

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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19th Sunday of the Year – 12 August 2018

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.



This weekend there will be a second collection taken up at all Masses in aid of the African Missions and Holy Places.

Wednesday 15 August is the Feast of The Assumption – a Holiday of Obligation (and Celebration) – there will be a 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's and a 7pm Mass at St John's.

EDINBURGH AND LOTHIAN'S ACROSS GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Dave Connarty writes: 'Our group departed at 6.30am on Thursday 9 - very bright, very early. We are a group of 24, 10 VIP Pilgrims, 2 nurses, our priest - Fr Paul Lee, and 11 helpers. From our parishes, we are joined by Frank Logan, Phyllis McLay, Jeremy Devlin-Thorpe and myself. We all appreciate your good wishes for a safe journey and your prayers for a successful and fun filled pilgrimage. As well as our time in Lourdes, as a small group we are able to take trips out into the mountains and to the seaside. We will keep all of our fellow parishioners from St John's and St Mary Magdalene's in our prayers, especially the sick and housebound. Please remember us too! On Sunday morning we will be at the International Mass as you are all gathered together in the parishes. Thanks to all who have supported our group recently to make this trip happen.'

Sr Pennie of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be visiting our parishes on 25/26 August to make the Annual Mission Appeal.

Sr Pennie is from South Uist and has recently returned from working in El Salvador. She will be speaking at all three Masses that weekend. The Sisters work with the poorest of the poor to identify and transform underlying causes – Justice & Peace / Human Trafficking / Education / Special Educational Needs / Orphans & Street Children / Health Care / HIV/AIDS awareness / Food Security / Water and Sanitation / Prison Visiting / Care of the Elderly / Development / Community Empowerment / Skills Training Youth & Women.

This Year's RCIA Enquiry Group will meet for the first time on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, 3 Sandford Gardens

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 ✉ alicecodling@btinternet.com

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

THIS WEEK

Monday 13 August – 9.45am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Kate Neilson**

Tuesday 14 August

7.00pm – Parish House – **Parishes’ Fayre meeting**

7.00pm – Parish House - **Justice & Peace meeting**

Wednesday 15 August – **Feast of the Assumption**

10am St Mary Magdalene’s and 7pm St John’s - Mass

11.30am – Mount Vernon - **Burial of Gerry Wynne’s ashes.**

8pm – Parish House – **St John’s Pastoral Parish Council Meeting**

Friday 17 August

11.30am – Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Tina Cupo.**

6pm – St John’s – **Wedding Rehearsal for Catherine Alcorn and Martin Murphy**

Saturday 18 August

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

1pm – St John’s – **Wedding of Catherine Alcorn and Martin Murphy**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 20 August

2.30pm - St John's - **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick.** ‘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.’

7.30pm – St John’s Hall – **Safeguarding Course**

Saturday 25 August – 10am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Bereavement Mass**

Saturday/Sunday 25/6 August – **Mission Appeal by Sr Pennie of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.**

Sunday 26 August

3-4.30pm - St Martin’s, 4 Magdalene Drive EH15 3DB - **Information Meeting for all interested in the Holy Land Pilgrimage (in November 2019), led by Revd Bill Wishart of St Martin’s, Magdalene Drive**– ‘This is an opportunity for folks to find out about the itinerary and to ask any questions they may have; needless to say attendance at the meeting does not commit folk in any way.’ For details, contact Bill at

Bwishart@churchofscotland.org.uk.

6pm – St Mark’s – **Inter-Church Youth Group (P7 to S5)**

Saturday 1 September – 11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre – **A Day for Altar Servers (See below in Notice Board)**

Sunday 2 September – **National Pilgrimage to Carfin**

Friday 7 September – 7pm – St John’s Hall - **A Wine Tasting Parish Social** (see noticeboard below)

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September – St Ninian’s High School, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 6UG - **Celebrate Scotland** – ‘See, I am doing a new thing’ – **Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend.** (For more details – www.celebrateconference.org – 07793 370910 – Ged Farrell.)

Sunday 9 September – 2-6pm – St Patrick’s Church – **2018 Annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage** (for more details see noticeboard)

12.45pm – Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - **Mary’s Meals Day** (see noticeboard below)

Saturday 15 September – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre – **A Day For Children’s Liturgy Leaders.**

Tuesday 18 September – 7.30pm – Parish House - RCIA begins

Saturday 6 October

Parishes Autumn Fayre in St John's Hall

11am- 4pm - One day conference – Gillis Centre – **The Role of the Laity in the Church Today** – a One Day Conference (see noticeboard below)

Friday 2 November – Danderhall Social Club - Joint Parish Ceilidh.

