

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 26 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 and next Sunday are both Nametag Sundays – offering a chance to put a name to that face you've known for weeks/months/years....next Sunday is also 'Sit In Another Seat Sunday' – so that you're seeing new faces and learning new names!

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY - among the events and initiatives are:



The PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – 5pm – St John's - next Sunday 3 December.

Please come along, welcome, sing and prepare for Christmas with our fellow Christians of all denominations – and support Christian Aid with a leaving collection too...



CLUSTER ADVENT RETREAT - 11am-3.30pm - Saturday 9 December

St Catherine's Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Gardens. **A quiet time for the parishioners of our five parishes** (St Teresa's, St Ninan's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Mary, Star of the Sea and St John's) to help us prepare for Christmas....**led by Fr Martin Moran OMI (Parish Priest of St Mary's)**...Recommended (voluntary) donation - £5....Tea and Coffee provided by the Sisters of Mercy (from 10.30am) – Bring your own lunch to share. **Please sign up on the list at the back of your Church (letting us know if you need transport.)** For those unable to come on that day, all members of the cluster are welcome at an Advent morning retreat (10am-1pm), also led by Fr Martin, at St Ninian's the following Saturday, 16 December.

An Advent Initiative by Archbishop Leo For Youthful (16-29yr old!) Catholics

'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 Tuesday, 28 November, at 7pm in the Parish House there is a LEGHO

Renewal Group Meeting – as we seek to follow up our Legho weekend....anyone interested in exploring how we develop our links, please come along (and if you can't, still make contact with Tracy Burgess of Fr Jock).

This Wednesday sees a new Baptismal Preparation Course begin – with the first of two evenings – 7.30pm in the Parish House. Please make contact with Fr Jock if you'd like to register for it. (The second evening is the following Wednesday, 6 December.)

THIS WEEK

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.

Monday 27 November

7-9pm - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – Ways of Praying (Evening 4)

‘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 previous evenings.**

Tuesday 28 November

7pm – Parish House – Meeting of the LEGHO Renewal Group – all welcome to join...

(and 5, 12 & 19 December) – 7pm – St Mary’s Star of the Sea Leith – Taize Prayer.

Wednesday 29 November

7.30pm – Parish House - Baptism Preparation Course Evening 1.

Thursday 30 November – FEAST OF ST ANDREW

10am – St John’s – Mass

12.45pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – Mass with Archbishop Cushley – followed by the blessing of the people with the relics of St Andrew.

6.30pm – Parish House – St John’s Fabric Committee Meeting

7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – Mass

7.45pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – Meeting of the Eucharistic Ministers’ of both parishes.

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

Saturday 2 December

10am – 1pm – St John’s Hall – Pamoja Fashion

1pm – St John’s - Baptism of Oonagh and Evie Fraser and Archie Moyes.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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.

5pm – St John’s – PACT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (with a collection for Christian Aid)

....followed by Inter-Church Youth Group Meeting.

Monday 4 December

5-8pm - Holy Rood High School - Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 5 December - 7.30 pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ - Newman Society Meeting - Professor Stefano Cracolici, University of Durham, will speak on ‘Nativity Scenes: tableaux vivants.’ ‘We ask a small donation to cover our costs’.

Wednesday 6 December

10am - St John the Evangelist Church – Mass celebrating the 130th Anniversary of St John’s Primary School.

7.30pm - Parish House - Baptism Preparation Course Evening 2

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.

NOTICEBOARD

The Parishes' Ceilidh:

Catherine McAnenny writes: 'A huge thank you to everyone that attended the parish ceilidh, bought raffle tickets, or made donations. We had a great night's craic and managed to raise over £1600 for the parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society: this will go to directly helping individuals & families within our community. We also managed to give support to the homeless cooking via Bethany which was most welcome. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this event such a great success'and **THANK YOU to Catherine for masterminding and co-ordinating it all with energy and aplomb!**



New Church Artwork – in St John's from where it will move to St Mary Magdalene's:



Lynda Kazimoglu writes: 'You may well have noticed a new addition to St John's a fortnight ago. The large willow sculpture to the front of the church shop (temporarily) was produced this summer at the children's Guardians of Ancora holiday club. Around 100 children attended his year from a variety of churches in the Portobello area including St John's, St Mary Magdalene's, PJPC, Portobello Baptist and St Mark's. All 100 children had a hand in creating the sculpture which has now arrived after visiting PJPC and Portobello Baptist churches. The children had great fun taking part in its creation and it has been the centre piece of several church celebrations since. Though it has suffered some weather beating on its travels, it is still going strong.

St John's will provide a home for this artwork until it continues its journey onwards to St Mary Magdalene's. We hope that in the meantime you will find the time to take a look, maybe a photo and share the results of the children's hard work. If you'd like to give the children feedback please feel free to email me as our churches' representative for the club, at lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk

The club will run again for one week in July 2018. If you'd like more details, or to provisionally note interest in your child attending, please contact me. '



A Twende Pamoja Evening Sale of Quality Clothes and Accessories for the Winter Season will take place on **Friday 1 December from 7.00pm** onwards in St John's Church Hall, Brighton Place, - Entry £3, which includes refreshments. Raffle tickets to purchase on the night. The sale will continue on Saturday 2 December.



