

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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30th Sunday of the Year – 29 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.



With this newsletter, there is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Leo Cushley, marking the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act on 27 October 1967.

THIS SATURDAY - 28 October - at 7.45pm (after Evening Mass) in St John's Hall - there is a Party to launch and celebrate the Publication of the Autobiography of one of the 2 parishes' most remarkable parishioners, 94 year old ELIZABETH ELTON from Switzerland ..All most welcome to toast the fulfilment of Elizabeth's long cherished dream!

THE FEASTS OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS occur this Wednesday, 1 November, and Thursday, 2 November. **All Saints is a Holyday of Obligation – and, particularly, Celebration** – as we recall all who have died whom we believe are with God – including our loved ones. And on All Souls we focus on praying for all who have died....

There will be Masses on Wednesday at 9.45am at St Mary Magdalene's and 7.30pm at St John's, and on Thursday at 10am at St John's and 7pm at St Mary Magdalene's.

The Joint Parish Ceilidh with Music by the fantastic Flaming Nora band.

– a Fundraiser for the work of our St Vincent de Paul Society - takes place this Friday

3 November at 7.30pm @ the Jewel Miners' club

'Tickets are still on sale at £10 per ticket & this includes supper. They can be bought from the Parish House Tues-Fri, 10am- 3pm, and 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 so get your ticket so as not to be disappointed!!'



OUR MAJOR AUTUMN INITIATIVE – Do you Struggle with Prayer? Would you like to try out some new ways of praying? Why not take up.....

.....An Invitation to Experience and Deepen our Ways of Praying – 7-9pm – the 4 Mondays of November – PJPC (Portobello and Joppa Parish Church)

Alison Moody and Bernadette Campbell write: 'Following up The Retreat in Daily Life of November 2016, in which 60 folk from Portobello and the surrounding area participated, we will be gathering to experience some different ways of praying that have come down through generations of Christian tradition. We shall explore one way of praying each evening between 7-9pm over four Mondays, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November. There will be some guidance offered, time in prayer and an opportunity to share with others about the experience.

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. *Alison Moody and Bernadette Campbell will guide the evenings; they are facilitators in the Ignatian tradition, working at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow and within the Epiphany Group, Scotland.*

This week – on Thursday at 7.45pm St Magdalene's after the All Souls evening Mass, Fr Jock will offer A Scripture Evening – 'Everything you always wanted to ask about the Bible but never had the chance...' – the evening will focus particularly on questions that emerged from the New Testament reading groups last Lent.



A Clothing Collection on behalf of Mary's Meals takes place in both St John's and St Mary Magdalene's **this week-end, 28/29 October**. 'You can assist us by donating any unwanted clothing (including belts/bags/shoes) or household textiles (including curtains/bedding) – BUT NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS. Recycling the textiles generates money to help feed hungry children. Last year, the clothing collections raised more than £175,00. A few bin bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year (£13.90). Our volunteers will also be selling raffle tickets after all the masses. Tickets cost £1 each.'

Memorial Masses: Thursday 9 November and Wednesday 15 November:



Our two November memorial masses will take place on Thursday 9 November in St John's and on Wednesday 15 November in St Mary Magdalene's, both at 7.00pm. **Please begin to place, in the box at the back of the Church, the names of those you would like remembered and read out.**

To ensure the Masses don't take too long the suggestion is that we limit each person to 6 names – the last of which might be – 'the Deceased Members and Relatives of the _____Family'.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 October -

10.30am-12.30pm - St Mary Magdalene's Hall – Monthly Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition.

1pm – St John's – Baptism of Harvey Connel-McCabe.

Sunday 29 October - 6pm – St Mark's – Inter-Church Youth group (P7 to S5) – for more information see Tanya and Eddie White or Fr Jock.

Monday 30th October -

2.30pm - St John's - Healing Mass with Anointing. 'The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Everyone is invited into the Hall for tea and home baking afterwards.'

7pm – St Mary Magdalene's – Meeting of P3 Parents in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

8pm – Parish House – Legho planning Group Meeting.

