

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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3rd Sunday of Lent – 4 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.



There will be second collection next Sunday, 11 March, in aid of Papal and Episcopal Charities (75per cent of which goes to SCIAF).

Safeguarding Training Courses for all Parish Volunteers with PVG – Thursday 8 and Sunday 18 March – 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 and details are shown below.

- Thursday 8 March – 7pm – St Mary's Star of the Sea,
- Sunday 18 March – 1pm – St Mary's Star of the Sea.

Volunteers are urged to attend one of these courses. If are able to attend 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Monday 5 March – St John's – 7pm

Please pray for the P3 children celebrating reconciliation for the first time....

Martha Apted, Daniel Baranski, Sofia Barreira, Jerzy Cichocki, Leo Cochrane, Fletcher Creanor, Vittorio Crolla, Jay Demarco, Oona Fraser, Clarissa Garcia Sancho Heeney, Elise Kazimoglu, Mhairi Keast, Noah Kelly, Alicja Lewinska, Victoria Liszka, Imogen McClory, Murray McKenzie, Cara Murray, Aoife O'Hanlon, Alessio Pacitti, Rachel Payne, Lewis Philbin, Adrian Rot, Ayda Sivell, Blaine Turnbull, Daniel Wallace, Maria Ziemaska and Frankie Weddell.

Many Thanks to all those who cleared away snow from in front of the Parish House, and both churches – as one parishioner noted admiringly, 'we had the best cleared pavements in the area!'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 3 March

10am-1pm – St John's Church Hall - Pamoja Fashion.

Both the Morning Lenten Retreat with Fr Peter Griffiths and the meeting for P3 and P4 'Parish Children Postponed....

Sunday 4 March

9.30am – St John's – Children's Mass with a focus on the P3 children celebrating Reconciliation.

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Children's Mass with P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' children.

6pm – St Mark's, 287 Portobello High St - 'Are you sitting comfortably...Then we'll begin' - St Mark's Gospel – read by members of the congregation. All Welcome.

Monday 5 March

10.30am – St John’s Church Hall - **Charity Coffee Morning**. Donations will be sent to the Missionary Society of St Columban. Please come along.

7pm – St John’s – **FIRST RECONCILIATION**.

7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre – **"Our Neighbour the Refugee" – a talk by Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, part of the Lenten Series of talks at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre ‘And, Who is My Neighbour?’ Admission by Donation.**

Tuesday 6 (and 13 & 20) March

10.30am-2pm – Harmony Crescent, Bonnyrigg – **Pastoral Team Mini-Retreat**

7.30pm - Church of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh - **An Experience of Taize Style Prayer**. ‘Join us at the Church of the Sacred Heart and experience faith through music, silence and reflection during Lent. All music is live. If you would like to sing or play an instrument please join us in the church from 7.00pm for a practice. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available throughout the evening.’

Wednesday 7 March

11am – Gillis Centre – **Council of Priests’ Meeting**.

7pm - St Kentigern's, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton - **Mass to celebrate Mgr David Gemmell's 10th anniversary** (Light refreshments will be available afterwards).

Thursday 8 March

6.30pm (nb Change of Time – Parish House – **Meeting of the Open Church Group**

7pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith Church Hall - **Safeguarding Training**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptismal Training Day 2 (postponed from last Wednesday)**

Friday 9 (and 23 March) – 7pm – St Mary’s Cathedral - **LOVE LENT’ - An Initiative for Young People by Archbishop Cushley**: ‘Archbishop Leo would like to invite young adults, 16 to 29-year-old, to join him for these Friday evening talks during Lent taking place at the parish hall of St Mary’s Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh. The first was on 23 February, the final two will be on 9 March and 23 March. Each talk begins at 7pm. Entitled “Love Lent”, the series of talks will conclude with a young adults gathering in Edinburgh upon Palm Sunday, 25 March. For more information, go to: www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Saturday 17 March – 10am-4pm – Lauriston Hall - **A Lenten Retreat Day with Miriam McHardy – ‘Who do you say that I am? Reflecting on the question in our lives today’** – See Notice Board below.

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** (see noticeboard for further details).

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, 0131 331 4469.

