

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

35 Brighton Place, Edinburgh EH15 1LL Bingham Avenue, Edinburgh EH15 3HY

Parish Priest: Fr. Jock Dalrymple: 0131 669 5447

Shared Parish House: 3 Sandford Gardens, EH15 1LP

Pastoral Team: Alice Codling, Jennifer Morris and Chris Vinestock

Administrator: Karen Blair (OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am to 3pm)

Web address: [www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk)

Web address: [www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk)

Joint e-mail for our sister parishes: [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – 11 March 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.



**A Very Happy Mother's Day to all Mums, Grans, and Great Grannies – and to godmothers and 'spiritual' mothers too...**

**There will be second collection this weekend, 11 March, in aid of Papal and Episcopal Charities (75per cent of which goes to SCIAF). There is also a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Joseph Toal, President of SCIAF, with this newsletter.**

**Next Sunday, 18 March, at 2.30pm in St John's Church Hall, there will be SCIAF Stations of the Cross** - these Stations of the Cross - produced by SCIAF as part of their Lent campaign - are different from the normal in that the steps on Jesus's journey to Cavalry are illustrated by images from the lives of the poor in Cambodia who are the theme of this year's Wee Box campaign. Siobhan Wright from SCIAF will also give us a short talk on their activities in that part of the world. Refreshments will be provided.

**Next Sunday is also Reconciliation Sunday, with several priests available to celebrate the sacrament at the normal time for the beginning of the Vigil and Sunday Masses. To help us all prepare, in the newsletter this week on the back of the Sunday Plus is an 'Examination of Conscience' - please take time during the week to reflect on the questions there....and this year we are also offering a communal Reconciliation Service at 7pm on the evening of Tuesday 20 March, as well as individual reconciliation after several Masses midweek.**

**LENT IS A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF's WEE BOXES:**



**SCIAF Wee Box Lenten Campaign 2018**

'This year the Wee Box campaign is focusing on Cambodia, a country where almost threequarter of the population are living on less than £2/day. SCIAF is working with DPA, our partner in Cambodia, to help families protect traditional fishing waters from illegal fishing, and protect their land from illegal logging and corporate land grabbing as well as providing seeds, tools and training.

All donations given as part of the Wee Box campaign will be matched by the UK Government, so every pound you give will be doubled – how's that for a bargain offer! So pick up your Wee Box now and give generously.'

**Safeguarding Training Courses for all Parish Volunteers with PVG – Sunday 18 March – 1pm - St Mary's, Leith:** Our safeguarding co-ordinators, Alison Connelly and Peter Gillam write: 'All volunteers in the parishes who have obtained protection of vulnerable group (PVG) certification are required by the Archdiocese to attend a two hour training course. These courses are designed to help you if you become aware of any concerns you have whilst being involved with vulnerable persons. There are two training events arranged in Edinburgh (106 Constitution Street) this month, one last week, the other next Sunday at 1pm in the St Mary's Star of the Sea Church Hall. Volunteers are urged to attend. If you are able, could you please contact Peter Gillam on 07771982177 (St John's volunteers) or Alison Connelly (St Mary Magdalene's) so that we can let the persons conducting the course know the number and identify of those persons who will be attending.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 10 March** - 10.45am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina – Praying the Gospel.** All welcome.

**Thursday 15 March** –

6.30pm- Parish House – **St John’s Fabric Group Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Cluster Youth Group Leaders**

**Saturday 17 March**

**10am-12 midday** – St Ninian’s, Restalrig – **(Rescheduled) Lenten Retreat, led by Fr Peter Griffiths SJ**

‘Fr Griffiths will invite reflection on two areas: ‘Sacrament of Reconciliation – he will give a brief presentation and then a Question and Answer session. It is a great opportunity to reflect on our attitude to this Sacrament and share any questions we may have. ‘Laudato Si’ - Lent provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on how we are caring for our ‘common home. The Retreat starts at 10.00am, we celebrate Mass at 12.00 and then enjoy a shared lunch together. Please bring something to share.’

**10am-4pm** – Lauriston Hall - 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ £25 /£20 (conc) - **A Lenten Retreat Day with Miriam McHardy** – ‘**Who do you say that I am? Reflecting on the question in our lives today**’ – ‘Join us for a quiet day during Lent, reflecting on the question posed by Jesus to his apostles and to us in our lives today. Tea/ coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.’

Miriam McHardy is an experienced spiritual director and retreat giver. She was previously coordinator for Justice and Peace in the archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, and has a particular interest in how faith supports and encourages our action in social justice. For more information email: [✉just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk](mailto:just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk)

**7.30-11pm** – St Mary’s, Leith – **St Patrick’s Night** – ‘Tickets £10 includes light supper. Please contact Kathy at the Parish Office on ☎554 2482 for tickets.’