Tuesday 31st October – 10am-11.30am – St John's Hall – Baby & Toddlers Group – All Welcome

Wednesday 1 November – All Saints

Thursday 2 November – All Souls

7.45pm - St Mary Magdalene's Hall – Scripture Evening with Fr Jock ('Everything I always wanted to ask about the Bible but never got the chance....')

Friday 3 November

11am – Parish House – Pastoral Team Meeting

7.30pm – Jewel Miners Club – JOINT PARISH CEILIDH

7.30pm – Sacred Heart Church Main Hall, 28 Lauriston Street EH3 9DJ – Play by RISE Theatre - Romero: Heartbeat of El Salvador.

Saturday 4 November

9.30am (for 10am start)-4pm – Lauriston Hall, Lauriston Street - Conference hosted by the Vigil Group (see noticeboard for further details)

10.00am to 1.00pm – St John's Hall - Pamoja Fashion Sale

11am – Parish House – Meeting of 'Parish' P4 Candidates for First Communion

1.30pm – St Joseph's Care Home, 43 Gilmore Place – Christmas Fete - £1 entry (free tea & coffee). Bottle stall, tombola, home baking, face painting, cards, raffle, CDs, books, Guess the weight of the cake!, sausage and chips. All welcome.



2pm - St Mary's Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street EH6 6AW – Service of Prayer and Reflection: 'When one is Broken, the Body suffers' - 'for anyone who has experienced abuse, for anyone who have been affected and for anyone who wishes to show their concern and support for survivors and their families'(see Notice Board below).

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 6 November (and the Following 3 Monday Evenings) - 7-9pm - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church - 'Ways of Praying' – a course led by **Bernadette Campbell and Alison Moody**.

Tuesday 7 November – 11am – St John's - **Requiem Mass for Michael Richards**

Wednesday 8 November – 7.30pm – **Baptism Preparation Meeting 2**

Thursday 9 November – 7pm - St John's - **Memorial Mass**

Saturday 11 November

10.45am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina** – All Welcome

7.30pm – St Patrick's Parish Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh – **St Andrew Camerata** (Director – Vincent Wallace) '**I have loved flowers that fade ...**' – 'the music reflects recollection of the World Wars and an early celebration of the Feast of St Cecilia. The two contemporary Polish pieces will be complemented by poetry of Pope Saint John Paul II. Tickets £12'.

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 November– **St John's Legho weekend**

Sunday 12 November – 7pm – St John's Hall – **St John's OPEN PARISH MEETING.**

Wednesday 15 November – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Memorial Mass**

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 – 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.**

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

NOTICEBOARD

A PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI - 26 August-6 September 2018

Revd Tom Cuthell writes: 'For the past 27 years I, the Rev Tom Cuthell, formerly Minister of St Cuthbert's Parish Church at the West End, have led group pilgrimages to Assisi. Last year - 2016 - Fr Jock and I led a hugely successful ecumenical pilgrimage to Assisi. In so many different ways Catholic and Protestant shared a remarkable unity in Christ, and the sense of togetherness in the group was so tangible. This year - 2017 - two parishioners of St John's, Maureen Brogan and Jeremy Devlin-Thorp, were part of the group, and I think it would be true to say that their time in Assisi certainly lived up to their expectations, and perhaps may have surpassed them.

Assisi is truly a holy and blessed place where the veil between time and eternity is as thin as gossamer. The possibility of being ambushed by grace is very real. Few people spend time in Assisi without catching something of the spirit of St Francis, and without being infected, even in a very small degree by his love of God and his love of God's world. A key factor in the success of these holiday pilgrimages is where we live. The Sisters of Santa Brigida can only be described as 'angels of hospitality'. They lavish love and care on us in abundant measure. The food they serve is excellent. But what appeals most is the feeling that we have been welcomed into their home as honoured guests - so much so that we feel part of their family.

