

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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## 2nd Sunday in Advent – 9 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.



**TODAY, 9/10 December, is Reconciliation Sunday:**– which takes the form of a short service at the starting-time of each Mass. We welcome – at different Masses – and thank Fr Martin Moran OMI, Fr Gordon Brown, Fr Jim Smith, Fr Ian Wilson OSA and Fr Paul Graham OSA.

### A STEKA Thank You!

Christmas should be a heart-warming season and if you want your heart truly warmed during these cold days of December, visit our Facebook page – and/or our parish websites - to see the "Thank You" video from the STEKA children in appreciation of the support being given by our two parishes.

### ADVENT PEACE EVENT – 3pm – Next Sunday 16 December – St John's Hall

A message from the J&P Group: 'In the midst of the pre-Christmas hurly-burly, come and join us on Sunday 16 December 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.'



## Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

## Christmas Season Schedule

St John the Evangelist

6.00pm - Children's Mass

8.30pm – Christmas Vigil Mass



St Mary Magdalene

8.30pm Carol Service

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 27<sup>th</sup> for the Patronal Feast of St John, and a celebration in the Hall afterwards.

## THIS WEEK

### **Saturday 8 December**

10am-1pm – St Mary's, Leith - **CLUSTER ADVENT RETREAT with Fr William Pearsall SJ**  
10.30am for 11.00am-3.00pm - Walpole Hall, 27 Chester Street, Edinburgh EH3 7EN - **'The Spiritual Roots of Protest - Merton's Enduring Legacy – A Day of Reflection with Jim Forest'**. 'Cost by donation includes refreshments and lunch. To book email [forest@thomasmertonsociety.org.uk](mailto:forest@thomasmertonsociety.org.uk) Jim Forest was a co-founder of the Catholic Peace Fellowship in the 1960s, a friend of Thomas Merton, and author of a biography of Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan (another key early member of the Catholic Worker in USA).'

### **Sunday 9 December**

5-7pm (and 16) December – 5-7pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Rd, Edinburgh EH9 1BB – **'Faith, Hope and Love – Advent Talks for Young adults given by Archbishop Leo Cushley**  
...with a Talk//Questions/Exposition/Confession/Night Prayer and Benediction - the Evening ends with Pizza and Refreshments

**Monday 10 December – 7pm – St John's Hall – Parish Fayre Get Together Review & Plan Ahead meeting (with a little party attached!)**

### **Tuesday 11 December**

7.00pm – Parish House - **Fire Team Meeting**  
7.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church – 'The Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association continues its season of talks with **Fr Jim Lawlor**, a parish priest in Glasgow, speaking on **"For see, the winter is over" - The Advent herald of Hope and Life.**' All warmly welcome to come along. A donation is requested to cover our costs.'

**Wednesday 12 December – 7.30pm – Baptism Preparation Course (2<sup>nd</sup> session)**

## IN THE COMING WEEKS

### **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!'  
**3pm – St John's Hall – Advent Peace Event** (see above)  
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](http://www.stmarksportobello.org) or [stmarkstickets@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkstickets@gmail.com)  
7pm - St Martin's, Magdalen Drive - Acoustic Christmas Café

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

## NOTICEBOARD



### **TODAY CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE STALL**

Saturday/Sunday 8 & 9 Dec before and after Mass at St John's. The Justice and Peace Group welcome your support for Fair Trade products.

### **A message 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](http://fundraising.bethanychristiantrust.com/event/bab18) to buy a voucher.'




## IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

### George McAleenan of the Catholic Men's Society writes:

'When you are buying stamps for your Christmas cards, why not ask for the Religious **CHRISTmas** stamp. I have discovered that many post offices especially the privatised ones do not have the religious stamps in stock. People are finding it very difficult and even impossible to obtain the stamps. There are plenty of the secular stamps. I have been in regular contact with the Royal Mail which tells me it is up to the private POs to request the religious stamp. It is my understanding that the Royal Mail only provides the crown post offices with the stamps. Next year I am hoping to lead a campaign to have all POs selling religious stamps and I will be asking the Royal Mail to produce a new one and not just churn out the usual Madonna and Child. If it can produce new secular stamps every year then surely it can produce another religious one. But they will only do this if there are enough people pressure on them. Please contact me at [georgemcaleenan@gmail.com](mailto:georgemcaleenan@gmail.com) for further details.'

