

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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3rd Sunday in Advent – 16 December 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.



Very sadly, Fr John Robinson was taken ill on Thursday morning and died very peacefully that evening. God rest a wonderfully enthusiastic and big-hearted human being and priest, and a great friend to our parishes....

Today at 12.15pm in St Mary Magdalene's, there is a Bake Sale, organised by St MM Children's Liturgy children, in order to help provide a meal on Christmas night at the Bethany Night Shelter for the Homeless: 'We would love if you could come along and support us'.

ADVENT PEACE EVENT – 3pm – Today Sunday 16 December – St John's Hall....with a Service of Light and Peace at 4pm. A message from the J&P Group: 'In the midst of the pre-Christmas hurly-burly, come and join us to think and pray about those places where the peace of Christmas is a distant dream. Starting at 3pm with workshops for adults and children for peace-related craft activities and development of prayers for use during the peace liturgy which will start at 4pm. Tea/coffee/juice in the hall after.'

With this newsletter is the promised copy of the beautiful prayer, The Angelus (and its history)do pray it each day at midday and 6pm in the build-up to Christmas...



Christmas Season Schedule



Christmas Services

St John the Evangelist

St Mary Magdalene

Christmas Eve

6.00pm - Children's Mass

8.30pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

8.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

10.30am – Children's Mass

There will be celebrations in the Hall at St Mary Magdalene's after the Carol Service and St John's after the Vigil Mass. There will also be Mass at St John's at 10am on the 27th for the Patronal Feast of St John, and a celebration in the Hall afterwards.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 16 December

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass** (with P3 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass (with P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' children)....followed by a Bake Sale**, organised by St MM Children's Liturgy children, in order to raise funds to provide a meal on Christmas night at the Bethany Night Shelter for the Homeless – 'We would love if you could come along and support us, all donations of baking will be gratefully received!'

12.15pm – Leaving from St John's – **Trip to Nunraw**

3pm – St John's Hall – **Advent Peace Event** (see above)

5-7pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd, Edinburgh EH9 1BB – '**Love – An Advent Talk for Young Adults, given by Archbishop Leo Cushley**...the Talk will be followed by Questions/Exposition/Confession/Night Prayer and Benediction - the Evening ends with Pizza and Refreshments.

6.30pm – St Mark's – **Christmas Concert with the Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band.**

Tickets £8.00 – free for under 16's. For further information please contact 0131 629 1219,

www.stmarksportobello.org or stmarkstickets@gmail.com

7pm - St Martin's, Magdalen Drive - **Acoustic Christmas Café**

Tuesday 18 December,

7pm – St Mary's, Leith - **Advent Taize Evening** - 'Mince pies and Wine in the hall afterwards. Please join us if you can. We look forward to seeing you there.'

7.30pm – Parish House – **RCIA Mass and Celebration**

Wednesday 19 December –

10.30am – St John's – **Christmas Cleaning of the Church** – All welcome, including men....

1pm – St Mary's, Leith – **Lunch and Meeting for the Cluster Priests**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Saturday/Sunday 23 December – Annual Leaving Collection for Legho village in Tanzania (at St John's).

Friday 28 December – 12noon – St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd, - **Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents with Archbishop Leo Cushley**

Saturday 26 January - St John's Church Hall - from 7.30 pm - **Joint Parish Burns Supper** – 'Tickets cost £10pp. All proceeds to go towards funding two defibrillators for the parishes. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year. For any information contact Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.'

NOTICEBOARD

NEWS FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

- '**Mary's Meals - Double your money!** After their visit to our parishes recently, Mary's Meals have now announced that from now till 1 March 2019, all donations to their "Double the Love" appeal will be matched by the UK Government. Incredible value!
- **St Teresa's Foodbank.** Our two parishes have been supporting the small foodbank run by St Teresa's in Craigmillar. During this run up to Christmas, you might like to drop a few items in the boxes at the back of each church to help St Teresa's to ensure their foodbank users have enough for Christmas.'

