

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

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*7th Sunday of Easter – 13 May 2018*



*Warm Birthday Greetings to St John's parishioner, Mary Glancy, 100 this coming Wednesday, 16 May.*

**This Sunday, 13 May, is Communications Sunday.** There will be a second collection taken up at all masses. **There is also a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Tartaglia** available to pick up at the back of both churches.

With this newsletter there is also the three monthly '**Cluster Newsletter**' – communicating much that has been going on in the five parishes in our Cluster – St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Teresa's, St Ninian's and St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith.

**Next Sunday is the great Feast of Pentecost (and also one of our two 'Nametag Sundays' in the year - the other is the Feast of Christ the King in November).** For those who wish to join in the first and original **Novena** – the 9 days of prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost, calling for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us individually and as a community - there are suggestions at the back of both Churches.

**This evening Sunday, 13 May, at 7pm all St John's parishioners are warmly invited to an OPEN PARISH MEETING in the St John's Church Hall....one of two such meetings in the year – and therefore the two most important parish meetings in the year....PLEASE DO TRY TO COME – not least to hear about two exciting new possible initiatives, and about all that has been happening in the parish, and the diocese too...**

(The next St Mary Magdalene Open Parish Meeting will be on Sunday 10 June at 7pm.)

This Thursday, 17 May, at 7.30pm in St John's Hall **there is a SCRIPTURE EVENING** with Fr Jock – '**Everything you always wanted to ask about the Bible but never got the Chance – An Evening of Questions and Responses**'....possibly, if there is interest, leading into a series of such evenings...All Welcome.

**This Saturday, 19 May, at 10am at St John's there will take place our three monthly Bereavement Mass** – all welcome.

### **TWO CHARITY CONCERTS IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH AND HALL THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

- **ON FRIDAY 18 MAY at 7.30pm in the Church – THE EDINBURGH ROCK CHOIR - in support of the Edinburgh Foodbanks –**

'Members from the Edinburgh Rock Choir will be performing from 7.30pm to 8.30pm to support the local Edinburgh Foodbanks. Rather than donating money, we ask that you bring along a donation of food instead which will go to families who need to use the food banks in Edinburgh. Guidance on what donations they will take is as follows-

We accept donations of food items that: are non-perishable/are well within their use-by or best before dates/ include nutritional information on the label. To see a full list of items that the food bank need urgently, please follow this link as it changes frequently <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Rock Choir are delighted to be back at St John's and we really hope to see you at our performance! Sandwiches and tea and coffee will be available afterwards.'



• **ON SATURDAY 19 MAY at 7.30pm in St John's Hall - An Invitation to a Fundraising Concert for 'MUSIC FOR YOU'.**

'Jeremy Devlin-Thorp (until recently leader of the St John's music group) and Tricia Whyatt work together as 'Music for You', taking music into the homes of the elderly or housebound to brighten their day. Since last summer they have given 20 'house concerts' and they are constantly receiving requests from people who live locally in their own homes. House concerts are given entirely free of charge.

Join them for an evening of musical variety on piano, harp and voice; all funds raised will enable Jeremy and Tricia to bring music and joy to even more elderly or socially isolated people.

Bring a bottle - soft drinks, snacks, tea, coffee and cake provided...'

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 12 May**

**10.45am** – Parish House - **Lectio Divina (praying the Gospel)** All Welcome

**2pm** – St John's – **Wedding of Amy Zoltie and Matt Stewart**

### **Sunday 13 May**

**9.30 am** - St John's Church - **P4 'Do This in Memory' Mass**

**11.15 am** - St Mary Magdalene's Church - **P3 & children's Mass**

**7.00pm** – St John's Hall – **St John's Open Parish Meeting**

**7.00pm** – Portobello & Joppa Parish Church – **A Concert for Christian Aid with the Feast of Life Singers** – Free Admission but a Retiring Collection in aid of Christian Aid – Tea, Coffee and Home Baking – 'Come and enjoy a lively and varied selection of popular, gospel, folk and jazz vocal items and support lifesaving work.'

**Monday 14 May - 7 pm** - St Mary Magdalene's Church - **Final meeting for all parents and children in P4 celebrating First Communion this June.** \*\* Communion date choice will be confirmed at this meeting \*\*

**Tuesday 15 May – 7.30pm** – Parish House – **Final Mass of the 2017/8 RCIA Group – and Party.**

### **Wednesday 16 May**

**10am** – St John's – **Mass to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of parishioner Mary Glancy.**

**6.30pm** – Parish House - **St John's Fabric Committee Meeting**

**7pm** – St Mary Magdalene's Hall – **St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Thursday 17 May 2018**

**6.30pm** – Parish House – **Meeting for those interested in developing the 'Open Church' at St John's.**

**7.30pm** - St John's Hall – **SCRIPTURE EVENING with Fr Jock** – 'Everything you always wanted to ask about the Bible but never got the Chance' – 'An Evening of Questions and Responses'.

