

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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25th Sunday of the Year – 24 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.



Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Special Collection – A special collection for the AICF will be taken **this weekend 23/24 September**: if you wish to gift aid your

donation, special collection envelopes are available at the back of both churches.

Derek Buglass, the Archdiocesan Treasurer, writes: 'Following the generous response to the additional collections taken last year and earlier this year, as well as these donations supporting the current needs of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, we will use some of the donations received to create a new investment fund. This fund will be added to each year and will be used to build a larger fund over the next 20-30 years. In due course the income from this fund will support the cost of retirement benefits that will need to be provided to priests that are ordained over the coming years, when they retire. Many thanks for your continuing support.'

The Renewal of the St John's Legho Partnership – and the gift of a Processional Cross for the new Parish

Mike Knox writes: '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 both our Sunday masses we would be reminded of each other's presence in a simple and unspoken way. **Many thanks to both parishes for their generous donation of £610.84....the Cross will be blessed at the end of the 9.30am Mass this Sunday at St John's and taken to Legho when I set off for there on 1 October**'.

(...but Sad news from Tanzania: On Sunday a wedding party travelling back from Uganda to Tanzania was involved in a head on collision with a lorry. 13 people were killed and another 8 were seriously injured. A number of those involved were close to Wilfred and Monsignor Paul. Please pray for all affected by the tragedy.)

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.'

This evening, 24 September – at St Mark's – our Inter-Church Youth Group meet between 6pm and 7.30pm – All (between P7 and S5) welcome - - for more information see Eddie or Tanya White or Fr Jock .

Next 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.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 23 September

10am – St John's – **Annual Mass celebrating St Vincent de Paul – and our St Vincent de Paul Society.** (St Vincent de Paul's feastday is on 27 September).

10.45am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina/ 'Praying the Gospel' (probably the new name for the Group) – All Welcome.**

Sunday 24 September

9.30am – St John's – Children's Mass with Enrolment for P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' candidates

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Children's Mass (with a special invitation to p3 children celebrating Reconciliation for the first time next March).

6pm – St Mark's – Inter-Church Youth Group. – P7 to S5 – all welcome.

Monday 25 September – 2pm – Seafield Crematorium – Funeral Service for Gerry Wynne.

Tuesday 26 September - 7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall -The first Newman Society meeting of the year - "Towards a new ecclesial relationship with between ordained and lay people in the Roman Catholic Church" Speaker - Dr. Mary Cullen, Editor of Open House Magazine 'Small donation requested to cover expenses. All are warmly welcome to attend.'

Thursday 28 September – 7pm – St Catharine's Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Gardens Edinburgh EH3 9HH – Annual Catholic Community Mass. 'An Open invitation is extended to all staff past and present who have supported Catholic Education in Edinburgh. Please come along and take the opportunity to meet up with former colleagues and friends from our Catholic Community. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. Main Celebrant – Archbishop Leo Cushley.'

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

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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

Monday 9 October – 6pm – Parish House – Meeting to explore ways to support our Parishioners with Learning Difficulties.

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...

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock sets off on Monday afternoon for a late summer holiday (driving with his friend, Fr Rags, parish priest in Eastbourne, with their cycles on top of the car, to explore Andalucia in Southern Spain) and returning on 12 October. While he is away, **Canon Andrew Monaghan** will kindly celebrate next week's Masses; next weekend is the **annual Mission Appeal** – made on behalf of the **Columban Fathers** by **Fr Declan**; while **Fr Loreto Tabone** arrives from Gozo to take up residence in the Parish House on Sunday 1 October, 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 all three priests.

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.

- Our S1 pupils were treated to a STEM day when activities led by industry professionals to encouraged pupils to think about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Challenges included building the tallest tower, creating a safe pouch for an egg to land safely and racing a wheelbarrow.
- We were delighted to host Linnea Franssen from St Andrews University, Holy Rood's first ever Mathematics Hall of Fame winner. Linnea addressed our S2 and S5/6 pupils and talked about careers in maths. Her inspirational talk focussed on the importance of maths in today's world.
- Well done to S1 pupil (and St Mary Magdalene's parishioner), **Rowan Wallace**, who interviewed First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon about rare diseases.
- We warmly invite you to our inaugural Carols and Crafts Christmas Fair on Mon 4th December at 6pm. More details to follow.
Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh'

This Year's RCIA Enquiry Group will meet for the third time this Tuesday – 26 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 in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello.

