

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 25 November 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.



Prayer Partner 'Meet & Greet' – after the 9.30am Mass – St John's – Today, Sunday 25

November. Arlene Lauder writes: 'This Sunday 25 November at St John's at the 9.30am Mass, there will be an opportunity to meet the children whom you are praying for as a Parish Prayer Partner. After Mass the children will be with the Sacramental team and their families in the Hall and it would be lovely if you as a Prayer Partner were able to join us and meet your young person whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a sticky bun. Any questions or enquiries, please contact me on 07950880833 or email lauder.82@btinternet.com'

A VISIT FROM MARY'S MEALS – this w/e, Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November

Fran Lawson writes: 'Mary's Meals works to provide a daily meal in school for some of the world's poorest children. Thanks to the generosity of wonderful supporters such as you, we are now reaching more than 1.3 million children every school day in 17 countries. You can assist us by donating any unwanted clothing (including belts/bags/shoes) or household textiles (including curtains/bedding) **BUT NO DUVETS OR PILLOWS!** Recycling the textiles generates money to help feed hungry children. Last year, the textile collections raised more than £160,000. A few bin bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child with Mary's meals for an entire school year (£13.90). We will also be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses that weekend. Tickets cost £1 each. PLEASE NOTE: The van will collect textiles after the Sunday morning Masses only! We regret we are unable to uplift bric-a-brac and cannot collect any donations in the evenings or from home addresses. Also be aware we do not go through the bags so please only include the items listed above.'

AN OPEN MEETING FOR ST MARY MAGDALENE'S – TODAY, SUNDAY, AT 6PM
in the St MM Hall. PLEASE DO COME – learn what is going on and play your part as we seek to find a gospel way forward for our parish community....

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – and The PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) **Christian Aid Carol Service** will take place at St Mark's at 5pm. It will also see our postponed **Nametag Sunday**, the **commissioning of new Eucharistic ministers** at all Masses, and the **Rite of entry into the Catechumenate** for our RCIA Enquirers.

Cluster Advent Retreat – A step away from the bustle and into peace! Saturday 8 December – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – 10am-1pm.

Father William Pearsall SJ, the recently appointed Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Lauriston, will be guiding us – parishioners from our five cluster parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Theresa's, St Ninian's and St Mary, Star of the Sea. The retreat will begin with Mass at 10am (it will be the Feast of the Immaculate Conception), followed by tea and coffee, and then for the next couple of hours Fr Pearsall will help us prepare for the great feast of Christmas....after which those who wish can remain to eat their packed lunches together.... Do come along and enjoy this opportunity to step away from the bustle and spend time with the Lord..... The retreat is free (but a small donation would be welcome!)

Could people who wish to go sign up on the list at the back of the church (and also if they need a lift)...

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE is at 7pm on Wednesday 5 and 12 December in the Parish House....to register for it, please contact Fr Jock

THIS WEEK

Saturday/Sunday 24/5 November – Visit of Mary’s Meals

Saturday 24 November

10am-12noon - St Mark’s Episcopal Church - **Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning** (Free Admission – Home baking – Craft Stalls – Children’s Crafts – Books)

10.45am – Craigmillar Park Cemetery – **Blessing of Winifred Maughan’s Gravestone**

11.15am – St John’s – **Baptism of Lucy Valeria March**

7.30pm – St John’s Hall – **A Fundraising Concert for ‘Music for You’ with Jeremy Devlin-Thorp and Tricia Whyatt**

Sunday 25 November

9.30am – St John’s - P4 ‘Do this in Memory’ Mass (Prayer partner ‘meet and greet’) – **with baptisms of Murdo and Rowan Sinclair.**

11.15am St Mary Magdalene – **Children’s Mass with P3 Signing of the Cross**

6pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **OPEN PARISH MEETING**

Tuesday 27 November -7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church - The Edinburgh Newman Association – Christianity in Action: A panel discussion with St Catherine’s Project for the Homeless, L’Arche and Pregnancy Counselling and Care (Scotland). ‘All warmly welcome to come along. A donation is requested to cover our costs.’

Thursday 29 November

7pm – Parish House - 8th episode of Bishop Robert Barron’s ‘Catholicism’ series – ‘The Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints’.

7.30pm – Lauriston Centre, Lauriston St - **Austen Ivereigh - 'A Pope under pressure: Lessons from Pope Francis' past that are guiding his response to the present.'**

Saturday 1 December

10am-1pm - St John’s Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**

10am – 12 noon – PJPC Guild Christmas Coffee Morning - Crafts, Home Baking, Tombola and Children’s Craft Corner. Coffee and Cake £2. Visit Santa’s Grotto £4. All welcome!