### **Friday 18 May**

**10am** – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Bridget McTighe**

**12 noon** – Parish House – **Bereavement Group Meeting**

**7.30-8.30pm** - St John's – **ROCK CHOIR CONCERT** (see above for further details)

### **Saturday 19 May**

**10am** - St John's – **BEREAVEMENT MASS**

**12.30pm** – St John's – **Baptisms of Max Kane and Innes Hay**

**7.30pm** - St John's Church Hall - **Fundraising Concert for 'Music for You'** (See above)

### **Sunday 20 May – THE FEAST OF PENTECOST (and Nametag Sunday!)**

**9.30am** – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Joseph Goodfellow**

**12 noon** - Carfin – **Legion of Mary Thanksgiving Day**

'This year the Legion of Mary celebrates 90 years since the Legion came to Scotland. A bus will leave St John's at 12 noon and return at 7pm. There will be Mass at Carfin at 3pm and a Rosary Procession at 4.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

**7.30pm** – Portobello and Joppa Parish Church - **PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) Meeting**

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS:**

**Tuesday 22 May** - 7.30 pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ - **Edinburgh Newman Society Meeting** - Prof. Tom O'Loughlin, University of Nottingham, will speak on "**The Eucharist, Yesterday and Tomorrow**" - 'All are warmly welcome to this meeting. We ask for a small donation to cover our costs.'

**Friday 25 May – 7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre – Bishop Robert Bourgon – ‘Amoris Laetitia – What’s it all about?’** – followed by a Q and A session – Admission by donation. ‘Amoris Laetitia – *The Joy of Love* is an Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis which addresses the pastoral care of the family. Join us at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre and hear why it has the potential to change lives from a Canadian Bishop who believes in its message for church and society’

**Saturday 26 May – 2.30pm – Rosary Procession** (see noticeboard below for further details)

**Friday 1 June** – 9.30am – Holyrood Park – **Fresh Start Sponsored Walk**

**Sunday 10 June** – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s - **St Mary Magdalene Open Parish Meeting**

**Friday 15 June** – 7-9pm – St John’s Church – **Charity Piano and Choir Concert** (see noticeboard below for further details)

**Thursday 6 September – Usher Hall – Talk by Bishop Robert Barron** - Three weeks ago we issued a Letter from Archbishop Cushley giving details of the visit to Edinburgh of Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron is an author, theologian and evangelist, known for his Word on Fire ministry - [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org) He will be speaking on on the topic of “Proclaiming Christ in Our Culture.” The event will begin at 7.30pm and will finish at around 9.30pm. Tickets are £10 or £6 for concessions. We would encourage all parishioners to consider attending this evening.

## **NOTICEBOARD**

### **Bethany Update - A message from the J&P Group**

‘The winter night shelters for the homeless provided by Bethany Christian trust finally finished for this winter on 22 April.

Over this period, teams from St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s provided a hot meal for the people using the night shelters on eight evenings. This involved forty-four different people from our two parishes, with some giving their time on two or more evenings over the season. In that time, we will have provided in excess of 400 meals.

Everyone involved seems to have found it a very enjoyable and satisfying experience – working with friends, making new friends from our two parishes, and in particular, providing a service to people who need it (and indeed, very much appreciated it). We will be offering our services again for next winter, possibly increasing the number of evenings we take on. Anyone who would like to add their name to the volunteer list should contact Jim Roarty ([jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com)).’



**Christian Aid Book Sale with Art and Collectables** – St Andrew’s and St George’s West Church, 13 George St, Edinburgh. **This Saturday, 12 May 10am-4pm** and Monday, 14 May, to Friday, 18 May 10am – 3.30pm daily with late opening until 7pm on Thursday, 17 May.

### **Rosary Procession (known also as May Procession). – Saturday 26 May**

The Procession will begin at 2.30pm from the Convent of the Missionaries of Charity, 18 Hopetoun Crescent, EH7 4AY and end with the crowning of Our Lady in St Mary’s Cathedral. All welcome.

