aitken; Mr & Mrs Donlevy; Mary Greig; Nov. 23:- John McGrory (1997); William McPartlin (1997); Rose Ann Kane (1989); Thomas McFadyen; Nov. 24:- Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Nov. 19:- John Murphy (1967); Nov. 21:- Mrs. Durkin (1974); Nov. 23:- Annie Fitzsimons (1999);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Ronnie Smith, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Elizabeth Elton, Mary Salvona; Philip Jamieson, Ronnie Smith, Matthew Harvey, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Denise O'Donnell, 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, Cathy McGravie, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: 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: Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Sr Monica Delaney, Joanne Cooper, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Ian Petrie, John Moore, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, baby Summer Martin, 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 17), 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.

Offertory Collections for

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£325.92 (inc £63.00 gift aid)

£797.39 (inc £339.80 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

Bidding Prayers

19 November

Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick

Jim Gallagher

26 November

P3 mass

There is our second Open Parish Meeting of the year on Sunday 26 November at 7pm – followed by Cheese and Wine (and other goodies, including Rob Moyes' Tablet!) – ALL WELCOME

Warm birthday greetings to Agnes Harvey, 90 last Sunday, 12 November.



Our altar servers, Martha and Zusanna, write: 'We are having a sale of cakes after Mass on Sunday 26 November to help pay for the painting of the room in which we change....please support us'.



There might be a special collection taken up at all masses next week in aid of the Pastoral Formation Fund – but this needs to be confirmed, given the closure of the diocesan Pastoral Resources Department on 30 November.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 25 November G Sellar, B Tansey,
J Plews

Sunday 26 November T Burgess, P Glancy, L Moran, C Volpe,
J Rynn

Warm birthday greetings to Lynn Hunter, 60 last Thursday 16 November.

Maria Igoe writes: 'The next trip to the Cistercian Monastery at Nunraw will be today, Sunday 19 November, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to come please phone me on 669 0247.'



Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries and Candles (including Pro-Life candles) are on sale at the Church Stall. The Stall is open every day during Mass. Please feel free to serve yourself, if there is no-one on duty, and leave the money in the basket. Whoever is locking the Stall will look after the money in the basket. Please support our Stall because all the profits go to the Parish.



The Legion of Mary Reunion will take place in Broxburn on Saturday 13 January, beginning with Mass at 12 noon and followed with a 3 course meal and entertainment. The cost has yet to be decided, but all who have been before know that the catering is excellent and the cost is very low. Numbers are required now, so if you wish to go, please contact me on 669 0247.



There has been an excellent response to the request for donations for Mary's Meals Backpacks, so much so that we earned a notification in a Newsletter in Dundee, where the Backpacks are assembled. It is suggested that this month we donate towels and spoons. The towels do not need to be new and bath towels will be cut and sewn in Dundee. The spoons can be any size and are used to eat the meal provided for the children.'



Jim Roarty writes: 'A message from the J&P group: **Fairtrade:** There will be a Fairtrade stall at St John's on the weekends 2/3 and 9/10 December - your opportunity to get your Advent calendar, Christmas cards and other Fairtrade goodies.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 18 November	10.00am:- Mass – Mary and Andrew Smart 6.30pm:- Mass: - People of the Parish	
Sunday 19 November 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Michael Richards	11.15am:- Mass – John Steward
Monday 20 November	10.00am:- Mass – Sally Stone 7-8pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 21 November Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Benny McLeish	
Wednesday 22 November Memorial of St Cecilia	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Madge Ward
Thursday 23 November	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Con McConville
Friday 24 November Memorial of St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Marguerite Marlatt	
Saturday 25 November	10.00am:- Mass – Tom Kelly 6.30pm:- Mass: - Deceased Members of the Paterson family	
Sunday 26 November SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9.30am:- Mass – Frances Allan	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

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