Sunday 2 December – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Nametag Sunday – and Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass

9.30am – St John’s – Mass with Rite of Entry into the Catechumenate for RCIA Enquirers.

3pm - St Andrew Square Gardens Nativity Carol Concert (Free)

5pm – St Mark’s – **CHRISTIAN AID ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

5-7pm (and 9 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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 3 December – 2.30pm – St John’s – **Mass of Healing**

Wednesday 2 (and 9) December – 7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Thursday 6 December - St John’s Hall – **Seniors’ Christmas Party**

Saturday 8 December – 10am-1pm – St Mary’s, Leith - **CLUSTER ADVENT RETREAT with Fr William Pearsall SJ**

Saturday/Sunday 8/9 December – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

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

Sunday 16 December - 3pm – St John’s Hall – Advent Peace Event

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock is away midweek for a pre-Advent quiet time...and Fr Jim Smith will kindly be celebrating our Masses, covering for him.

Invitation to a Fundraising Concert for ‘Music for You’ - St John’s Church Hall, 7.30pm, Saturday 24 November:

‘Following the success of their fundraising concert in May, Tricia Whyatt and Jeremy Devlin-Thorp are returning to offer another evening of musical variety on piano, harp and voice. As ‘Music for You’, Tricia and Jeremy take music into the homes of the elderly or housebound to brighten their day. Since July last year they have given 25 ‘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. All funds raised this evening will go towards paying Tricia and Jeremy, who are both professional musicians, thus enabling them to bring music and joy to even more elderly or socially isolated people. Bring a bottle, we will provide soft drinks, snacks, tea, coffee and cake.’



CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE STALL

Saturday/Sunday 1 & 2 & 8 & 9 Dec before and after Mass at St John’s.

The Justice and Peace Group welcome your support for Fair Trade products.

NATIVITY CAROL CONCERT (FREE) – Sunday 2 December – 3pm – St Andrew Square Gardens



‘Everyone is welcome to join the Origin Scotland Choir, Edinburgh, Signing Choir and Wester Hailes Education Centre Choir in singing traditional carols. The collection this year is for Cape Town Gospel Choir. Archbishop Cushley will give the Christmas message and the Rt Reverend Dr John Armes will bless the nativity scene. This year’s nativity scene has been donated by Sir Tom and Lady Farmer.’

ADVENT PEACE EVENT – 3pm - 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. That’s Sunday 16 December at 3pm.’

SPRED Appeal For Catechists

‘Special Religious Education (SPRED) are looking for catechists who have previously ministered with SPRED in order to find out if they would be willing to put themselves forward, once again, on either a one-off basis or for a limited time when and if there is a need. Having well trained & experienced SPRED catechists will help ensure there is cover if there is ever a shortage through illness etc. If you would like to come back into SPRED ministry please contact the SPRED office through SPRED@staned.org.uk on 0131 623 8918, or write to SPRED at 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh EH9 1BB’

AN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Brian Mckenna of the Catholic Men’s Society writes: ‘Catholics used to take part in Amnesty International’s letter writing campaigns especially at Christmas... However having turned its back on the ideals of its founder by supporting the termination of unwanted preborn babies up to birth for any reason, spending campaign funds campaigning against the Catholic Church throughout the world (most recently helping to fund the campaigns against Catholic teaching in Ireland), campaigning for terminating preborn babies to be classified as a human right and other anti Catholic measures, Catholics have turned away from it and now send Christmas Cards via other organisations. Here is one suggestion for supporting a human rights campaigner at Christmas. One area where discrimination and persecution of Christians is increasing is India and a card sends encouragement to those struggling for the rights of Christians.

Send a Christmas card to John Dayal, 505, Link Apartments 18, I.P Extension Delhi 11092 India.

John Dayal is one of India's most prominent voices on human rights, and the situation of religious minorities in particular. He is a member of several governmental bodies, including the national Integration Council and the former president of the All India Catholic Union, he is also co-founder and secretary general of the All India Christian Council.'

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.

- Well done to the seventeen S6 pupils who, with Mr Dixon, Mrs Smith and Miss Johnstone, participated in the **Rock Trust Sleepout**. This event allowed our pupils to gain better awareness of social justice issues in our community, including youth homelessness, and raise money for this very deserving charity.
- Well done to Lucia Crolla who spent her October week holiday on a week's **work experience** with '**Collective Architecture**'. Lucia has been asked to feed into the quarterly magazine on school work placements by a representative from The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland. Lucia said she had an "an amazing experience, and gained a really great insight into the world of architecture". As a result of this experience, Lucia has decided that she wants to pursue her dream to be an architect.
- You are warmly invited to our annual **Christmas Concert on Tuesday 4 December**. This year this will be in two parts. From 6pm until 7pm, is our traditional Christmas Concert followed by a short interval for refreshments and a short production of **Peter Pan**. Tickets £3 on the door.

