

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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22nd Sunday of the Year – 2 September 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 Des Brogan of St Ninian's who will speak at all Masses about the 2018 Cluster Battlefields Pilgrimage/Visit to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1

Des writes: 'During the recent Cluster Planning Group discussions, it was suggested that a means of bringing our 5 parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Ninian's, St Theresa's and St Mary, Star of the Sea, together would be to provide opportunities to share various spiritual and social occasions. Since 2018 is the centenary of the end of WW1, it was suggested that a tour to the battlefields of France and Belgium could be arranged. I have organised such trips for many years and taken both adult groups and pupils from Holy Rood High School where I once taught. The suggestion has now become a reality and the Cluster Group visit to the battlefields – including Ypres and the Somme - will take place between Monday 16th and Friday 20th April 2018. The cost will be £460 per person with a £40 single person supplement. There are still places available: should you wish to participate please contact me as soon as possible on 0131 661 9191 or des@mercattours.com for further details and an itinerary.'

A QUIZ NIGHT - THIS FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER - AT ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

A Social Event for the Sister Parishes and their friends:-



'A "Fun Quiz Night" will take place this Friday at 7.30pm in St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink of choice. With a view to encouraging healthy competition there will be "Prizes". Please come along and join a team or make up your own team of 4 people. (Sorry on this occasion competitors must be aged between 15 and 95 years - Members of Mensa are politely asked to stay away just to give the rest of us a chance!!) Tickets only £1 per person and are available at the back of both churches after this weekend's masses - or call Jane Marin on 07801072453 to reserve tickets which can be paid for on the evening.'

OUR THREE MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MASS – THIS SATURDAY – 10AM AT ST JOHN'S – All Most Welcome.

THE RCIA Enquiry Group Meets For The First Time a Week On Tuesday – 12 September – What does it mean to be a Catholic?



Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic?
Do you know anyone who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again?

All would be warmly welcome at our informal gathering on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm **starting on Tuesday, 12 September** in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello.

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(RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – ie the way adults are received or baptised into the Church...)

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage 2017: The National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on **Sunday 17 September at 2pm** (Mass 4.30pm: Preacher Fr Richard Reid CSSR), St Patrick's Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 2 September

10.30am - St John's Hall - **St John's Church Autumn Fayre.**

10.45am – St John's - **Baptism of Lochlan Robertson**

12.30pm – St John's – **Wedding of Felicity McCann and Blair Sasada**

Sunday 3 September – 3pm – **National Pilgrimage to Carfin 2017 – In honour of Our Lady of Fatima- and to consecrate our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Principal Celebrant – Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Homilist – Bishop Brian McGee. A minibus leaves St John's at midday – if you wish to go, contact Maria Igoe (669 0247)

Monday 4 September

10.45am – St John's Hall – **Coffee Morning – All Welcome.**

7.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.**

Tuesday 5 September – 10am – St John's - **Requiem Mass for Mary Philipps.**

Friday 8 September – 7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's Hall – **Quiz Night.**

Saturday/Sunday 9/10 September - Pilgrimage to Iona for young adults (ages 16–29) – For more details contact Fr Jock.

Saturday 9 September – 10am – St John's – **Bereavement Mass.**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 10 September – 7.30pm – Duddingston Kirk – **PACT meeting**

Monday 11 September

7pm – St John's Hall – **Parents' Meeting for p4 Do This in Memory of Me Candidates.**

8pm – Parish House – **Legho Meeting**

Tuesday 12 September – 7.30pm – Parish House - **First RCIA Enquiry Evening** (and every subsequent Tuesday).

Saturday 16 September – 9.45am – **Mass with Fr Tabone and his Pilgrimage Group from Gozo.**

Sunday 17 September – **2-6pm** – St Patrick's, Cowgate Edinburgh EH1 1NA – **2017 Annual Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage to Pray for her Beatification**

Thursday 21 September – 7.30pm–8.30pm - St John's Hall - **Free Taster Ballroom Dance Class - All welcome**

Saturday 30 September – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church – **Coffee Morning** – Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers.

NOTICEBOARD

The Restructuring of the Diocesan Curia and the Closure of the Bed and Breakfast and Conference Centre element of the Gillis Complex – Archbishop Cushley has asked that people are made aware that his statement offering his reasons for these decisions is available online at www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com

The Diocesan Choir:



Choir Rehearsal

Patricia Carroll writes: 'This is a reminder of the second of two rehearsal dates - 5 September at 7pm. The venue for this will be the GILLIS CHAPEL.