SLEEPING BAGS APPEAL



Do you have sleeping bags which are no longer required? The only requirement is that the zips are in good working order. Please contact the Parish Office on 669 5447 and arrangements can be made for collection/drop off.

Cluster Group D Day Landings Battlefields Visit 2019

Des Brogan writes: 'As a result of the successful Cluster Parish Pilgrimage to the WW1 battlefields which was held in April 2018, it has been suggested that we should plan a follow up experience to the D Day Landings beaches in Normandy. This note is an invitation to anyone who might be interested in participating in such a visit. Depending on numbers (30 minimum), we hope to leave for Normandy on Sunday 25th and return on Friday 30th August 2019. Accommodation will be at the Novotel, Bayeux and the cost will be £600 pp with £95 single person supplement. The cheapest way to travel would be to agree to share with someone. The itinerary will include visits to Pegasus Bridge, Sword, Gold, Juno and Omaha beaches as well as a number of museums and other less well known sites. Like the WW1 Experience this trip will be informative, detailed and very moving. An itinerary, application form and further details are available from Des Brogan at des@mercattours.com or 07710 720 774'.


A Request from Bethany Christian Trust- 'BUY A BED'

'The Bethany night shelters, for which many in our parishes are involved in providing a hot meal for its users, is continuing to meet an unfortunately ever-increasing need, with an average of 61 men and women using the shelters this winter so far. Including staff and core management costs, running the Care Shelters this year is budgeted at £260,000 which equates to £21 per bed space per night. If you wish to donate a bed space for a homeless person, or give one as a present at Christmas, please go to fundraising.bethanychristiantrust.com/event/bab18 to buy a voucher.'



3 MINUTE DAILY RETREATS – : 'Loyola Press have produced an internet and phone app which offers a 3 Minute Daily retreat which is useful for those on the move when 3 minutes out of the daily rush and bustle is desired. The email version can be accessed from 3MinuteRetreat@LoyolaPress.com - there is also a phone app which can be downloaded via the app store.'

AN APPEAL FROM FRESH START: 'Helping People Make a Home for Themselves'

Paul Bevan writes: 'If anyone would like to donate items for the Starter Packs - we are in particular need of Pots & Pans,  Crockery - plates & bowls, and light bulbs. Our Cookers for Christmas Appeal is an annual appeal we make in the months leading up to Christmas when we ask for donations of money to help fund this Service. We then use these funds to purchase, deliver and install a cooker on our client's behalf, allowing them to enjoy meals in their new home. Please tel. 476 7741 for this.'

We appreciate all the donations we receive, but we would ask if you are donating any sharp objects, such as knives, can you please ensure they are wrapped appropriately in order to prevent any accidents when they are being unpacked. 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. 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 to deliver to Fresh Start, as I work very close to their premises. My tel. no. is 0131 653 0373 and mobile 07784490155.'

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.'

- Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the **S2 Information Evening** –we were delighted to see so many families coming along to engage with us and hear about the Pupil Review of Learning and course choices for S3.
- We continue with our **Advent fundraising for Soul Food and The Cyrenians**; we are aiming to raise money to provide sleeping bags for the Homeless.
- The S5/6 Higher Computing Science pupils attended the **Cyber Security Christmas Lecture** at Napier University.
- We look forward to welcoming S4 pupils back from their **Work Experience Week**.

Date for your diary:-

- S2 Parents' Meeting on Friday 11 March OR Thursday 17 March – we hope to see all parents and carers with S2 pupils at this meeting.