Date for your diary:-

- **S5/6 Parents' Meeting** – Tuesday 27 November 6-8pm. We encourage pupils to attend this meeting with parents to engage in the dialogue about learning and next steps.
- **S2 Information Evening** – Tuesday 11 December 6pm. Important information regarding the pupil review of learning and course choices for S3.

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary Gillen, Dorothy Schnur

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Basil Juska, Charlie McLaughlan, Denise O'Donnell, Robert Watson

St John's :- Nov. 24:- Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair; Nov. 25:- Winifred Maughan (2017); Denise O'Donnell (2017); Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connolly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945); Nov. 26:- Michael McFadyen (1995); Charles Conlon (1989); Norah Lawler (1968); Maria Teresa D'Arcy; Nov. 27:- Jean Melrose (1993); Francis Bell (1991); Joseph Mullan (1978); Margaret Brennan (1948); Nov. 28:- William McGill (1990); Margaret Knowles (1960); Michael Murphy (1945); Angelo J Scott (1937); Winifred Greenan; Nov. 29:- Margaret M Freeman (2012); Catherine [Rena] Begg (2010); Margaret Philips (1989); James Magee (1976); Henry McKenna; Nov. 30:- Grace Knowles (1990); Helen McKinnon (1989); Alfred Reading (1957); Connelly Family;

St. Mary Magdalene's - Nov. 25:- Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982); Nov. 28:- Iris Beattie (1980); Nov. 30:- Basil Juska (2015);

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

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, Aodhan Dempsey, 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, 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, Hew Dalrymple, 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
Offertory Collections		
18 November	£260.37 (including £80.95 gift aid)	£ 815.16(including £326.70 gift aid)
World Poor Special Collection	£210.90	£ 668.80 (including £30 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
25 November	P3 mass	
2 December	Sam Henry & Tessa Haring	Jean Douglas

This Sunday at 6pm in the Hall there is the second of our two Open Parish Meetings of the Year – all most welcome – please come...

If you are interested in joining the **200 Club**, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes.

Welcoming our Community – St Mary Magdalene’s is now open between 1pm and 3pm each Wednesday for the ‘Computer Club’: ‘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.’



Seniors’ Christmas Dinner Party – Thursday 6 December – 1pm-4pm in St John’s Church Hall.

‘Any senior in St John’s or St Mary Magdalene’s wishing to join us please add your name on the list at the back of the churches or telephone Gena on 661 1311.....**Drivers required** either to pick up, take home or both housebound seniors to the party. Pick up 12.30pm – Take Home 4pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church or phone Gena Gallagher on 661 1311. Thank you.’



Autumn Fayre Get Together

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 on Monday 10 December at 7pm. Refreshments will be served.’

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 1 December	G Sellar, J Plews, B Kelly	Sunday 2 December	E Buckley, C Volpe, A Dixon, M Iannarelli, A Tanzi
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Maria Igoe writes: ‘The 8th episode of the ‘Catholicism’ series will be shown in the Parish House on Thursday 29th November at 7 pm. - The Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints.’

At the morning Mass on All Saints Day - 1 November - at St Mary Magdalene’s with St John’s Primary School, the Gospel was St Matthew’s version of the Beatitudes (5:1-12). At the end of the Mass, Fr Jock challenged the various classes to come up with their own beatitude. This is what they produced...:

- P7:** Blessed are those who try their best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, for they shall be followed as Saints.
- P6:** Blessed are those who are inclusive for they will be included in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- P5A:** Blessed are those who love and care for people on the street, for they will be loved and cared for by God.
- P5B:** Blessed are those who are positive in attitude, for they will be shown positivity and kindness in return.
- P4:** Blessed are those who are selfless, who share and think of others first, because they are following God and His way of love.
Blessed are those who show respect for they will receive kindness.
- P3:** Blessed are those who make good choices, for Jesus will love them always.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 24 November St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions - Memorial	10.00am:- Mass – Winifred Maughan 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Josephine Connelly	
Sunday 25 November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity	9.30am:- Mass – Linda Wisbach	11.15am:- Mass – Denise O’Donnell
Monday 26 November	10.00am:- Mass – Stewart Ferguson 6.00-7.00pm: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Tuesday 27 November	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Reon McSherry
Wednesday 28 November	10.00am:- Mass – Charlie McLauchlan	
Thursday 29 November	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	10.00am:- Mass – Thomas Creamer
Friday 30 November ST ANDREW _ SOLEMNITY	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – Mass – Basil Juska 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 1 December	10.00am:- Mass - SI 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Robert Watson	
Sunday 2 December 1st Sunday of Advent – Year C	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – George Hancock

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