

# Update from Cluster Parishes Together



St John's,  
St Mary Magdalene,  
St Mary's Leith,  
St Ninian's and  
St Teresa's

Cluster Corner – Parish  
newsletters October 2018

*'If two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, He will be there'*

Welcome to this short summary of joint activities from our Cluster Parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, St Ninians, St Mary's, Star of the Sea, St John the Evangelist and St Teresa's. During the last few years our congregations have journeyed together in faith and in getting to know one another. The Cluster planning group continue to meet regularly to continue strengthening relationships, in addition to sharing information and expertise across the Cluster. The Cluster Parishes continue to work together both spiritually and socially and some highlights months are outlined below:-

## Praying together

Spirituality and Creativity Retreat Theme: Finding God in all Things

*A spiritual, prayerful and creative experience of finding God in every aspect of my daily life. To discover Christ more deeply and intimately within my spiritual journey. Come and see what the God of surprises has for you.* Sr Shelia Gosney will lead two retreats, the first from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> October, and the second from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's, Star of the Sea.

## **Celebrate the feast days of St Francis at St Teresa's**

- Transitus (memorial of death of St Francis) – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm
- Feast of St Francis- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October Mass at 10.30am

## **Centenary Remembrance at St Ninian's Parish**

To commemorate the ending of WW1, St Ninian's Parish are organising a series of events on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. Students at St Ninian's Primary school are preparing exhibitions which will be displayed in the grounds surrounding the church. All parishioners have been invited to submit names of family members who served in the forces and this information will feature in an exhibition to be held within the church itself.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm a specially written work consisting of the spoken word, music and silent reflection will be performed in the church by young people of the parish and to which everyone in the Cluster parishes is invited. A special liturgy will be celebrated at 10.15am on Remembrance Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November to which everyone is also invited.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

**Youth Mass for the Feast of Christ the King** at 6pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Vigil Mass @ St Mary's, Star of the Sea

**Youth Taizé** at 7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ St Mary's, Star of the Sea

Hold the date - A joint **Advent Retreat for all Cluster Parishes** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ St Mary's, Star of the Sea

## **Socialising together**

### **Parishes Autumn Fayre 10am – 2pm - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ St John's Hall**

All proceeds from this joint St Mary Magdalene's and St John's Fayre will go to Bethany Night Shelters and STEKA (Step Kids Awareness in Malawi). Admission tickets are now available to purchase - Adult £1.50, child 50p – includes tea/coffee or juice with goodie bag for child. All welcome. Raffle tickets are also available to purchase on the day. The draw will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm in St Mary Magdalene's.

### **Race Night - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October - St Mary's, Star of the Sea**

Please think about sponsoring a race £25, or buying a horse £3. Tickets £5 on sale after Mass with proceeds being split between the Parish, CMS and a Charity. We will also be hosting visitors from Whitehaven to this event.

### **Charity Coffee Morning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am – St John's Hall**

Donations will be given to SPUC Scotland who are fighting to save unborn babies. Please come along.

### **Charity Fundraising Fashion Sale Evening - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St John's Hall**

Admission £3.00 includes wine and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to purchase ladies, gents, children's clothes & accessories too. All proceeds will go to STEKA and Legho.

### **Join St John's and St Mary Magdalene's Parish Ceilidh – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November– Danderhall Social Club**

Music will be by the fantastic 'Flaming Nora' ceilidh band – tickets will cost £10 per person from 7.30pm to midnight including supper. For further information please contact Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.

### **D Day Battlefield Experience - May 2019**

Following the recent successful visit to the Battlefields of World War 1 in April, it has been suggested that the Cluster Committee organise a similar excursion to Normandy. A group of at least 30 people would be needed from among the Cluster parishes to make this trip viable.

It is likely that the excursion would take place in May 2019 and would visit Pegasus Bridge, Sword, Gold, Juno and Omaha Beaches and St Mere Eglise.

If you are interested in participating please contact Des Brogan, who will be leading the experience, and he will send out further details as they become available. His email is [des@mercattours.com](mailto:des@mercattours.com)

If you would like to know more or contribute in any way, then contact Jennifer Morris in your Parish.