Friday 21 – Sunday 23 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

Sunday 24 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



Cluster Battlefields Experience/Pilgrimage : 16 – 20 April 2018

There are still a few places available for anybody wishing to join this tour. Further details are available from Des Brogan, 0131 661 9191.

‘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.’

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 three quarters 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.’

This year also, there is an additional focus for your generosity....since October we have been looking at ways of renewing our community’s links with the community of Legho in Tanzania, now a parish in its own right. As in so many places in our world there is much basic poverty in the village, and no NHS to provide free medical care, or other social services – the parish has to try and care for those in greatest need and it does so through its outreach group....**and so Fr Jock will be ‘undergoing’ a sponsored slim** (in an attempt, as one kind person put it, to ‘renew his waistline’) – **and is inviting other parishioners to join him in doing so! Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches....**

A Lenten Retreat Day with Miriam McHardy – ‘Who do you say that I am? Reflecting on the question in our lives today.’ – Saturday 17 March – 10am-4pm – Lauriston Hall.

‘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.

Saturday 17 March, 10am – 4pm. Lauriston Hall, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ £25 /£20 (conc)

Tea/ coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.’ just.folk@mmchardy.org.uk

A message from the J&P Group: ‘SCIAF Stations of the Cross – 2.30pm – Sunday 18 March

SCIAF have produced images from the lives of the Cambodian family featured in this year's Wee Box campaign which are used instead of the usual Stations images to illustrate Jesus' journey to Calvary. Come and share these with us in St John's church hall on Sunday 18 March at 2.30. Refreshments provided.’

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 Madgalene'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](tel:07981297805)

YOUTH FOR LOURDES 2018 PILGRIMAGE – Friday 6-Friday 13 July – Flying from Edinburgh with full board accommodation in the Hotel Beau Site - £758 with funding options available....Email; youth@edinburgh-lourdes.com or call Kris on 07747867003.

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 celebrate pupil and staff achievements as one of our PE teachers, and former Holy Rood pupil, Daniel Graves, featured in the Evening News this week talking about the SQA Referee Development Award Programme and its’ positive impact in school. Daniel leads 42 pupils, including 8 girls, in the this award which he was first introduced to when he was an S5 pupil here in Holy Rood.

Daniel is currently a grade three official and dreams of moving up to a grade one status to officiate in the Scottish Premiership. Daniel believes that the course enables pupils to develop their leadership and people management skills, and helps their understanding of the game including the importance of being respectful towards officials. Upon successful completion, pupils can join their local referees' association and start a career in refereeing or use their skills to be a part-time referee as they pursue their studies.

- We celebrated World Book Day in school this week by holding a special book themed Bake Off . We also welcomed a potions master , Jean-Christophe Denis from Edinburgh University, into our Science Labs to work with some S1 pupils. All S1 -3 pupils received a £1 book voucher and we held a “Guess the Reader” competition and two other book related challenges. Well done to all who participated.
- Senior pupils continue to the most of the opportunities available to them as they attend the additional supported study classes available at lunch times and after school in the countdown to the SQA examinations.

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr Sean O'Shea, Ronnie Peters, Ian Petrie, Anna Thomson.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alf O'Brien, Mgr David Gemmell

St John's :

Mar.3:- Agnes Denning (2012); Hugh Christie (1995); Joan Gillon (1991); William T Laydon (1991); Vincent McGlone (1990); Mary Young; Mar.4:- Helen Ryan (1998); Paddy Dixon (1997); Mar.5:- Elmar Begg (1989); Thomas Rooney (1959); Elizabeth Forsyth; Mar.6:- Patrick J (Joe) Ward (1999); Agnes Boyle; Conal Boyle; Mar.7:- Anne Holt (1981); Mar.8:- Thomas Connor (1998); Annie Tunley (1952); Mar.9:- Margaret McMillan (2011); James Docherty (2008); James A McGrory (1976); Michael Murphy (1975); Joseph F Gallagher (1966);

St. Mary Magdalene's :

Mar.4:- Edward Grant (1999); Mar.5:- Bernard Halliday (1983); Mar.7:- John Hughes (1967); Mar.8:- Michael Watt (2008); Vincent Dobie (2001); Alistair Norvald Sibbald (1994); Stuart King (1991);