**3 MINUTE DAILY RETREATS** – Catrina McGillvray writes: '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](mailto:3MinuteRetreat@LoyolaPress.com) - there is also a phone app which can be downloaded via the app store.'

## AN APPEAL FROM FRESH START:

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.

- Holy Rood's annual **Christmas Concert** was a wonderful occasion, with 84 pupils involved, both the music and the performance of **Peter Pan** were outstanding. A huge thank you to all the pupils involved and to the Expressive Arts Faculty and Music Instructors who gave so generously of their time to help make it such a memorable event and contributed to the wonderful, festive atmosphere. Many thanks too to all the parents, carers, and extended families, including members of our local parishes, who attended in such large numbers – a sell-out crowd was great to see.
- This year, during **Advent**, we are raising money for **Soul Food and The Cyrenians** to provide sleeping bags for the Homeless.
- The Fundraising Total for Rock Trust Under 18 Sleep Out is now £2026.05 this is a fantastic tribute to all the pupils and staff involved.
- We wish our S4 pupils every success in their **Work Experience** next week.

### Date for your diary:-

**S2 Information Evening – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm.** Important information regarding the pupil Review of Learning and course choices for S3. We hope to see as many parents as possible on this evening.

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

## PARISH REGISTER

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Nancy Orr Ewing, Alex Shaw, Aodhan Dempsey, Anne Burns

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Salvona, Stan Tweedie, John Ritchie, George P Smith, Maria Juska, Myles Durkin, William Cotterell, Mary McLauchlan, Jenny Wormald, Joseph Dykes, Jane Wright, John Cahill, baby Colin Newall, Betty McPartlin

### St John's :-

Dec.8:- Margaret O'Brien (2001); Robert Taylor (1998); Kathleen M Codling (1977); James Waldie; Dec.9:- Mary Salvona (2017); Jenny Wormald (2015); May Maclean (2007); S. M. Nelson (1985); Frank McGuire (1979); Bridget Lawrie (1990); Dec.10:- Jimmy Duke (2014); Vincent Kelegher (2003); Margaret T Ward (2001); Mary McLauchlan (2000); Joseph Dykes (1985); Maggie Bonner (1982); Michael Keogh (1948); James Anderson; Dec.11:- Stan Tweedie (2014); Mary Meehan (2006); Bridget & Michael Meldrum; Annie Shrivener; Dec.12:- John Ritchie (2016); Valerie Messent (2003); Myles Durkin (1975); Margaret Riach (1960); Ann Cassidy; James Daly; Dec.13:- Jane Wright (2016); John Dalrymple (2016); James Quinn (1991); Joseph P Gannon (1968); Agnes Stone (1964); Dec.14:- John Cahill (2017); Isabel Garvie (2015); Peter Brown (2004); Annie C Dobson (2002); Margaret Donaldson; Margaret Ward  
**St. Mary Magdalene's**

Dec.9:- Richard Sheppard (1973); Mary Macdougall (1969); Dec.10:- Maria Juska (2015); Dec.11:- Winifred Graham (1981); Dec 15:- baby Colin Newall (1968)

**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:** John Newell, 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:** 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, Vera Hegarty, 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, 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
<b>Offertory Collections</b>		
25 November	£288.00 (including £108.00 gift aid)	£813.65 (including £332.96 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
9 December	Catrina McGillivray & Eileen Igoe	Anne Jabir
16 December	Children	Children
<p>If you are interested in joining the <b>200 Club</b>, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes.</p> <p><b>Welcoming our Community – St Mary Magdalene's is now open between 1pm and 3pm each Wednesday for the 'Computer Club':</b> 'Anyone who would like to learn how to use a computer or tablet is most welcome. Equipment is provided for you by the Community Project. Your tutor is Eduardo. The Club is aimed at complete beginners and those have some experience but want to learn more. In the future, with the help of the Community Project, we hope to offer a 'Craft Club' and 'Guitar Lessons' as well.'</p>		

**Fr John Robinson recently moved to The Little Sisters of the Poor's Home in Glasgow.** If you would like to send him a Christmas card, his address is St Joseph's Nursing and Residential Home, 14 Cumnock Rd, Glasgow G33 1QT.

