

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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6th Sunday of Easter – 6 May 2018

A Warm Welcome to Fr Jim Smith, recently retired from being parish priest of St Martin's, Tranent, and St Gabriel's, Prestonpans, and celebrating our Masses on Saturday, 5 May at 6.30pm, and Sunday, 6 May, at 9.30am and 11.15am**and gratitude, too, to Canon Andrew Monaghan**, covering the Masses between Monday and Wednesday, when Fr Jock returns from his annual retreat – please continue to pray for him.

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holiday of Obligation and Celebration too....**Masses will be at 9.45am at St Mary Magdalene's** (with St John's Primary School) **and at 7.30pm at St John's**. There then begins the first and original **Novena** – nine days of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us all once more at the Feast of Pentecost – Sunday 20 May.

Next 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 WEEK

Saturday 5 May – 10am-1pm - St John's Hall – **Twende Pamoja Fashion Sale**

Monday 7 May – 10.45am – St John's Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** – 'All donations will go to Mary's Meals. Please come along.'

Thursday 10 May – **The Feast of the Ascension (A Holiday of Obligation)**

9.45am - St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – with St John's Primary School.

7.30pm - St John's – **Mass**.

Friday 11 May

10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Teresa Cannon**

4pm – St John's – **Wedding Rehearsal for Amy Zoltie and Matt Stewart**

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 2018

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**

IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Monday 14 May 2018 - 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 100th birthday of parishioner Mary Glancy.

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

Thursday 17 May 2018

6.30pm – Parish House – Meeting for those interested in developing the ‘Open Church’.

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

12 noon – Parish House – Bereavement Group Meeting

7.30-8.30pm - St John’s - Rock Choir Concert (see Noticeboard below 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 Noticeboard below)

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 (see Noticeboard below)

7pm – PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) Meeting

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’

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 – Piano and Choir Concert (see noticeboard 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 Bishop Barron will be speaking at the Usher Hall on Thursday 6th of September 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

The Faith Companion ‘is a New Parishioner Magazine aimed at making our Tradition accessible to all; theology, scripture, prayer, faith stories and more. As a CIC, 65% of our profits will go to the Church for those without the means to access the faith. Order via website or 01403 541184’

Christian Aid Book Sale with Art and Collectables – St Andrew’s and St George’s West Church, 13 George St, Edinburgh. 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. Donations for the sale may be brought to the Church from Monday, 30 April to Wednesday, 9 May (excluding Sunday, 6 May).

A Concert by the Edinburgh Rock Choir in support of the Edinburgh Foodbanks - 7.30pm – Friday 18 May – St John's Church

'Members from the Edinburgh Rock Choir will be performing on the 18 May 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/> 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.'



An Invitation to a Fundraising Concert for 'Music for You' - 7.30pm, Saturday 19 May - St John's Church Hall,

'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...'

Legion of Mary Thanksgiving Day at Carfin on Sunday 20 May, the Feast of Pentecost

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.

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

DON'T MISS OUT!

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

The Greek Orthodox Priest and Classical Pianist, Father Elephstherious 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 in the hall afterwards.

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.**

- We marked the end of an era for our current 6th year pupils as we bid them all an emotional farewell at our **Leavers' Mass.** Lots of memories were shared in a peaceful and reflective service led by Father Anthony. We wish our S6 pupils well in their future journey and look forward to celebrating with them after their exams at their Prom on the 8th of June.
- As the **SQA Exams** got underway this week, we ask you to pray for all S4-6 pupils who will sit SQA exams over this 5 week period. We wish our pupils every success.

- Well done to the S3 pupils took to the Pentlands to complete a practice expedition for their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**.
- Our 2 dance groups and our cheerleaders performed excellent routines in the **Edinburgh Schools Junior Dance Competition**. The lunch time dance group, taught by one of our senior higher dance pupils, won the Level 1 category – a fantastic achievement.
- Sean Ward in S4 was announced as **Hearts FC U17 Player of the Year**. Well done Sean.
Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh

Generation Y Peace Campaigning Academy 27 – 29 July 2018. ‘Apply now to attend a fully funded 3 day programme on all aspects of campaigning work, focusing on the nuclear disarmament movement. Food and accommodation provided, open to 18-30 yr olds living in Scotland. To apply for the 2nd round of applications contact www.peaceeducationscotland.org - by 30 April.’



