

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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*26th Sunday of the Year – 1 October 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.



**A Warm Welcome to Fr Declan McNaughton of the Columban Fathers, celebrating the Sunday Masses this weekend and making the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of his Order.....and also to Fr Loreto Tabone** who arrives from Gozo to take up residence in the Parish House on Sunday, and will be with us till Fr Jock returns (after which he moves on to another of his former parishes, Broxburn, to supply for ten days there).

Many thanks to them both, and to **Canon Andrew Monaghan** who covered last week's Masses.

## LEGHO BECOMES A PARISH THIS THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER

**This Thursday, Legho will become a full Parish**, rather than an Outstation with a visiting priest. This comes at the end of a long journey, which has taken over 50 years. To become a parish the Small Christian Communities have had to build a Church and Parish House and show that they can support a full time resident Parish Priest – which they have now done.

**Mike Knox** sets off this Monday for six months in Tanzania and will represent St John's (and St Mary Magdalene's – with the strong connection via St John's Primary School) at the Celebration, give the greetings of our community here and **present the Processional Cross**, which was blessed at last Sunday's St John's Masses, to the new parish. **Our prayers, good wishes and gratitude go with him.**

## THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 30 September – at 10.30am in the St Mary Magdalene's Hall – the monthly COFFEE MORNING** - Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers. ALL WELCOME.

**Saturday/Sunday 30 September/1 October – Annual Mission Appeal – this year from Fr Declan McNaughton the Columban Fathers.**

**Saturday 7 October – 10.00am – 1.00pm – St John's Hall – Twende Pamoja Fashion Sale**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

**Monday 9 October – after 10am Mass - St John's Hall - Charity Coffee Morning.** 'Donations will be given to a Charity building houses for homeless families in Kenya. Please come along'.

6pm – Parish House – **Meeting to explore ways to support our Parishioners with Learning Difficulties.**

**Friday 13 October 10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina – Praying the Gospel** All Welcome.

**Saturday 28 October – 7.45pm (after Evening Mass) – St John's Hall - Party to launch and celebrate the publication of 94 year old St John's parishioner Elizabeth Elton's autobiography – ALL WELCOME.**

**Friday 3 November - 7.30pm – Jewel Miners Club – Joint Parish Ceilidh – Tickets now on sale...**

**Monday 4 December - 6pm — Holy Rood High School - Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair.**

## **NOTICEBOARD**



### **A New Initiative Seeking to Support our Parishioners with Learning Difficulties**

**Jeremy Devlin-Thorp writes:** 'Father Jock has initiated a new project to focus on people in the two parishes with learning disabilities, to ensure that they feel fully involved and included in parish activities in ways that they want to. (Outreach to people with learning disabilities was one of the areas that was agreed as one of the priorities for the coming months at a St John's Pastoral Council Planning Day earlier in the year.)

**A small group is being set up to look at how we might develop this and is meeting at 6.00pm in the Parish House on Monday 9 October.** If anybody would be interested in joining this group, please contact me on 07900 278043 or Catrina McGillvray on 07833 642667. We would be particularly interested in hearing from anybody who has experience in this area, from family circumstances or professional or voluntary work.'

### **A Pastoral Care Course – at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow**

'This course will run from 8 November – 13 December (6 Wednesdays) plus 4 & 18 November (2 Saturdays). This programme is aimed for those who visit others in whatever capacity: Hospital, University or School Chaplaincies, Home visitors, Eucharistic Ministers etc. The topics covered include:

- Listening Skills
- Facing loss and mental illness
- Practice of Spiritual Conversation
- Making Life Choices

The course will be held by Dr Catriona Fletcher and Fr David Birchall SJ.

The course includes two full-days on Saturday:

- 'Coping with loss and Bereavement' by Rev Ken Russell
- 'Coping with Mental Illness' with Dr Gill Yellowlees

Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott Street, Glasgow G3 6PE 0141 354 0077 [admin@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:admin@iscglasgow.co.uk). Within walking distance of Queen Street Central and Kings Cross Railway Stations, and Buchanan Street Bus Station.

[www.iscglasgow.co.uk](http://www.iscglasgow.co.uk)

If anyone is interested, please contact Chris Vinestock or Jennifer Morris, via the Parish House.