'Music will be by the fantastic Flaming Nora ceilidh band – 180 tickets available - tickets will cost £10 per person including supper. For further information please contact Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.'

NOTICEBOARD

EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE DIOCESE AT THE GILLIS CENTRE

A) A DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE - SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER:

Archbishop Leo writes: 'There will be an Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers to be held at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday, 1 September from 11am to 2.30pm. The day will include three sessions on altar serving led by myself and the Archdiocesan MC's. There will also be a break for lunch. It should be a worthwhile day, and fun too.' More details on how to apply in next week's newsletter...

B) A DAY FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS – Saturday, 15 September – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre

100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. 'This event aims to bring together all those volunteers who run Children's Liturgy in parishes across the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. The day will consist of training, guidance and support to help you and your parish to become better catechists to our young people. To reserve a place on the Day for Children's Liturgy Leaders or to ask for more information contact childrensliturgyday@gmail.com – this event is organised by the Catechetics Commission of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. Please bring a packed lunch. All are very welcome.'

C) A ONE DAY CONFERENCE ON 'THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH TODAY'

Saturday 6 October – Gillis Centre – 11am-4pm

Archbishop Leo writes: 'The Conference is free and is open to all. It will begin at 11am and will finish at 4pm and the Guest Speaker is Helen Alvaré, Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law in the United States and a consultor for the Pontifical Council of the Laity in Rome. If you would like to attend the Conference please register with Sr Mirjam Hugens, on 0131 623 8902 or email her on Archsecretary@staned.org.uk.'

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS COURSE



Our safeguarding co-ordinators, Alison Connelly and Peter Gillam write: 'As you will be aware, all volunteers in both parishes who work with children or vulnerable adults are required to obtain a PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) certificate. All volunteers in the parishes who work in these areas have obtained these certificates. **However, it is also a requirement that these PVG volunteers attend a Safeguarding induction course (formerly known as an awareness**

course) run by the Church. Although a number of volunteers have attended such a course, there remains a substantial number who have yet to do so. **For the convenience of those volunteers who have not yet managed to attend a course, one has been arranged to take place in St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 20 August.** All those volunteers who have not yet done so strongly urged to attend this event. The duration is no more than 90 minutes and attendance will ensure your ability to continue to make your valuable contribution to the community of our two parishes and provide protection for our children and vulnerable adults. Please therefore, make the effort to attend and contact Alison Connelly (St Mary Magdalene's - 07788710897) or Peter Gillam (St John's – 07771982177) to advise of your intention to be there so that we can cater for the number who will be present. **If the above date and time is not convenient, alternative dates and venues are as follows:-**

Saturday 25 August – 2pm – St David's Church Hall, 41 Eskbank Road, Dalkeith

Tuesday 4 September – 7pm – Café Camino (adjacent to St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh)

Again, prior notification of your intention to attend any of the alternative venues to Alison or Peter is requested.'

A PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE BY THE YOUTH WING OF SPUC SCOTLAND - PROJECT TRUTH

Brian McKenna writes: 'Project Truth is an award winning youth outreach project run by SPUC Scotland. They travel round the towns and cities of Scotland, bringing the pro-life message to the streets. They run engaging monthly stalls as well as a week long pro-life Roadshow each August in various Scottish cities. To support their work go to Go Fund Me Project Truth.'

FESTIVAL AND FRINGE EVENTS:

1) Theatre Alba @ Duddingston

'Theatre Alba will be performing **'The Garden of Delight'** - A Magical Outdoor Play for Children, held within the grounds of Duddingston Kirk Manse from **Tuesday 31 July – Sunday 19 August at 2pm for 1hr.** Live music! with an ecological theme (ages 4-10 and their families) written and directed by Clunie Mackenzie and Music by John Sampson *There will be no performances on 15, 16 and 17 August. (Not suitable for wheelchairs).*'

2) St Andrew Camerata Faure Requiem by Candlelight (with orchestra) and Cantique de Jean Racine directed by Vincent Wallace with Gillian Robertson - soprano - and Sean Webster - baritone: St Patrick's Church, Cowgate: **Saturday 11 and 18 August: 10.00pm.** Tickets available from Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN IN HONOUR OF ST JOHN OGILVIE – Sunday 2 September

Bishop Toal, Bishop of Motherwell, writes: 'I extend an invitation to Parishes, Catholic Societies and Organisations, indeed to all the Faithful to come to the National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin on Sunday 2 September 2018. The pilgrimage this year will be in honour of St John Ogilvie SJ. **The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated within the Grotto at 3.00pm** with Archbishop Philip Tartaglia as Principal Celebrant and Bishop Stephen Robson of Dunkeld as homilist.'