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, Rose Thornton, Anna Butler, James Sangster, Patricia Crawford, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, John Cregan, 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, Alan Knight, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, 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 (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
Offertory Collections		
25 February	£411.50 (inc £94.00 gift aid)	£830.91 (inc £321.26 gift aid)

Thank you for your generosity

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
4 March	P4 – Do This in Memory	
11 March	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Jim Gallagher

With this newsletter are the Annual Financial Figures for 2017 – and an accompanying commentary.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 10 March P MacInnes, J Martin,
M Spencer

Sunday 11 March E Buckey, P Connarty, C Dempsey,
E Clark, G Gallagher

Warm wishes and prayers go with Paula Igoe, returning to Japan this Tuesday to teach there.

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. He will lead the group until Easter, with his final service being the Mass on Easter Sunday morning on 1st April 2018. If anybody is interested, or knows anyone who might be attracted to this role, please speak to Fr Jock or to Jeremy (07900 278043). The ideal person/people will be a musician/musicians with some experience of leading a group of singers and musicians, who can read music and can commit to growing the music liturgy and developing the people involved. Jeremy will support and give a full hand-over to make any change as seamless as possible.

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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 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.



Jim Roarty writes: 'The Eucharistic Minister Rota for March-June is now available for collection from the back of the Church. Please be aware that there is a separate rota for Holy Week and Easter.'



Fairtrade Fortnight 26 February – 11 March

'During this fortnight, we aim to highlight the importance of Fairtrade. We will be running the Fairtrade stall again this Saturday 3/Sunday 4 March in St John's. In addition, the teas/coffees after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 4 March will feature Fairtrade products.

Someone asked recently for an example of Unfair Trade. Here is one based round chocolate and also what Fairtrade is doing.

Unfair Trade example – Cocoa

Cocoa is the raw material from which chocolate is made. The global market for chocolate is around \$150bn and is controlled by nine major companies whose share of the price of your chocolate bar has risen over the years while the cocoa growers' share has reduced – from 16% in the 1980's to around 5%. The major cocoa-growing countries are Ghana and the Ivory Coast where because of reduced income, the majority of cocoa farmers earn considerably less than the \$2/day poverty threshold – in the Ivory Coast, often only around 50cents/day!

One spin-off of this is the increased use of child labour – an estimated 2m children, some trafficked in for this work.

Another spin-off is that there is insufficient money for growers to invest in more efficient methods – fertilisers, pesticides etc., so their production is inefficient. They are also suffering as staple food prices increase globally.

Typically, the villages in cocoa growing areas have poor healthcare, sanitation electricity supply and education – adult literacy in the Ivory Coast, for example, is at 41%. Fairtrade is tackling these issues by:

- A premium built into the price for strategic investment (fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, yield and quality)
- A community investment premium for in essential infrastructure (healthcare, education, clean water)
- Facilitating access to export markets
- Supporting strong, entrepreneurial and representative farmer organisations
- Access to training and capacity building
- Environmentally friendly and long-term sustainable practices'
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Turn your
wounds into
wisdom.

Oprah Winfrey

If you can't
feed a
hundred
people, then
just feed one.

Mother Teresa

We tend to
gravitate towards
our tribes; the
challenge is to
understand the
people of other
tribes.

Diana Eck

The way we
talk to children
becomes their
inner voice.

Peggy O'Mara

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 3 March	10.00am – Eleanor O’Donnell 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish 7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 4 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am:- Mass – Mgr Jim Clancy	11.15am:- Mass – John Fearon
Monday 5 March	10.00am:- Mass – Jane Murray 7pm – FIRST RECONCILIATION [No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament]	
Tuesday 6 March	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	NB Change of Time] 9.15am-9.40am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45am:- Mass – Mgr David Gemmell
Wednesday 7 March	10.00am:- Mass – Lindsay Thomson 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Thursday 8 March	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – John McCole 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 9 March	[NB Change of Time] 9.00am-9.25am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am:-Mass – SI	
Saturday 10 March ST JOHN OGILVIE - FEAST	10.00am – Tommy Byers 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Alf O’Brien 7.30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 11 March 4th Sunday of Lent	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Helen Budge