### **A Volunteering Opportunity – with Portobello Older People's Project**

'Portobello Older Peoples Project is a small lunch/social club that runs on a Tuesday and Wednesday and gives older people the chance to enjoy a meal and socialise with others. We are currently looking for some new volunteers to join our team on a Tuesday. In this post you will work as part of a team to welcome and chat to the older people, help set up for, and serve lunch & assist in the running of activities. At times you will also help on the bus that brings the older people to the club and home again at the end of the day. We are looking for people who are available between 9.30 a.m. & 3 p.m. on a Tuesday each week. To find out more, please contact: Rose White on: 07472646262'.

**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.

- ☉ S1 – S3 pupils were encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities at our first ever "Sign up in September" event. From Zoology to Quidditch, the list of over 40 clubs/activities available at lunch times and after school and the incredibly positive reaction from pupils, was overwhelming.
- ☉ S4 - 6 pupils can choose from over 35 extra-curricular opportunities including 12 Supported Study Clubs which offer pupils further support with subject content, homework and assignment tasks across a variety of subjects. **(More information on what's available on our school website).**
- ☉ Over 40 Physics pupils very much enjoyed experimental work and gained an invaluable insight into the Physics behind such real life situations during a full day trip to Alton Towers.
- ☉ European Day of Languages was celebrated in style as staff throughout the school greeted pupils in a European language, S1 pupils participated in Pétanque competitions and S2 completed European Treasure Hunt around the school.

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



**A message from the J&P Group:** 'What to do with your old glasses - recycle... If you've worn glasses for a few years, you've probably got a few pairs that have an old prescription. Those glasses don't need to be cluttering up your drawers – you can now recycle spectacles with Marie Curie who are supporting Lions Clubs International in recycling old glasses for people who need them in communities across Africa, India and Eastern Europe. All our shops will have boxes where spectacles can be dropped off for spectacle recycling. (Portobello shop on corner of High St and Bath Street)'

## **PARISH REGISTER**

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Frank O'Meara, Nancy Sinclair***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Lindsay Thomson***

### **St John's :**

Sept.30 :- Alan Ford (1997); Leo Walsh (1991); Alexander Holligan (1981); David Erskine ; Annie Hanlon; Sarah McLelland;  
 Oct.1:- Mary O'Brien (1943); John Creamer; Thomas O'Neill; Oct.2:- Anthony Iannarelli (2011);  
 Helena Hapke (2004); Pauline Tracy (1995); Elizabeth Calder (1990); Mrs Reid (1976); Sarah Stone (1944);  
 Oct.3:- Gladys Patterson (2011); George C Handren (2003); Theresa Thomson (2000); Louise Cunningham-Graham (1995);  
 Infant Nicora (1923); Oct.4:- Andrew Callachan (2015); Peter Carr (2001); Gerard Watters (1995); George Calder (1988); John  
 Coyne (1988); Michael Murphy (1955); Margaret Crawford; Oct.5:- Margaret A Wilson (2005); Lindsay Thomson (2003);  
 Jerry Kinane (1994); Leonard Stovin; Oct.6:- Mary Laurie (2007); Minnie McMullan (1984); Vincenza Leone (1982); Martha  
 Flynn (1966); Joan Cullen ; Mark Cunningham;

### **St. Mary Magdalene's :**

Oct.1:- John Creamer (1969); Oct.3:- James Healy (1993);




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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Matthew Harvey, Michael & 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, Giulio 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:** Barbara Cawley, 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:** 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, Thomas Welsh, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden (aged 17) Marguerite Marlatt, 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

<b>Offertory Collections for 24 September</b>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>	<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b>
	£257.95 (inc £.77.50 gift aid)	£810.43 (inc £241.90 gift aid)
Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund	£260.38	£509.31 (inc £126 gift aid)
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity</i></b>		

<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>		
	<b>Readers for Sunday</b>	<b>Bidding Prayers</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Jim Gallagher
8 October	Sam Henry & Tessa Haring	Kate Neilson
 <b>Saturday 30 September</b> – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church – <b>Coffee Morning</b> – Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers.		
 Congratulations to the 200 Club Winners for August and September August – no. 63 – Pat Marin - £25.00 September – no. 93 – Jean Douglas - £25.00 <b>If you are interested in joining the 200 Club,</b> please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.		