I am already planning Assisi 2018. The dates are 26th August to 6th September. It would be good if there was, again, an ecumenical dimension to the group - in other words, parishioners of St John's and St Mary Magdalene's signing up! I would be delighted to welcome you on board and have the opportunity of introducing you to 'the Assisi experience'. Why not have a chat with those who in 2016 and 2017 were captivated by 'the Assisi experience' - if only to whet your appetite?

At the present moment I am based in Rome, at St Andrew's Church of Scotland, serving as locum for three months. I can be contacted by email on:- tcuthell@gmail.com for further information. After December 4th I can also be contacted on:- 0131 476 3864. Blessings..'

A CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE VIGIL GROUP - 'A Holding Place – A shelter for Thought and Reflection' - Saturday 4 November – Lauriston Hall, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh EH3 9DJ

'9.30am coffee for 10am start until 4.00pm - The 3rd in a series of conferences hosted by the Vigil Group to encourage renewal in ourselves and in the Church. Tradition – Transition - Transformation. An opportunity for people to share and explore being church:

- Drawing on the tradition of the Early Church
- Focusing on Church today, a time of transition
- Projecting into transformation in the future through input, prayer, reflection and discussion.

Entrance by donation. Please bring a packed lunch. ✉ thevigilgroup.org.uk ☎ 0131 662 4852 / 0131 666 2236.'

WHEN ONE IS BROKEN, THE BODY SUFFERS' - A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED – 2pm – Saturday 4 November – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith.

Marie Louise Cochrane writes: 'You are warmly invited to a service of prayer and reflection for anyone who has experienced abuse, for anyone who has been affected and for anyone who wishes to show their concern and support for survivors and their families on Saturday 4th November 2017 at 2pm at St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street EH6 6AW. The service will last about 40 minutes and there will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards. This is being organised by lay Catholics from different parishes. For more information please contact Marie Louise Cochrane 0131 467 1449 or email marielouisecochrane@blueyonder.co.uk'

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 on Sunday 26th November, this date 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 Parish. Please feel warmly invited. If you have any questions about this please contact me on 07950880833.'

Bethany. A message from the J&P Group: 'The Care Shelter season is underway and our two parishes will be providing a hot meal for the homeless using the shelters on eight evenings this year. The first was on Monday 16 October and team leaders Elizabeth and Ged McClory report that all went well. In addition, some of our parishioners are involved in the "sandwich run" - picking up surplus sandwiches in the evening from food places such as Pret-a-Manger which the Bethany Care Van distributes the following lunchtime. Thanks to all involved in this work.'

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!



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.'

- Primary 7 Cluster pupils engaged enthusiastically in our first Transition Event "**Think Ahead**". Guest speakers from industry gave a brief presentation on their specific organisation and career background. The industry specialists presented alongside Holy Rood staff, our Careers Adviser and S3 and S6 pupils to explain how school subjects and extra-curricular events can lead to a positive destination in higher/further education and employment. The workshops enabled the P7s to think ahead to their transition to Holy Rood in August 2018 and ultimately towards their career paths in the future.
- Our family learning workshops continue with this week's session on health and wellbeing. Pupils and parents worked together in PE on fun activities designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- 38 senior pupils studying Modern Studies visited the Scottish Parliament where pupils gained a better understanding of democracy in action.

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Anne Gaughan, Jackie Barrer, John Fisher, Robert Lappin, Carol Airlie, Bill Oldenshaw, Marguerite Marlatt

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Andy Calder, James John McGreavy, Margaret Laydon, Sean Martin

St John's :

Oct.28:- Joyce Hughes (2011); Noel Gibson (2000); Brian, George & Janet M McMillan (1997); Colena Oswald (1990); Guiseppa (Joe) DiPonio (1985); Oula McCaughan (1980); Oct.29:- Andrew Keogh (2005); Williamina Gallagher (1997); Oct.30:- Euphemia Meehan (1996); Angelo Morga; Oct 31:- Helen Harrison (2016); John Reid (1990); Eileen Alexander (1984); Umberto Demarco (1979); Nov. 1:- Dorothy Scambler (2012); John McWilliams Jnr (1998); James Coyle (1997); Henry McCluskey (1986); Rose Henery (1981); Mr and Mrs Scally; Nov. 2:- Leonora Pelosi (1978); Joseph Dykes [Somme] (1916); Honor Gardner; Nov. 3:- Sandy Begg (2009); Anne Zoltie (1996); Carol Holligan (1989); Agnes McDevitt (1973); Julia Connelly;