2018 ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR – 2-6pm – Sunday 9 September

The 2018 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 9 September from 2pm–6pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh. (2pm Opening - 3pm – Film: The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God 4.30pm Holy Mass). Refreshments available.



Mary's Meals Day, Scotland (Glasgow) – Sunday 9 September 2018 –

'Entrance is free and everyone is welcome— doors open at 12.45pm for coffee and stalls – programme starts at 2pm. This event will be take place in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. To reserve free places, please visit marysmeals.org.uk/MarysMealsDay or ☎0800 698 1212. Each year Mary's Meals welcomes supporters to celebrate this wonderful mission. Mary's Meals Days bring together those who share our vision that every child receives a meal in a place of

education. These events are also an opportunity to recognise and thank you for helping to make this work possible. We will be joined by members of our global family, including speakers from from our programme countries, who witness every day the ways in which the simple act of providing a meal in school is transforming the lives of desperately hungry children. You will also hear from our founder and global chief executive Magnus MacFarlen-Barrow and from supporters who will share their stories about why they are inspired to share their money, goods, skills, time and prayers. There will be fantastic entertainment too, so please bring your family and friends. It is a great way to introduce people to the work of Mary's Meals.'

A SPONSORED WALK FOR RICHMOND'S HOPE – 23 September 2018

'Join Richmond's Hope for a sponsored walk 6.5km around Arthur's Seat leaving from Duddingston Kirk. Registration 1pm – walk starts at 2pm followed by a BBQ, bouncy castle & lots of fun!. Walk in memory of someone and support bereaved children. To register or for more information please ☎ 0131 661 6818 or ✉ k.scoular@richmondshope.org.uk'



FRESH START ARE SEARCHING FOR LIGHT BULBS AND TOWELS (AND MUCH ELSE...)



A note from Mark Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator : 'Thank you! We appreciate all the donations we receive, but we would ask if you are donating any sharp objects, such as knives, as well as glass, can you please ensure they are wrapped appropriately in order to prevent any accidents when they are being unpacked. We have been working with Thomas (name changed), who received keys to his new flat at the beginning of the month. Thomas became homeless after his flat was set on fire. This led to him spending a long period of time in an Edinburgh Hostel. Although he was grateful to the Council for providing him with a place to stay, he described the experience as 'not much fun'. Like most of the people in his situation he needed help. We were able to help him with

bedding, towels, crockery, pots and pans, toiletries and small electrical items (a toaster, kettle and an iron). Later this month he is going to work alongside some of our Hit Squad Volunteers and decorate his living room and bathroom. Also, can I remind people that Fresh Start cannot take furniture nor large kitchen appliances. For these try Edinburgh Furniture Initiative or Bethany Christian Trust.'

Paul Bevan writes: 'I am still able to collect larger items, bags and boxes, from people's homes if they need this service, and shall continue to clear anything left at the back of St. John's - and also St Mary Magdalene's - to deliver to Fresh Start, as I work very close to their premises. My tel. no. is 0131 653 0373 and mobile 07784490155.'

PORTOBELLO OLDER PEOPLES PROJECT 'are looking for 2 helpers to join our fantastic team of volunteers':

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 people to join our team as Volunteer Helpers on a Tuesday. In this post you will welcome and chat to the older people, help set up for, and serve lunch & assist in the running of activities. We are looking for people who are available between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. on a Tuesday each week. There is some flexibility in the commitment required. We could for example consider term time only working or working every second week. To find out more, please contact Rose White: rose.white166@outlook.com'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Brother Patrick of Nunraw, Rena Boyd, Tina Cupo, May Kennedy, Robert Mitchell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sophia de Sota, Pat Gilhooley, Jean McQuade, Margaret Waugh, William and Bridget Gillespie

St John's :