### **Autumn Fayre Get Together – this Monday**

Chris, Gina and Jennifer write: 'All volunteers are warmly invited to a "Get Together" in order to review the success of this year's fayre and to plan ahead for 2019. This will be held in St John's Hall this Monday 10 December at 7pm. Refreshments will be served.'

### **Fran Lawson, Fundraising Officer Mary's Meals UK, writes:**

'Thank you so much for welcoming our Mary's Meals volunteers to St John's and St Mary Magdalene's Churches a fortnight ago. Raffle ticket sales plus donations from St John's was £288.08 while from St Mary Magdalene's it was £128.52. There were also 105 bags of textiles collected. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful generosity which will help us continue our mission of providing more than 1.3 million of the world's poorest children with a nutritious daily meal in school. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for all your continued support of Mary's Meals, particularly during this time of crisis in South Sudan. Because of your generosity, children who would otherwise be working or begging to survive are now in classrooms with full stomachs, delighted to be learning. Thanks again and may God bless you all!.'

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 15 December

J Roarty, M McKenzie,  
J Martin

Sunday 16 December

B Gallagher, E Buckley, M Slight,  
M Iannarelli, T Burgess

**St John's Open Parish Meeting** - If you attended St John's Open Parish Meeting on 18 November and have not yet received the full report of that meeting (either by e-mail or a hard copy from the back of the church), please alert Frances McDevitt (sfmcdevi@gmail.com) ASAP.

**With this newsletter, there is a precis of those minutes.**

**A Fire Team Meeting** is being held this Tuesday 11 December at 7.00pm in the Parish House.



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!!'

**Welcome to the world.....Thomas John Iannarelli**, born on Saturday 1 December, a son for Jane and Steve, a sister for Sandie, and a grandchild for Mike and Mary. ♥



★ **The Pamoja fashion sale raised £509.00 last weekend** - many thanks for your continuing support.

**Maria Igoe writes:-**

- The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 10 December after Mass. Donations will be given to 'Chance for Childhood', which helps vulnerable children in Africa. Donations in the next week will be doubled by generous pledgers - so I will send £120 in anticipation. Please come along.
- 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 on 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.
- The 10th and final episode of the 'Catholicism' series will be shown on Thursday 13th December at 7pm in the Parish House. -- 'World Without End: The Last Things'.

### The Meaning of Advent: St Oscar Romero

Advent should admonish us to discover  
in each brother or sister that we greet,  
in each friend whose hand we shake,  
in each beggar who asks for bread,  
in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union,  
in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves,  
the face of Christ.

Then it would not be possible to rob them,  
to cheat them,  
to deny them their rights.

They are Christ,  
and whatever is done to them  
Christ will take as done to himself.

This is what Advent is:  
Christ living among us.

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 8 December</b>  <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY</b>	<b>10am – Mass - SI</b>  <b>[10.00am:- Mass – SI - also at St Mary’s, Leith, as part of the Advent Cluster Retreat]</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday 9 December</b>  <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Mary Salvona</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – Willie Robertson</b>
<b>Monday 10 December</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Maria Juska</b>  <b>6.00-7.00pm: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11 December</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Mass – Myles Durkin</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass –William Cotterell</b>	
<b>Thursday 13 December</b>  <b>St Lucy - Memorial</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Mary McLauchlan</b>
<b>Friday 14 December</b>  <b>St John of the Cross - Memorial</b>	<b>9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am – Mass – Bill Brogan</b>  <b>3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions</b>	
<b>Saturday 15 December</b>	<b>10am – Mass - SI</b> <b>10.30am – Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – John Ritchie</b>	
<b>Sunday 16 December</b>  <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – George P Smith</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes</b>