St. Mary Magdalene's : Oct.29:- James Magee (1975); Nov. 1:- Gerry Pelosi (1972); Nov. 2:- Teddy Banks (1983);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: 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: 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: Irene Baillie, Malcolm Webb, 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, Thomas Welsh, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden (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
	£329.06 (inc £84.00 gift aid)	£ 884.26 (inc £343.40 gift aid)
Special Collection – Missio Scotland	£189.14	£ 475.18 (inc £15.00 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation



Arlene Lauder writes – ‘Monday 30 October 2017 - P3 - **Parents only** - meeting for those children making their Reconciliation in 2018. St Mary Magdalene’s Church Hall at 7pm’.

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
29 October	Willie Montgomery & Anne Jabir	Kate Neilson
5 November	Irene Duncan & Jennifer Morris	Anne Jabir


ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST		
Saturday 4 November	P Hunter, O Brooks, M Mackenzie	Sunday 5 November E Buckley, P Connarty, C Dempsey, E Clark, M Slight

The next Open Parish Meeting will be on **Sunday 12 November** at 7pm in the Hall. All most welcome

Jim Roarty writes: ‘A big **Thank You** from the Justice & Peace Group: many thanks to Fr Jock and the parish for the £1000 cheque - fruit of the wonderful Autumn Fayre at the beginning of September - to support Bethany Christian Trust and the work of the Care Shelters. Also to Albert Caballero whose marathon sponsored bike ride from Glasgow to Edinburgh raised a further £170. We will make sure these funds are put to good use in support of the homeless in our city.’

Chris Vinestock writes: - **The next Church Open Day will be held on Saturday 4 November. If you are able to be a Church Welcomer please sign the sheet at the rear of the Church. Times are 10.30am – 1pm.**

News from Maria Igoe:

- **The next Healing Mass with Anointing** will be this Monday 30 October at 2.30pm in St John's. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Everyone is invited into the Hall for tea and home baking afterwards.
- **The Mary's Meals Backpack Project.** Thank you to those who have donated items - backpacks and notebooks. Please now consider donating pens, pencils and crayons and placing them in the box at the back of the Church. 
- **Medjugorje:** EasyJet are now selling flights for next May. If you would like to go to Medjugorje, the dates for the trip are from Tuesday 15 to 29 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 me 669 0247 or email mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk

Hesed

‘The Hebrew word ‘Hesed’ expresses two things: fidelity and tenderness. In our civilization we can be tender but unfaithful, and faithful without tenderness. Our world is waiting for communities of tenderness and fidelity. They are coming.’

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p.63

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28 October Feast of St Simon and St Jude	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service 6.30pm:- Mass: - SI - Golden Wedding (Tom and Rosemarie Grant)	10.00am:- Mass – Elspeth Wallace
Sunday 29 October 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – James Grady	11.15am:- Mass - Andy Calder
Monday 30 October	2.30pm - Healing Mass - Carol Airlie 7-8pm:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 31 October	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - Linda Wisbach
Wednesday 1 November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	7.30pm:- Mass - John Fisher	9.45am Mass (with St John's Primary School) - SI
Thursday 2 November ALL SOULS – THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	10.00am:- Mass - Mary Philipps	7.00pm:- Mass - Jackie Barrer
Friday 3 November	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - Bill Oldenshaw	
Saturday 4 November Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	10.00am:- Mass - James John McGreavy 6.30pm:- Mass: - Sean Martin	
Sunday 5 November 31 st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass - Margaret Laydon	11.15am:- Mass - People of the Parish

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