Aug.11 :- McMullan Family; Aug.12 :- Martha Anthony (2001); Eddie Cullen (1941); Aug.13 :- Hugh Ward (2001); Eleanor Gracie (1999); Catherine Lowe (1987); Aug.14 :- Leslie Berry (1995); Philip Brady; Aug.15 :- James Braby (2000); Robert Nelson (1983); John Calder (1954); Elizabeth Cunningham; Aug.16 :- William Burns (2016); Mary Rae (2013); Carlo Mancini (2002); Sydney Reid (1987);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Aug.11 :- Amadeo Alonzi (2004); Barry Ledden (1968); Aug. 12 – Pat Gilhooley Aug.15 :- Ann Hutton (1996);

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mary Phair, Eddie Clark, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Kate Walsh, Anna Butler, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Helen Hanlon, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhilipps, 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: Fr Stephen Muir, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Michael Calvey, Maureen Connolly, Joseph Jordan, Allan Crombie, Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, Vic Legrix, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, James Sangster 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, Patricia Davies

ST MARY MAGDALENE

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Offertory Collections

5 August

£323.50 (including £161.00 gift aid)

£950.29 (including £350.29 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

Bidding Prayers

12 August

Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick

Anne Jabir

19 August

Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes

Aileen Hall

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Many thanks to the Gift Aiders. Recently we received £1,871.15 from HMRC for the Gift Aid period 2017-2018. If you are a tax payer and would like to enrol in the Gift Aid Scheme please get in touch with Madge Moyes.

PLANNING OUR JOINT PARISHES FAYRE

You're invited!

Why not come along on Tuesday, 14 August at 7pm to the Parish House and join Chris and Jennifer in sharing ideas in order to make our fayre on Saturday 6 October a successful event for everyone.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 18 August

G Sellar, B Tansey,
J Plews

Sunday 19 August

E White, P Maclellan Hawkes,
E Buckley, P Connarty,
C Dempsey

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Many thanks to the Gift Aiders. Recently we received £9,168.32 from HMRC for the Gift Aid period 2017-2018. If you are a tax payer and would like to enrol in the Gift Aid Scheme please get in touch with Karen in the Parish Office (669 5447.)



The Pamoja Fashion team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported them last weekend - the total raised was £345.00.

Maria Igoe writes:

‘**St Catharine's Convent** always require men's socks and underwear for their Mercy Project with the homeless. These garments need not be new but should be clean and in reasonable condition. Donations would be gratefully received. Just place them in the Mary's Meals box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Mary's Meals Backpacks - please donate backpacks and school clothes that your children have finished with, including gym shoes. They will be very much appreciated.’



Security or insecurity?

‘He who clutches desperately to security, to every day habits, work, organization, friends, family, no longer lives. More than security, life needs adventure, risk, dynamic activity, self-giving, presence to others.’

Jean Vanier, Tears of Silence

Loss

‘When an activity or a person fills our lives, inspires us or gives us a zest for life, their absence can plunge us into this feeling of total emptiness. We live a kind of inner death. Life no longer flows forth in us. We are filled with a sense of loss and of grief; a heaviness, which resembles depression, permeates our whole being. This pain and this heaviness are not a sickness but a normal, natural reaction to a loss that touches the very meaning of our lives.’

Jean Vanier, Seeing Beyond Depression

Belonging Together

‘Living with men and women with intellectual disabilities has helped me to discover what it means to live in communion with someone. To be in communion means to be with someone and to discover that we actually belong together.

Communion means accepting people just as they are, with all their limits and inner pain, but also with their gifts and their beauty and their capacity to grow: to see the beauty inside of all the pain.’

Jean Vanier, From Brokenness to Community, p.16

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 11 August St Clare – Memorial	10.00am:- Mass – SI 6.30pm:- Mass – Jean McQuade	
Sunday 12 August 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass - People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass - Pat Gilhooley
Monday 13 August	10.00am – NO Eucharistic Service 7-8pm: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9.45am:- Mass – Requiem Mass for Kate Neilson
Tuesday 14 August St Maximillian Kolbe - Memorial	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	6.25pm-6.55pm:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Mass - SI
Wednesday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY	7.00pm:- Mass – Frank Gallagher	10am:- Mass – Canon Charles Stanley
Thursday 16 August	10.00am:- Mass - Margaret Waugh	
Friday 17 August	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass - SI 3pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 18 August	10.00am:- Mass – SI 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Alfonsas Stregowstras	
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