**Catherine McAnenny writes: 'The Joint Parish Ceilidh is fast approaching on Friday 3rd November – 7.30pm @ the Jewel Miners' club, music by the fantastic Flaming Nora band. Tickets are now on sale at £10 per ticket & this includes supper. Tickets can be bought from the Parish House Tues-Fri, 10am- 3pm. They will also be sold after all Sunday masses by Madge Moyes at St Mary Magdalene's & Catherine McAnenny at St John's. You can also contact Catherine on 07968970159. Numbers are limited to 200 & the tickets are already selling fast so get your ticket early so as not to be disappointed!!'**

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 7 October C Vinestock, V Paterson,  
M Spencer

Sunday 8 October

E White, L Young, B Gallagher,  
E Buckley, P Connarty

**Enrico Fertini, who arrived in Edinburgh from Northern Italy last autumn, with his wife Corinna, and three children, writes:** 'I would like to thank St John's Parish and parishioners for the past year..... It's almost been one year since we moved to Edinburgh ..you have welcomed us warmly and gently, and you let us feel part of a new family, helped by everyone of you in different ways including especially the St VDP Society's Mary and Geoff...THANK YOU ALL'



### **Maria Igoe writes:**

- 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 9th October after 10am Mass. Donations will be given to a Charity building houses for homeless families in Kenya. Please come along.
- October Devotions - During October the Rosary and Litany of Loretto will be said at Our Lady's Statue after Mass or Service from Monday to Thursday.
- EasyJet are now selling flights for next May. If you would like to go to Medjugorje, the dates for the trip are from Tuesday 15th to 29th May. You may wish to go for 7, 11 or 14 nights. Please book your flights and accommodation and transfers will be arranged for you. The cost including flights is £250 for 7 nights b&b sharing a room and £325 for a single room. For further details please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247 or email [mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk)



**Trip**

### **Community Picture**

**Many many thanks to Mike Knox** who has donated the very striking large picture in the Parish Hall to mark Legho becoming a Parish.

**Mike writes:** 'It is an original work by Paul Agola, a young self-taught artist, living in the area. It shows the life of a vibrant African community with each figure engaged in a different activity, but united and celebrating together.'



**A purse has recently been handed in** which was left in the church on either Saturday 26 or Sunday 27 August. If this belongs to you please contact the Office.

**A Request for Help Recording the Mass CD's for the Housebound: We are still looking for a couple more people** - to take over the recording, editing and CD production of the weekly

Sunday Mass to enable distribution to sick and housebound parishioners. To take on this role you need access to a PC or laptop with a CD/DVD drive. The full end to end process will take around 30 minutes – and if we manage to put together a rota of four volunteers that would only be once a month. Full training will be provided – it's also a great opportunity to learn new skills! If interested, please contact Father Jock or Chris Vinestock. **Many thanks to the first two volunteers.....**



### **Finding Happiness**

The beauty of human beings lies in their capacity to accept who they are, just as they are, not to live in a world of dreams or illusions, in anger or despair, wanting to be other than they are, or trying to run away from reality. They realize that they have the right to be themselves. And there, they discover that they are loved by God, that they are unique and important for God and that they can do things for others. We may not all be called to do great things that make the headlines, but we are all called to love and be loved, wherever we may be. We are called to be open and to grow in love and thus to communicate life to others, especially to those in need.

<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>		
	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Saturday 30 September</b> <b>Memorial of St Jerome</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b> <b>6.30pm:- Mass - Mary Philipps</b>	
<b>Sunday 1 October</b> 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<b>9.30am:- Mass – John Creamer</b>	<b>11.15am: - People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday 2 October</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Evelyn McPhee</b> <b>7-8pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3 October</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>6.25 -6.55pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7.00pm:- Mass – SI</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 October</b> <b>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 5 October</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b>
<b>Friday 6 October</b>	<b>9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Mass - Lindsay Thomson</b>	
<b>Saturday 7 October</b> <b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	<b>10.00am: - Mass</b> <b>6.30pm:- Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 8 October</b> 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	<b>9.30am:- Mass</b>	<b>11.15am:</b>

### **The Human Heart**

‘Love can never be static. A human heart is either progressing or regressing. If it is not becoming more open, it is closing and withering spiritually.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p.267

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