

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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5th Sunday of Easter – 29 April 2018

A Warm Welcome to Fr Willy Slavin, celebrating the 9.30am and 11.15am Masses while Fr Jock preaches at Portobello Baptist Church.

Rosary on the Coast - 3pm today - - Sunday 29 April – Portobello Prom.



Maria Igoe writes: ‘Many people will be travelling to Portobello for this event from Coatbridge, Whitburn and Broxburn and many other places. Those taking part will gather between 2 and 2.30pm and the afternoon will begin at 2.45pm with the Invocation to the Holy Spirit and Prayers of Protection. The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary will be said at 3pm and there is a programme of prayer, which can be printed off the internet, lasting until 4pm. The purpose is to mark 50 years since the Abortion Act was implemented. 9 million abortions have been carried out since then. The other intentions are for Faith in our country and Peace in the world. Those who are housebound or for other reasons cannot be there, are invited to pray at home. His Holiness Pope Francis imparts to all those who participate in the Rosary on the Coast his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abundant graces from heaven, while placing them under the protection of Our Blessed Lady, Mary, Mother of the Church. While the actual location is still a bit vague, it would seem reasonable to meet at the foot of Bath Street and look for a suitable place from there. All Welcome.’

TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – OF OUR NEXT 2 OPEN PARISH MINUTES.....at 7pm on Sunday 13 May, at St John’s....and on Sunday 10 June at St Mary Magdalene’s. Please mark in your diaries, on your calendar or in your phone and PLEASE COME ALONG.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 April –

10.45am – Parish House - **Lectio Divina (praying the Gospel)** All Welcome

11am-1pm – Lothian Road – **SPUC Annual Pro-Life Chain**

‘Please join SPUC (Scotland) on Saturday 28 April, from 11am, for the Annual Pro-Life Chain on Lothian Road, Edinburgh. This year we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act and the more than nine million unborn children who have been killed and countless mothers and fathers have been hurt by abortion. For those interested, there will also be the Rosary, led by Archbishop Cushley from 10am in Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh. For more information contact louise@spucscotland.org or 0141 221 2094.’

1pm – St John’s - **Wedding of Ann Walker and Cameron Brown.**

Sunday 29 April –

Visit of Fr Jock to the Baptist Church, Portobello (to speak at their Sunday Service).

3pm – Portobello Prom – **Rosary On The Coast**

6pm - St Mark’s – **Inter-Church Youth Group**

Monday 30 April –

2.30pm – St John’s Church - **Healing Mass** – ‘The Rosary is said at 2.15pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass. Everyone is invited to tea and home-baking in the Hall afterwards. If you require a lift, please phone Maria Igoe 669 0247.’

7.00pm – Parish House – **Justice & Peace Group Meeting.**

Tuesday 1 May – 7pm – Parish House – Meeting of the Intercessors’ Group

Wednesday 2 May - 9.15am – St John’s - Requiem Mass for Josephine Day

IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Saturday 5 May – 10am-1pm - St John’s Hall – Twende Pamoja Fashion Sale

Monday 7 May – 10.45am – St John’s Hall – Charity Coffee Morning – ‘All donations will go to Mary's Meals. Please come along.’

Thursday 10 May – Feast of the Ascension (A Holyday of Obligation) – Mass at 9.45am at St Mary Magdalene’s and 7.30pm at St John’s.

Sunday 13 May 2018

9.30 am - St John’s church - **P4 ‘Do this in Memory’ Mass**

11.15 am - St Mary Magdalene’s church - **P3 & children’s Mass**

7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **St John’s Open Parish Meeting**

Monday 14 May 2018

7 pm - St Mary Magdalene’s church - **Final meeting for all parents and children in P4 celebrating First Communion this June.** ** Communion date choice will be confirmed at this meeting **

Saturday 19 May – 7.30pm - St John’s Church Hall - Fundraising Concert for ‘Music for You’ (See Notice Board below)

Friday 1 June – 9.30am – Holyrood Park – Fresh Start Sponsored Walk

Thursday 6 September – Usher Hall – Talk by Bishop Robert Barron (see pastoral letter for further details)