Contacts : Fr Jock Dalrymple 0131 669 5447 or

Alice Codling 0131 657 1862 ✉ alicecoding@btinternet.com

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



An Appeal from the Little Sisters: Veronica McLauchlan writes: '**I would like to appeal to parishioners on behalf of The Little Sisters of the Poor for bone china cups etc.** Sister Ursula who looked after Monsignor Rae and Father Hennessy would like to serve her residents with nice China in the afternoon. I am happy to pick up at any time. My phone number is 0131 661 9516.'



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)

Ecological Faith Conversation IV (at St Ninian's) Robert Burnett writes: 'These conversations are part of our response to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to: 'an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us.' Our third conversations were last week when we reflected on the connectedness of all things and listened to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Once again these sessions led us towards asking what action we can take and that is the focus of our conversations next week:

Active Hope The sessions are offered:- Tuesday 26th September 2.00 – 3.00pm or 7.00 – 8.00pm or Wednesday 27th September 10.30 – 11.30am. **Everyone is warmly invited to come along.**

PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: **Albert Hancock, Fr Basil Postlethwaite, Bill Telford, Mary Margaret Greene, Effie Hanly***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **John Creamer, William McLaughlin, Sheila Cammack***

St John's :

Sept.23 :- John McCue (2012); James & Mary Boyle; **Sept.24** :- Peter McDonald (2012); Robert Munro (2000); Annie K O'Neill (2000); Josephine Ross (1991); Molly Tracy; **Sept.25** :- Robert McArthur (2008); Elizabeth Hoy (1993); Colin Kemp (1992); **Sept.26** :- Bridget Allen (1978); **Sept.27** :- Mary Lawrie (1985); **Sept.28** :- Paul McElroy (2008); Christina Reidy (2008); Kitty Calder (2003); Arnold Waugh (1993); Esther Leyland (1982); John Jeffrey; **Sept.29** :- Ian Lawrie (2002); James G Kelly (1996); Patricia McAuley (1932);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Sept.25 :- James Lang (2008);



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


Sick Parishioners - St. John's: 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, 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: 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: 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

Offertory Collections for 10 September	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
	£153.80 (inc £74.00 gift aid)	£800.44 (inc £298.80 gift aid)
Leaving Collection – Legho (Processional Cross)	£129.90	£480.94 (inc £15.00 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	


ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
24 September	Children's Mass	Children's Mass
1 st October	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	John Kelly
	Saturday 30 September – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church – Coffee Morning – Cake Sale and Community Project Questions and Answers.	
	If you are interested in joining the 200 Club , please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.	
A Letter of Thanks from the new Minister of St Martin's, Magdalene Drive, Bill Wishart: 'Many thanks for the kind note, newsletter and card you sent a few weeks back. I've been in Africa representing the Church of Scotland in Ghana and then been on holiday so this is the first chance I've had to respond. I'm really looking forward to starting at St. Martin's in October and I look forward to many opportunities to work together. Thanks again and every blessing on the Pastoral Council and you all, Bill.'		

 **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			
Vigil 30 September	P Hunter, O Brookes, M Mackenzie	Sunday 1 October	L Moran, M Iannarelli, C Volpe, A Dixon, J Rynn

 **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.....**



Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23 September Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	10.00am: - Mass - Sheila Cammack (with the parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society) 6.30pm:- Mass - Mary Cafferkey	
Sunday 24 September 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Children's Mass – with enrolment of P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' children - People of the Parish	11.15am: Children's Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 25 September	10.00am:- Mass - SI 7-8pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 26 September	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25 -9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Lisa Malone
Wednesday 27 September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	10.00am:- Mass – Avril Mcgillivray	
Thursday 28 September	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass
Friday 29 September Feast of the Archangels SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	9.25-9.55am:- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - William McLaughlin	
Saturday 30 September Memorial of St Jerome	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service 6.30pm:- Mass - Mary Philipps	
Sunday 1 October 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – John Creamer	11.15am: - People of the Parish

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