**PENTECOST PEACE VIGIL - Saturday 26 May 2018, 12 noon-1pm. Faslane Royal Naval Base, Gareloch.** Ellen Charlton writes ‘**You are invited to take part in a peace witness** with Bishop William Nolan (President of Justice and Peace, Scotland), Susan Brown (Moderator of the Church of Scotland) and a representative of the Episcopal Church at the following :- Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA). Further information from [ellen.charlton@hotmail.com](mailto:ellen.charlton@hotmail.com)

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

**FIGHT THE FAMINE - A CHARITY MUSICAL CONCERT – 7pm on Friday 15 June in St John's Church – with Fr Elephtherios, the Russian Choir, and the St John's and St Mary's Leith Primary School Choirs**

The Greek Orthodox Priest and Classical Pianist, Father Elephtherios, will be back for another Piano and Choir Concert performing this time with the St John's and St Mary's, Leith, Primary School Choirs plus the Russian Choir. This concert is free **but there will be an opportunity to donate on the night to the Yemen Relief Fund - The United Nations Refugee Agency is appealing for emergency funds to help tackle this major humanitarian catastrophe. There will be free refreshments and nibbles during the interval.**

Catherine McAnenny writes: 'We have organised a fabulous treat for the children, the amazing Peter Pepper, magician & entertainer is coming to St John's hall on Saturday 16 June from 3pm to 5pm for 5-8 year olds. Tickets will be £4 per child & will include a drink and a snack. Tickets will be on sale after Mass at both churches in the coming weeks or alternatively contact Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.'

**PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB– 16-20 July – A Request for Seeds and Cuttings**



Rev Sophia Marriage, (St Mark's, Portobello) writes: 'at the Holiday Club we always have a section for gardening in which we try to reflect the stories in the world around us. We try to do this on a shoestring budget. If you are planting seeds or taking cuttings in the next few weeks, could you take few extra for us and nurture them between now and July please. This year we're looking for flowers in these colours: orange, yellow, purple, white and red. Many thanks....' - **and many thanks to Florence Ekenendo, who has become the St Mary Magdalene representative on the Holiday Club Organising Committee.**

**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.**

- **"Catholic Schools Good for Scotland, Today and Tomorrow"** is the theme of this week's Catholic Head Teachers' Conference. The theme reflects this centenary year of the 1918 Education Act. This legislation established Catholic schools as part of the state education framework. An icon, "Jesus Our Teacher" has been commissioned to mark this significant event. During our In-service Day, staff enjoyed a session led by our Head Teacher during which the meaning of the icon's symbolism was explored. We are proud to be marking this centenary and our pupils will represent Holy Rood at a National Mass in Falkirk in June.
- On the recent Inservice Day, we welcomed Cluster Primary teachers to our school with a focus on **Cluster Moderation/Assessment** activities.
- We are now 2 weeks into the diet of **SQA Exams** and we ask your continued prayers for all S4-6 pupils who will sit SQA exams over the remaining 3 week period.
- Our **S1 Football Team** played Perth High School in the **Scottish Plate Quarter Final** – with a final the score line of 2-1, it was a close game. The winning goal, however, was scored by Perth in the final minute. We wish them well in the semi-final.

*Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh*



**A New Gentle Pilates class with Fiona Macpherson**

'started in St John's church hall last Monday 7 May, 12 – 1pm. Suitable for all ages/ levels of fitness. Cost: £8 standard, £6 OAP per class. Join us for some gentle strengthening, stretching & lots of fun! Any questions? Contact Fiona on 07968 036065, email f.macpherson@blueyonder.co.uk'

**PARISH REGISTER**

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Bridget McTighe, Moira Gibrill, Pat O'Brien, Maureen Doherty*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Hunter, Jim Paterson, Christine Pugh, Cillian Dempsey*

**St John's :**

May 12:- Ian J Berry (2013); Helen McGuire (1991); Kathleen Ogilvie (1970); Ninian Connolly; May 13:- John Bonar (2005); Sr.Marie McAllister (2001); Rena Tow (1992); Edward Black Sen. (1985); May 14:- Cecelia McKenzie (2009); John Gordon Kerr (1994); Sr.Mary Tait (1994); James Waugh (1979); Ann (McCann) Murphy (1956); May 15:- James Kelly (2004); John O'Brien (1954); May 16:- Bill Hunter (2017); John Rooney (1984); Vincent Rowley (1981); Sarah Taylor (1981); Mary Anne McGrory (1947); Philip Haslett; May 17:- Christine Pugh (2013); Cillian Dempsey (2005); Mary (Thomson) Macnamara (1996); Joseph Passmore (1963); May 18:- Julia Young (1984);