This is to prepare for 2 events: The Deacons' ordinations at the Cathedral on the 16 September at 1pm and the Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage at St Pat's from 2 till 4pm, Mass at 4pm. New voices most welcome'.



Creation Time Conversations at St Ninian's

Rab Burnett writes: 'Creation Time runs from 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Catholic Church, through to 4 October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a month-long prayerful observation of the state of the world, its beauty, and the ecological crises that threaten it and all its inhabitants.

In response to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si* to an 'ecological conversion' we are hosting a series of 'ecological faith conversations'.



Our first session – Recovering Our Sense of Awe and Wonder is offered:-

Tuesday 5th September 2.00 – 3.00pm or 7.00 – 8.00pm

or Wednesday 6th September 10.30 – 11.30am

Legho Partnership and Celebration on 5 October

Mike Knox writes: ‘At the recent open meeting to look at the development of St John’s relationship with Legho Village it was decided to have a **meeting at 8.00pm (NB Change of Time) on Monday 11 September in the Parish House to plan the next steps of the development of our partnership.**

Legho becomes a Parish on 5 October and it was suggested that we could send them a **Processional Cross** as a gift. (The one they have presently is a luminous plastic one!). The Processional Cross used at St John’s is a gift from Legho and is mounted on a stand made by Mgr Rae. This would mean that at the beginning of the St John’s Sunday masses we would be reminded of each other’s presence in a simple and unspoken way.

Wilfred Moshi arrived on Wednesday for 3 weeks. Wilfred was here previously with his family and is the only Tanzanian to climb Mount Everest. He has also taken a number of parishioners to the top of Kilimanjaro. Wilfred will be visiting schools, friends and families he has met and looking at developing a Fair Trade Coffee business with Legho’.

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.

- Huge congratulations to S5 pupil Niamh on gaining an Arkwright (Engineering) Scholarship which she worked towards with her teachers here in Holy Rood whilst studying for National 5 Qualifications. This is testament to the hard work and mature approach which Niamh has displayed in S4 and her outstanding results across the board but especially in Design and Manufacture, Science and Maths. We are very proud of her.
- We are delighted that so many of our pupils are already attending the many and varied opportunities available at lunch time and after school in P.E. There are a staggering 7 lunch time and 12 after school sporting opportunities. Our three Sports Ambassadors play a key role in motivating pupils and driving forward these extra-curricular opportunities alongside other senior pupils and staff. From Dance, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Football, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Cricket, Fitness, Pilates, Cheerleading, Badminton, Tennis, Running Club to Quidditch ! There is a sport for all tastes. Pupils are encouraged to either join a club, participate in training or simply join in for fun and of course to keep fit. The S1, S2 and S3 Boys Football Teams have their first matches this weekend whilst the Junior Boys and Girls and Senior Boys Basketball Teams have started training – all with great hopes for sporting success including in the Scottish Cup.
- All of our S1 pupils have been participating in teambuilding activities with our very own Skillforce instructors. Pupils and staff have been very enthusiastic in their feedback telling us that it’s really helped them to get to know each other and their Tutors better.

Please tell your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh’

PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Pippa Asiatico, Pierina Motta, Yolanda Campanile, Alan Haigh, Jock Winton***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **James Connolly, Anne McGeachie, Catherine McAllister***

St John’s :

Sept.1 :- Isabella Bowyer (2009); Agnes Finn (1979); Joseph G O’Kane (1964); Sept.2 :- Betty Abercrombie (2016); Sarah Brown (2002); Eileen Bannon (1967); Sept.3 :- Mark J DiPonio (1995); Helen Cullen (1986); Joseph & John Deignan; Sept.4 :- Daniel Iannarelli (1992); Peggy Knowles (1991); Betty Hughes (1977); Sept.5 :- Muriel Wheatley (2004); Margaret Cunningham (1994); Maria Crolla (1993); Doreen Hogan (1991); Fr.Jock Dalrymple (1985); Bridget Allen (1978); Margaret Blore (1970); Sept.6 :- Catherine Lawler (1984); Mark Cunningham; Lorna Demarco; Sept.7 :- Mary Ann Lynch (1995); Tom Blore (1991); Giovanni Crolla; Dinah Spence; Sept.8 :- Josef Kraska (1991); David Docherty (1943)

St. Mary Magdalene’s :

Sept.3 :- Elvera Pelosi (2001); Sept.4 :- Owen Mahon (1994); Sept.6 :- Matthew Lynch (1982); Sept.8 :- Anne McGeachie (2016);