The Blessing of the Nativity Scene and Carol Service in St Andrew's Square – 3pm – Sunday 3 December

Sir Tom Farmer writes: 'Once again, I am pleased to invite you to the unveiling of the Edinburgh Nativity Scene on Sunday 3 December 2017 at 3pm. We are returning to St Andrew's Square Gardens on the east side of George Street, Edinburgh to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Archbishop Cushley is Blessing the Nativity Scene. This popular event brings together people from all denominations and will include carol singing led by the Origin Scotland Gospel Choir and of course everyone who comes along joins in for the launch of the Advent Christmas Calendar. This is the 15th year we have held this service and we will be joined by Bishop John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh Episcopal Diocese, Reverend Colin Sinclair, Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery, The Reverend Andrew Gregg, City Centre Workplace Chaplain, Reverend Rosie Addis, Albany Church for the Deaf and Rt Hon Frank Ross, Lord Provost of Edinburgh – all will join together in prayer and a blessing.'



Barbara Service, Head of St John's Primary, writes: 'St John's Primary School 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.'

An Irish Choir at St Pat's

Mgr Philip Kerr writes: 'A concert is being performed on Saturday 9 December at 7.30 pm at St Patrick's, Cowgate. The Broadford Youth Choir from County Limerick are visiting Edinburgh for the weekend and will offer this concert of seasonal and Irish music. The proceeds will be added to the fund for restoring the art work in the Runciman Apse which was part of the original church opened in 1774. The choir will also be singing at 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10 December.'



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.'

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.

- Candice Tirona and Maheen Imran have both gained bronze awards in the UKMT (Maths) Senior Challenge - an outstanding achievement.
- S3 and S4 pupils attended a special showing of 'Murder on the Orient Express' as part of their Media Studies course.
- 8 S6 pupils represented the school at the Interfaith Conference in Trinity Academy.
- Auditions are underway for Holy Rood's Got Talent – our annual talent competition which takes place on the last day of term.
- You are warmly invited to our Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair on **Mon 4th 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. Flyers at the back of the church.

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

PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Colin Phair, Willie Vidler***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Willie Robertson, Basil Juska, Canon Raymond Fitzpatrick***

St John's :

Nov. 25:- Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connelly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945);
Nov. 26:- Michael McFadyen (1995); Charles Conlon (1989); Norah Lawler (1968); Maria Teresa D'Arcy; Nov. 27:- Jean Melrose (1993); Francis Bell (1991); Joseph Mullan (1978); Margaret Brennan (1948); Nov. 28:- William McGill (1990); Margaret Knowles (1960); Michael Murphy (1945); Angelo J Scott (1937); Winifred Greenan; Nov. 29:- Margaret M Freeman (2012); Catherine [Rena] Begg (2010); Margaret Philips (1989); James Magee (1976); Henry McKenna; Nov. 30:- Grace Knowles (1990); Helen McKinnon (1989); Alfred Reading (1957); Connelly Family; Dec.1:- Catherine Gannon (1991); Margaret Davie; Frank Rafferty; Joseph & Catherine Smith; Robert Watson;

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Nov. 25:- Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982); Nov. 28:- Iris Beattie (1980); Nov. 30:- Basil Juska (2015);
Dec. 1 :- William Robertson (2016);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Denise O'Donnell Ronnie Smith, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Elizabeth Elton, Mary Salvona; 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, 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, 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

£275.70 (inc £105.90 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

£748.21 (inc £329.04 gift aid)

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

26 November
3 December

Tessa Haring & Sam Henry

P3 mass

Bidding Prayers

Jean Douglas

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



Our altar servers, Martha and Zusanna, write: 'We are having a sale of cakes after Mass today Sunday 26 November for Mary's Meals....please support us'.



There is NO special collection today – it was to be in aid of the Pastoral Formation Fund – but with the closure of the diocesan Pastoral Resources Department on 30 November, it will not be taken up.



Seniors Christmas Dinner Party – Thursday 7 December – 1pm-4pm in St John's Church Hall. Please add your name on the list at the back of the church. Also if you require transport, please add your name on the list or telephone Gena on 661 1311....



'.....**Drivers are required both to pick up Seniors** for the Christmas Party on Thursday 7 December at 12.30pm or to take them home at 4pm. Please add your name on the list at the back of the church or telephone Gena on 661 1311. Thank you.'

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 2 December P Hunter, B Kelly,
V Knowles

Sunday 3 December B Gallagher, A Dixon, A Tanzi,
E White, E Buckley



OPEN CHURCH – Saturday 2 December 10.30 am – 1pm

Would-be welcomers are requested to please add their names to the list at the back of the Church.



Catherine Tough writes: 'Huge thanks for the very generous contribution of £120 from the Coffee Morning towards my building trip to Kenya. With your support I raised £9188 which funded the building materials for two houses and a series of educational seminars. Special thanks must go to Maria Igoe for organising the coffee morning. The founders of the Gathimba Edwards Foundation have asked me to pass on their thanks too. With my thanks and very best wishes.'



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.'



Maria Igoe writes: '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 hand in the money to the Parish House. 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.'



Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25 November	10.00am:- Mass SI 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
Monday 27 November	10.00am:- Mass – Michael Richards 7-8pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 28 November	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Finnigan Jones
Wednesday 29 November	10.00am:- Mass: - Hugh McGrattan	
Thursday 30 November SOLEMNITY OF ST ANDREW	10.00am:- Mass: - Andrew Keogh	7.00pm:- Mass – Basil Juska
Friday 1 December	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Gerry Wynne	
Saturday 2 December	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service 6.30pm:- Mass: - Canon Raymond Fitzpatrick	
Sunday 3 December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am:- Mass – Bill Hunter & deceased members of the Hunter & Williamson families	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

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