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock writes: ‘All diocesan priests are expected once a year to spend a week on retreat, and so this Wednesday, I set off for this annual retreat where I will be guided by an 85 year Benedictine monk, Fr Mark Butlin. Fr Mark was my spiritual director during the four years I spent as a seminarian in Rome between 1982 and 1986, giving me the retreat in 1985 during which I made the decision to go forward for ordination as a deacon. He also gave me a retreat in 1992, just before I became a parish priest for the first time (at St Mary’s, Leslie), and in 2006, before I moved to St John Vianney’s, Gilmerton, and St Gregory’s, The Inch. Please pray for us both. While I’m away, **Fr Andrew Monaghan** will celebrate our weekday Masses, and **Fr Jim Smith**, the recently retired parish priest of St Martin’s, Tranent, and St Gabriel’s, Prestonpans, will look after next Sunday’s Masses

Invitation to a Fundraising Concert for ‘Music for You’ - St John’s Church Hall, 7.30pm, Saturday 19 May
‘Jeremy Devlin-Thorp (until recently leader of the St John’s music group) and Tricia Whyatt work together as ‘Music for You’, taking music into the homes of the elderly or housebound to brighten their day. Since last summer they have given 20 ‘house concerts’ and they are constantly receiving requests from people who live locally in their own homes. House concerts are given entirely free of charge.
Join them for an evening of musical variety on piano, harp and voice; all funds raised will enable Jeremy and Tricia to bring music and joy to even more elderly or socially isolated people.
Bring a bottle - soft drinks, snacks, tea, coffee and cake provided...’

PENTECOST PEACE VIGIL - Saturday 26 May 2018, 12 noon – 1.00pm. Faslane Royal Naval Base, Gareloch.

Ellen Charlton writes ‘ You are invited to take part in a peace witness with Bishop William Nolan (President of Justice and Peace, Scotland), Susan Brown (Moderator of the Church of Scotland) and a representative of the Episcopal Church at the following :- Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA). Further information from ellen.charlton@hotmail.com

Generation Y Peace Campaigning Academy 27 – 29 July 2018. ‘Apply now to attend a fully funded 3 day programme on all aspects of campaigning work, focusing on the nuclear disarmament movement. Food and accommodation provided, open to 18-30 yr olds living in Scotland. To apply for the 2nd round of applications contact www.peaceeducationscotland.org by 30 April.’

A Reminder about our New Intercessors’ Group – and two new Prayer Request Books in both Parishes.

The books – beautifully decorated by Betty Kelly and Jennifer Morris – are placed on lecterns at the back of the church in St John’s and in the porch at St Mary Magdalene’s. Anyone who wishes a request prayed for (by name or anonymously) is warmly invited to write their request in either book.

The members of the Intercessors’ Group (co-ordinated by Pauline McInnes at St John’s and Madge Moyes at St Mary Magdalene’s) are committing themselves to pray specifically for the requests in the book...and **invite others to join them at the morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in both churches.** We hope to invite those housebound who wish to participate in this new initiative.

Young Voices, Experienced Answers



Eddie White writes:

‘We are looking at starting a series of podcasts run by the young people in our parishes. ‘Young people’ includes anyone from around 8 to 25 years of age regardless of if you are already involved in parish life. Perhaps you happen to be the grandchild of a parishioner who has been here for decades and you can ask about the way the parish has changed?

Perhaps you sit near someone every week and this would be a great chance to get to know them better? The two parish communities would love to hear what questions interest you and what the experienced answers are. The podcasts will be shared on our Facebook page and with the wider community, including our housebound parishioner – we can all enjoy listening to them. Full help and support is available for anyone (or their parents) who wants to find out more. Contact me on 07986015772 or email eddie@eddiwhite.com’

Holy Rood RC High School News:

Joan Daly writes:

‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from **Holy Rood**, your **Cluster Secondary School**.

- The **Expressive Arts Showcase** was once again a wonderful display of the very talented young people we have here in Holy Rood. Pupils performed musical and theatrical interludes, sang and showcased their work including multimedia and costume design. Thanks to all who supported this event.
- We were delighted to host our **Primary Cluster Pupil Council** members who came together in Holy Rood for a joint Pupil Council event to discuss what makes learning in a faith based school special- specifically how each school’s values and ethos prepare pupils for later life. Lots of great discussion.
- Well done to our six S6 pupils who graduated from [Career Ready UK](#) at the National Ceremony in Perth.
- In sport, a spirited performance from the **S1 Football Team** secured their place in the Quarter Finals of the Scottish Shield. A 3-3 result at full time against [Currie High](#) School led to a dramatic penalty shootout culminating in a fantastic penalty from Lucas Martin to win the shootout (4-2). Meanwhile the **S2 Football Team** battled hard and earned a 2-2 draw against Ross High School. S1-S3 pupils represented the school at the **Cross Country Festival**.
- As **SQA Exam Leave** begins on Mon 30 April we ask you to pray for our S4-6 pupils who will sit SQA exams over this 5 week period.

Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: William Sellar, John Prior(jnr), Annie Rodden, Jimmy Foy, Kathleen McGuire,

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Flynn, Mollie Brogan, Albert Bruce

St John’s: Apr.28:- Margot Tweedie (2013); Christopher Rourke (1995); Apr.29:- Iain Wilson (2008); Marion Holligan (2002); Keith Rostant (20010); Jean Flucker (1995); Alexander Hunter (1968); May 1:- Mollie Brogan (2002); Catherine Tracy (1992); Owen Connarty (1973); Patrick Taylor (1952); May 2:- Anne Brennan (2014); Alexander Wallace (2010); Joseph Cunningham (1991); Alexander Durkin (1940); Marjory Gilchrist ; May 3:- Glenda Wood (1999); Annie Czaba (1995); Sarah Boyle; May 4:- Henry Stuart Mackersy (1994); John McElroy (1987); Peter Moran (1985).

St. Mary Magdalene’s :

Apr.28:- Stan Brown (2000); Apr.29:- George Cockburn (1995); May 1:- John Spence (1995); May 3:- Alister Gilmore (1996); Ellen Keenan (1993);

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Eddie Clark, Kate Walsh, Anna Butler, Rose Thornton, Mary Phair, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Cathy McGravie, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, David Codling, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Matthew Harvey, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Helen Hanlon, Patricia Davies, Tina Cupo, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, James Sangster, Patricia Crawford, Giulio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Jimmy Kesson, Michael McPhilipps, Jane Skey, Carolynne McCann, Kate Neilson, Tracey Moohan, Agnes Harvey, 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: Michael Calvey, Maureen Connolly, Edith Lautner, Joseph Jordan, Allan Crombie, Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, Vic Legrix, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Joanne Cooper, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, 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 Jorden (aged 19), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Isabel McInrue, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Offertory Collections		
22 April	£238.10 (inc £85.00 gift aid)	£947.01 (inc £366.75 gift aid)
Special Collection – Ecclestaistical Students	£177.48	£375.03 (inc £10.00 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
29 April	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Anne Jabir
6 May	Sam Henry & Tessa Haring	Kate Neilson

Many congratulations to Simon Blair, son of Karen, our Parishes' Administrator, and her husband, Andrew, who passed out on Thursday at RAF Honnington, Suffolk, and has now joined 27th Squadron.

To ensure inclusion, please hand any newsletter items in by Wednesday afternoon.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 5 May	J Roarty, B Tansey, J Plews	Sunday 6 May	E Clark, M Iannarelli, C Volpe, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy,

Warm birthday greetings to Ann Thomson, 90 this Monday, 30 April.

Many thanks to Bernadette Gallagher and the Legion of Mary who handed over £300 this week, the takings from the Church Stall in the last year.

Twende Pamoja

Elizabeth McClory writes 'The Pamoja team raised a total of £3002 20 from May 2017 through to April 2018 (excluding the months of September and January due to the Autumn Fayre and there being no Farmers' Market in January). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Cycle Rack – there is a cycle rack at the side of the church (Sandford Gardens). All cyclists are warmly invited to use this facility.



Closing the Church – it would be greatly appreciated if we could recruit a few more people to help with closing the church in the evenings. If you are interested in assisting with this please do get in touch with Fr Jock or with Christina Vinestock.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28 April	10.00am:- Mass -SI 6.30pm:- Mass –Fr Charles Carr	
Sunday 29 April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Fr Joe Portelli
Monday 30 April	2.30pm:- Healing Mass – SI (Mary McCrone’s 70 th Birthday) 7.00pm–8pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 1 May	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.am:- Mass – Mollie Brogan
Wednesday 2 May St Athanasius - Memorial	9.15am – Requiem Mass – Josephine Day	
Thursday 3 May ST PHILIP & ST JAMES FEAST	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – SI
Friday 4 May	9.00am–9.55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – John, Vincent and Eileen McGlinchey	
Saturday 5 May	10.00am:- Mass 6.30pm:- Mass – Kevin Flynn	
Sunday 6 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Albert Bruce	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

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.



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