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

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Patricia Lawler, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Denise O’Donnell, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Mary Phair, Michael & Maimie Richards, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, Gerry Wynne, 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: Aodhan Dempsey, 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: Ian Petrie, John Moore, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, baby Summer Martin, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Elspeth Wallace, 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

| Offertory Collections for 27 August | ST MARY MAGDALENE | ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST |
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| | £281.38 (inc £63.00 gift aid) | £834.68 (inc £275.40 gift aid) |
| African Missions & Holy Places | £100.25 | £528.70 (inc £10. gift aid) |
| | <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> | |

| ST MARY MAGDALENE | | |
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| | Readers for Sunday | Bidding Prayers |
| 3 September | Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick | Jim Gallagher |
| 10 September | Irene Duncan and Eileen Igoe | Peggy Ferguson |
| <p>On Saturday 16 September, Fr Tabone will be celebrating Mass at St Mary Magdalene's at 9.45am with the pilgrimage group from Gozo to whom he is showing Scotland – all most welcome...</p> <p>If you are interested in joining the 200 Club, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.</p> | | |



Many congratulations to George and Sheila Service who celebrate their **Diamond Wedding** on Thursday 7 September.

| ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST | | | |
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| Vigil 9 September | C Vinestock, J Plews, M McDiarmid | Sunday 10 September | L Moran, C Volpe, A Tanzi, E White, L Dick |



Warm birthday greetings to Ernie Moran, 70, a fortnight ago on Sunday 20 August
....and to Elizabeth Elton, 94 on Friday 19 August. (Elizabeth's book about her life will be launched on Saturday 28 October in the St John's Hall).

Frances McDevitt writes: 'The next St John's PPC meeting will be held at 19.30 this Monday 4 September in the Parish House.'

Maria Igoe writes:

☺ 'A minibus has been booked to go to the National Pilgrimage at Carfin this Sunday. The Bishops will be consecrating Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There will be Mass at 3pm and a Rosary Procession starting at approx 5pm. We will leave St John's at 12 noon. If you wish to go, please call me on 669 0247.'



☺ **The next Coffee Morning will be on Monday 4 September** in the Hall after 10am Mass. Donations will be given to SCIAF. The August Coffee Morning raised £150 for Wateraid. Thank you to all who contributed.'



☺ **Mary's Meals**, as most will know, feeds children in schools so that they can receive an education there. This has made a massive difference in countries where parents do not have food to give their children a meal every day.



We can also support their education by giving each child a backpack with supplies they require.

Each month an item will be suggested which you may wish to contribute. These things are small to us but make a huge difference in helping the pupils with their studies.

For our first month you are asked to offer a backpack, which you may have and no longer need. For those who do not have a backpack, please consider donating a notebook, which will be invaluable for their studies.

A small box will be placed at the back of the Church for your offerings. The box will be emptied most days.

Phyllis McLeay will convey what we give, to helpers in Dundee, who make up the backpacks for distribution to needy children.'

Avoid Becoming Paralyzed

'If children can become paralyzed by fear, and teenagers by a lack of hope and self confidence, adults are sometimes paralyzed more or less consciously, by guilt which leads them to shut themselves off from others and prevents them from giving life and being responsible.'

Jean Vanier, Our Journey Home, p119

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St John the Evangelist | St Mary Magdalene |
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| Saturday 2 September | 9.30am:- Mass – Jimmy Gallagher [NB Change of Time] 6.30pm:- Mass - Mary Cafferkey | |
| Sunday 3 September 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 9.30am:- Mass – Catherine McAllister | 11.15am: Mass – People of the Parish |
| Monday 4 September | 10.00am:- Mass – James Connolly 7-8pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Tuesday 5 September | 10.00am: - Requiem Mass – Mary Philipps | |
| Wednesday 6 September | 10.00am:- Eucharistic Service | 10.00am:- Mass – Lisa Malone |
| Thursday 7 September | 10.00am: - Mass – with Renewal of Vows by George and Sheila Service on their Diamond Wedding | |
| Friday 8 September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.25 – 9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Eucharistic Service | 9.25 – 9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - DM of the Martin family |
| Saturday 9 September | 10.00am:- Bereavement Mass – Yolanda Campanile 6.30pm:- Mass - People of the Parish | |
| Sunday 10 September 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 9.30am:- Mass –SI | 11.15am: Mass –Anne McGeachie |

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