**St. Mary Magdalene's :**

May 12:- Dorothy McEwan (2005); May 16:- Ian Graham (2003); Joseph Flynn (1994); Catherine Tough (1970); May 17:- Donna Marie Gordon (1970);

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

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Eddie Clark, Kate Walsh, Anna Butler, 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, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Helen Hanlon, Tina Cupo, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, 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:** Jimmy Kesson, Michael McPhilipps, Jane Skey, Kate Neilson, Tracey Moohan, 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:** John Clark, Michael Calvey, Maureen Connolly, Edith Lautner, Joseph Jordan, Allan Crombie, Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, Vic Legrix, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, 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 (aged 19), 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>		
6 May	£323.27 (inc £192.00 gift aid) <i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	£875.09 (inc £367.40 gift aid)

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
13 May		P3 mass
20 May	Laura Tweedie & Robert Moyes	Jean Douglas

**On Wednesday at 7pm in the Hall there will take place a meeting of the St Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council** - this is our opportunity to discuss the way forward on various issues. All our Pastoral Councils are open to all. Please do try and come along and share your views....



**200 Club Winners are as follows:-**

March – No. 200 – J Pettigrew - £25.00

April – No. 164 – Peter Davis - £25.00

If you are interested in joining this Club, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.

200 Club  
Draw

**A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



**Geoff Dobson writes:** ‘Are you free to help clean SVP caravans between 10am and 1pm on the following Saturdays: Sat 12th, 19th, 26th May and 2nd June. **We need two or three extra people only.** We are quite stretched manpower wise and need eight people in total each Saturday, 2 per caravan. If interested could they approach Geoff either after Mass or on 07808 029 391. **This is quite an urgent need. If people sign up can they please meet at 10am**

**outside St John's church on the relevant Saturdays but please sign up first with Geoff so that we know who can come when.’**



A big thank you to all who counted all the pennies, buttons and foreign coins in the wee SCIAF Boxes. The total amount raised was £1,894.73 – a cheque has been sent to SCIAF for this amount on behalf of both parishes. WELL DONE.



## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOU!



Julie Harris writes: 'We have a thriving Children's Liturgy here at St John's. Some of the current adult volunteers are stepping down after many years' service and we need new helpers! We have 2 groups – one from baby/toddler to Primary 2 and the other from Primary 3 to Primary 7. This is a very rewarding and uplifting role and we're looking for new helpers for both groups starting from August. If you think you may be interested, please contact Julie

Harris on 07919 525872 or [julieharris@allanmcdougall.co.uk](mailto:julieharris@allanmcdougall.co.uk). We can arrange for you to sit in for a session or two before the summer so you can decide if it's for you!

**Saturday 19 May**

C Vinestock, V Knowles,  
M Reilly

**Sunday 20 May**

E Buckley, C Dempsey, E Clark,  
G Gallagher, M Slight

**Warm birthday greetings to Celia Stone, 80** next Friday, 18 May,  
**...and to Margaret Thom, 70** on Friday 27 April.

**Cycle Rack** – there is a cycle rack at the side of the church (Sandford Gardens). All cyclists are warmly invited to use this facility.



**Closing the Church** – it would be greatly appreciated if we could recruit a few more people to help with closing the church in the evenings. If you are interested in assisting with this please do get in touch with Fr Jock or with Christina Vinestock.

The Pamoja fashion team raised £223.29p last weekend.



### **Maria Igoe writes:**

- 'May Devotions will be said at Our Lady's Altar after Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays during May. The Pro-life Rosary will continue on Fridays.
- The Charity Coffee Morning for Mary's Meals raised £180. Thank you to all who contributed so generously.
- With the great success of the 'Rosary on the Coast' event, you may wish to re-engage with the Rosary, especially if you have lost touch. There is an inspiring programme on 'You Tube' -- Franciscan University Presents 'Champions of the Rosary'. In this programme Fr Don Calloway discusses his book with Dr Scott Hahn and 2 other academics. They discuss how the Rosary was instrumental in their conversions and the impact of this devotion since the 13th Century, when it was given to St Dominic.
- On 15 May Fr Raymond from Nunraw and 23 lay people will travel on pilgrimage to Medjugorje, in Bosnia, most of them for 11 nights. Some will stay longer and some shorter. On 22 May they will be joined by 5 more. Some will be going for the first time and others have been many times. They are all looking forward to a peaceful and prayerful time, as well as lots of sunshine, exercise and climbing the hills.
- **Due to parishioners being on holiday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings will be suspended for 3 weeks. It will recommence on Monday 4th June at 7pm.**

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**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.



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