**Saturday/Sunday 17/18 March – Reconciliation Sunday**

**Sunday 18 March**

**1pm** - St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith Church Hall - **Safeguarding Training**

**2.30pm** – St John’s Church Hall – **SCIAF Stations of the Cross.**

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Monday 19 March** –

2.30pm – St John’s – Mass with Sacrament of the Sick

7.30pm – Lauriston Centre, 28 Lauriston St - ‘And Who is My Neighbour’ – ‘Our Global Neighbours’ – Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive, SCIAF.

**Tuesday 20 March** – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Communal Service of Reconciliation.**

**Wednesday 21 March** – 7.15-9pm – St Mary’s Cathedral, Palmerston Place EH12 5AW - An Evening with Dr Rowan Williams (organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace.) - For a [Registration Form](#): Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2018@hotmail.com](mailto:mesp2018@hotmail.com), 0131 331 4469.

**Friday 23 – Sunday 25 March** – Sr Mary’s. Kinoull, Perth – ‘The Beginning Experience – A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change’ - ‘there is a special heartache for those who find themselves single again – now there is help’ - for more information, call Ros on ☎669 0003 or email [✉rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sunday 25 March** - 7.30pm - Portobello, Joppa Parish Church – **Concert with Rob Halligan** – ‘a good mix of stories and music..’

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – 24 MARCH-1 APRIL**

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**Many thanks to Canon Andrew Monaghan**, kindly covering Mass from Tuesday to Thursday, while Fr Jock helps celebrate the funeral in Cornwall of Alan Knight, former Musselburgh parishioner, and husband of Jeannett Knight (1946-97), funder of Lifeline in Edinburgh.

**‘Coffee with a Cop – Your local Police Officers invite you** to come and meet us and have a Coffee with a Cop. This is a chance to speak with your local Police Officers about absolutely anything that matters to you in your local community. **Our sessions are held on the last Friday of every month.** Portobello Community Surgery – 1300hrs Portobello Library and Craigmillar Community Surgery - 1500hrs – 1600hrs at the White House.’



### **A New Dementia Friendly Singing Group**

Major Heather Elliot from Portobello Salvation Army writes:- ‘I am hoping to start up a new Dementia Friendly singing group one day a week, I have just been trained in the Salvation Army’s own ‘Singing by Heart’ course. In order for this to proceed I would need some musical help once a week, I have all the music available for guitar or other instruments but we don’t have anyone to accompany us. I would be very grateful if someone was willing to help with this new venture. Please call me on ☎ 01316656081 if you can help.’

### **THE CREATION OF A FABRIC SQUARE based 'What Love means to you':**



**Sheena McDonald from St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello writes:** ‘On Sunday 8 April we are holding lunch and a workshop on 'what love means to you' at St Mark's with an opportunity to create a fabric square based on people's response to this. These squares will be sewn into, firstly, a wall hanging then, once it has been on tour, split back down into usable blankets for use in homes, hospitals or for homeless people. We would love for every church in and around Portobello to be involved. I would like to make contact with interested people in St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s to talk this over, as well as to advertise it widely. We are producing 'invitations' which will be available soon. Anyone who would like to work with us on this project and would like further details, please contact Sheena McDonald, ☎07981 297805’

### **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.

- We continue to encourage all pupils to attend the many additional supported study classes available at lunch times and after school in the countdown to the SQA examinations. Sessions on exam stress and revision techniques (led by Miriam McHardy, our trained Counsellor and Julie Morrison, Teacher of English) are underway.
- S6 pupils led attainment assemblies focussing on helpful techniques to maximise success in the forthcoming SQA exams.
- Fundraising continues for our Lenten Charity this year, **Peace Direct**, with plans underway for the traditional S6 Stay Awake at the end of term.

The severe weather curtailed the curricular trips planned for last week, including the trip to Northern Ireland. However, the pupils who created the striking couture designs and impressive works of wearable art will have the opportunity to show off their designs at the Expressive Arts Showcase after the Easter break.

*Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh.*’

### **PARISH REGISTER**

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Rab McGovern, Alan Knight, Paddy McGill, Betty O’Rawe, Brunton Scott, Kathleen Garrity, Jim Byers, Marie McKormack, John McCafferty, Maureen Syme*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alf O’Brien. Alexander Connolly*

#### **St John’s:**

Mar.10:- Alfred O'Brien (2009); Mary D'Arcy Hughes (2007); Edward Quin (2007); Michael D'Arcy; Mar.11:- Dorothy Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O'Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan Mar.12:- Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A McGrory (1967); Wood family (1955); Mar.13:- Jessica Quinn (2000); Thomas Henderson (1984); Cecily Docherty (1972); Patrick G Hunt (1968); John T Clarke (1943) - killed in action; Roseanne D’Arcy; Mar.14:- Mary Kelly (2000); Elizabeth Binnie (1987); Mar.15:- Greta Clarke (2013); Very Rev.Charles Canon Brodie (1999); John Barber (1998); Alexander Connelly (1985); Rebecca M O’Kane (1981); James Waugh (1979); Mar.16:- May Mackay (1997); Edward Molloy (1961);