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr John Robinson, Vera Hegarty, Helen Waugh, Jimmy Cosgrove and Steve Burke

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary McNally, Jim Marin, George P Smith, Ron McLeay, Alice Taylor, Margaret Knowles, Pat Butler, James Moyes

St John's :-

Dec.15:- Sarah Carty (2001); Janet Peters (1993); William Cotterell (1984); Jeannie O'Brien (1959); Edward D Maher (1958); Catherine Carvell; Catherine Connell; Dec.16:- Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; Dec.17:- Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; Dec.18:- Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964); Dec.19:- Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan; Dec.20:- Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949); Dec.21:- Eileen Flannigan (2012); Alexander Paton (2001); Jean Malcolm (1998); Mary Gallagher (1992); Francis O'Connor (1969);

St. Mary Magdalene's

Dec.15:- Colin Newall (1968); Dec.16:- Patricia Scott (1999); Dec.19:- Mary McNally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979); Dec.20:- Jim Marin (2010); Dec.21:- Elizabeth McEwan (1996);

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Alice Codling, Palmina Crolla, Marie White, David Robertson, Jean McCraw, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Kate Walsh, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, 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: Pat Marin, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhillips, 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: Ellen Kelly, Hew Dalrymple, Joanna Lamb, Jimmy Loughran, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Joseph Jordan, Nora Hanratty, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Fr Stephen Muir, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, James Sangster, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Joanne Cooper, Roksan 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 Jordan, 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		
9 December	£422.93 (including £200.00 gift aid)	£934.25 (including £350.00 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
16 December	Children	Children
23 December	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Aileen Hall

Children's Mass on Christmas morning at St Mary Magdalene's

'The children will be doing a little mime of the Nativity while the Gospel is being read on Christmas morning. There will be a practice after Mass on Sunday 23rd December. Please come along if you would like to take part. If you can't make the practice don't worry. Come dressed as a shepherd or an angel on Christmas morning. We can never have too many....'

COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club will not meet on Wednesday 19 December. The Club will start again on Wednesday 9 January at 1pm.

If you are interested in joining the **200 Club**, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes.

The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh Catholic Directory for 2019 now on sale at the back of both churches - price £2.50

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 22 December

P MacInnes,
M Spencer, V Paterson

Sunday 23 December

L Moran, P Glancy, C Volpe, A Dixon,
J Rynn

Next Sunday there will be the Annual Leaving Collection for our twin parish of Legho in Tanzania



Chris Vinestock writes: ‘**Christmas Cleaning of the Church** – can you come along on **Wednesday 19 December at 10.30am** Please can you help our faithful weekly volunteers to assist and clean our church in preparation for Christmas. All help would be gratefully appreciated. Just bring along your duster – even for half an hour!!’

Maria Igoe writes:-

- ‘Morning Office. - During Advent the Morning Office will be said at Our Lady's altar at 9.30am. Please join us.
- For those who have booked for the Legion of Mary Reunion - A reminder that the event starts with Holy Mass in St Mary's, Leith. at 12 noon on Saturday 15 December.
- The next trip to Nunraw will be this Sunday 16 December. The transport will leave St John's at 12.15pm, earlier than usual, to suit our driver who has another pick-up. We will return by 7.30pm, the usual time.’

Silent Night – A Poem By Fr Andrew Monaghan

Two hundred years ago,
the turmoil of the European states
gave birth to "Silent Night",
the much loved carol
which expresses simple wonder
that our God became as one of us.

Two hundred years ago,
the rulers of a war-scarred Europe
reflected on the strange events
that in the middle of horrendous conflict
brought soldiers on a Christmas Day
to lay aside their arms
and celebrate the peace of God
which seemed so far away.

And once again,
two hundred years from
that first singing of the carol,
can Europe once again
unite in praising once again
the God who still remains
amid the turmoil and divisions
they call "Brexit"?
A sense of wonder at togetherness rings out,
but can it penetrate
the rage of Christians
and bring a sense of peace?

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 15 December	10am – Mass - SI 10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – John Ritchie	
Sunday 16 December 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am:- Mass – George P Smith	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes
Monday 17 December	10.00am:- Mass – Ron McLeay 6.00-7.00pm: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 18 December	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Pat Butler
Wednesday 19 December	10.00am:- Mass – Margaret Knowles	
Thursday 20 December	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – James & Jane Moyes
Friday 21 December	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – Mass – Moyra Dishington 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 22 December	10am – Mass - Alec Linton 10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Michael Connelly	
Sunday 23 December 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am:- Mass – Alice Taylor	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes

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