A New Gentle Pilates class with Fiona Macpherson

‘starts in St John's church hall on 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: Teresa Cannon

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Albert Bruce, Kevin Flynn, John Rennie

St John's :

May 5:- Kevin Flynn; May 6:- David M Metcalfe (2006); Theresa Henderson (1995); Edward Hanlon;
May 7:- Lorna Demarco (1971); James H McGrory (1957); Mary Macnamara; Bridget Murray; May 8:-John Rennie (2011); Jim Ponton (1986); John Kane (1949); Mary Taylor; May 9:- Rosanna O'Neill (1970); Bruno Nicora (1932); May 10:- Michael McGovern (2004); William Cunningham (1984); May 11:- Veronica Ginnelly (2001).

St. Mary Magdalene's :

May 5:- Joseph Robertson (1998); May 6:- Bridget Dowie (1968); May 7:- William McPhillips (1998); Margaret Hanlon (1994); May 8:- Martin Gaughan (1998); Thomas Murphy (1968); May 10:- Samuel Tosney (1999); Patrick Walker (1991);

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Gary Zoltie, Eddie Clark, Kate Walsh, Anna Butler, Rose Thornton, Mary Phair, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Cathy McGraive, 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 McPhillips, 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: 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, 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 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
Offertory Collections		
29 April	£309.86 (inc £74.00 gift aid)	£789.33 (inc £286.10 gift aid)
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

ST MARY MAGDALENE

Readers for Sunday

Bidding Prayers

6 May
13 May

Sam Henry & Tessa Haring

Kate Neilson

P3 mass

A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Geoff Dobson writes: 'Are you free to help clean SVP caravans between 10 am and 1 pm 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 10 am outside St John's church on the relevant Saturdays but please sign up first with Geoff so that we know who can come when.'**

To ensure inclusion, please hand any newsletter items in by Wednesday afternoon.

A card of gratitude from Brother Peter of the Jericho Benedictines for our 'kind donation of Easter Eggs' for their outreach to the vulnerable of Edinburgh: 'It never ceases to amaze me how grown men can be so grateful for a chocolate egg. Many thanks and Pax Vobiscum God Bless.'

Next Sunday 13 May is Communications Sunday. There will be a second collection taken up at all masses.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 12 May

P MacInnes, B Kelly,
J Kemp

Sunday 13 May

L Moran, A Dixon, A Tanzi, E White,
P Connarty

Many Congratulations to Ernie and Linda Moran, who this coming Thursday, 10 May, will celebrate their **Golden Wedding.** Ernie and Linda will renew their vows at the Evening Mass at St John's.

Next Sunday - 13 May – at 7pm in the Hall there will take place one of our two Open Parish Meetings of the Year. This is our opportunity to discuss the way forward on various issues. Please do try and come along and share your views with all of us.

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.

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.'

Reflection by Richard Rohr OFM

'How you see anything is how you will see everything.

Can you even see the image of Christ in the least of the brothers and sisters?

He uses that as his only description of the final judgement.

Nothing about commandments, nothing about church attendance...simply a matter of our ability to see.

Can we see Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters? Can we see Christ in the people, the nobodies who can't play our game of success? They smell. They're a nuisance.'

If we can, then we are really seeing.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 5 May	10.00am:- Mass 6.30pm:- Mass – Kevin Flynn	
Sunday 6 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Albert Bruce	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 7 May	10.00am: - Mass –Kitty & Bertie de Marco 7.00pm–8pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 8 May	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am-9.55am:- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.am:- Mass – Anne-Louise Dalrymple
Wednesday 9 May	10.00am – Mass – John Rennie	
Thursday 10 May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7.30pm – SI – Golden Wedding (with Ernie and Linda Moran’s Renewal of Vows)	9.45am:- Mass – Kevin Crow
Friday 11 May	9.00am–9.55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Teresa Cannon	
Saturday 12 May	10.00am:- Mass – Maureen Sime 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Cardinal O’Brien	
Sunday 13 May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – World Communications Day	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Fr Joe Portelli

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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.



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