#### **St. Mary Magdalene’s:**

Mar.10:- John McPhee (2004); Annie Dalgleish (1997); John Barrett (1995); Mar.12:- Jeannie Docherty (2010); Mar.13:- Helen Sibbald (2014); Gertie Urquhart (1980); Mar.15:- Robert Harris (1981); Mar.16:- Joseph P. Foster (1969);

#### **Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including**

**Sick Parishioners - St. John’s:** Kate Walsh, 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, Anna Butler, James Sangster, Patricia Crawford, Guilio 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:** Kate Neilson, Jimmy Kesson, Tracey Moohan, Agnes Harvey, Maureen Scott, 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:** Edith Lautner, Allan Crombie, James Devlin, Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, Joseph Jordan, Vic Legrix, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Joanne Cooper, Rokhsana 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 (aged 18), 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
<b>Offertory Collections</b>		
<b>4 March</b>	£215.75 (inc £ 85.00 gift aid)	£961.51 (inc £427.68 gift aid)

*Thank you for your generosity*

### ST MARY MAGDALENE

#### Readers for Sunday

#### Bidding Prayers

11 March

Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick

Jim Gallagher

18 March

Tessa Haring & Sam Henry

Kate Neilson

**200  
CLUB  
DRAW**

**The 200 Club winner for February** was:-Number 98 – **Sarah Gallagher**, who won £25.00. Please contact Madge and Rob Moyes if you wish to join the 200 Club

**A new Café in Bingham – The Hope Community Café**, run by Niddrie Mission in the old Southfield Church Halls in Mountcastle Drive South – just opposite the Doctors' Surgery open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 to 2pm



### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

**Saturday 17 March** G Sellar, O Brooks,  
V Paterson

**Sunday 18 March** T Burgess, M Slight, M Iannarelli,  
P Mc

**Warm Birthday Greetings to May Thomson, 90** yesterday, Saturday 10 March.



#### Leadership of St John's Music Group

**Jeremy Devlin-Thorp** has made the decision to step down from leading the Music Group, after serving in this role for 20 years. If anybody is interested, or knows anyone who might be attracted to this role, please speak to Fr Jock or to Jeremy (07900 278043). Jeremy will support and give a full hand-over to make any change as seamless as possible.

*giftaid it*

**For all those who use Gift Aid envelopes**, the new Gift Aid envelopes commencing 1 April 2018 are now available for collection from the back of the church. If you are not currently a member of this Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Karen, our Parish Administrator who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

#### Maria Igoe writes: ‘

- The Charity Coffee Morning in February for Chance for Childhood raised £140 and the one in March raised £125 for the Missionary Society of St Columban. Thank you to those who contributed.
- The next **Healing Mass** will be on **Monday 19 March at 2.30pm**. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and Reconciliation will be available after Mass. Tea and home baking will be served in the Hall afterwards. Please come along.
- There will be a trip to Nunraw on Sunday 25th March, leaving from St John's at 1pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.
- Mary's Meals backpacks - Your donations have been very generous. Please now give new or second hand clothes suitable for school eg shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress, flip-flops or sandals for children between 4 and 12 years.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
<b>Saturday 10 March</b> <b>ST JOHN OGILVIE - FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am</b> – Tommy Byers <b>10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass</b> – Alf O’Brien <b>7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Sunday 11 March</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass</b> – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am:- Mass</b> – Helen Budge
<b>Monday 12 March</b>	<b>NB Change of Time</b> <b>9.15am:- Mass</b> – Margaret Scott  <b>7.00pm – 8.00pm:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13 March</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – Mary O’Rourke
<b>Wednesday 14 March</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – Betty O’Rawe <b>10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Thursday 15 March</b>	<b>10.00am:- Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass</b> – Kathleen Garrity <b>10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
<b>Friday 16 March</b>	<b>9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:-Mass</b> – Arthur Connelly	
<b>Saturday 17 March</b> <b>ST PATRICK - FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am</b> – David Owens <b>10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass</b> – Paddy McGill <b>7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Sunday 18 March</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Reconciliation Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass</b> – People of the Parish	<b>11.15am:- Mass</b> – Denis Green

Why not visit our parishes’ Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)

### Doing God’s work

If you become a friend of somebody who is excluded you are doing a work of unity. You are bringing people together. You are doing God’s work.

*Jean Vanier in ‘Living Gently in a Violent World’ p35*