

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 14 April 2019



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.



This Sunday is Palm Sunday ... and our Lenten journey culminates in all the services during Holy Week. It is the most important week in the year for every Christian. Please follow Jesus on his journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday...and please continue to pray for our **RCIA catechumens Graham Sinclair, and Peter Henstock** (from St Ninian's), and our candidate, **Erin Crolla, who will be baptised/received, confirmed and make their first communion at the Easter Vigil this Saturday evening, 20 April.** (Peter has been part of the RCIA group but is being baptised at his own parish of St Ninian's).

St John's Church will be open each day of Holy Week from 9.15am-4.30pm giving everyone the opportunity to have some quiet time for prayer and reflection.



Please remember to return your SCIAF 'wee boxes' during Holy Week – ideally before Holy Thursday so they can be included in that evening's Offertory Procession.

At the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy (3pm – St Mary Magdalene's), as you enter you will be offered a stone. Later in the service, when process to venerate the Cross we will have the opportunity of leaving 'our' stone in one of the baskets at the foot of the Cross – **a symbolic way to leave our cares and worries at the feet of our Saviour, crucified out of love for us.**

Those attending the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (on Monday night at 7pm) **and the Easter Vigil** are encouraged to bring **small torches/mobile phones** (on silent...!) in order to be able to participate while the Church is in darkness.



Once again, this Easter we are collecting donations of Easter eggs at both Masses on Easter Sunday. These will be distributed to those in need and to the homeless.

Our next **Baptismal Preparation Course** will be on **Wednesday 24 April and Wednesday 1 May** at 7.30pm in the Parish House.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK at ST JOHN'S and ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday)	Masses as normal – but preceded by a Palm Sunday procession		
Monday 15 April	7.00pm	St John's	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 16 April	7.00pm	St Mary's Cathedral	Chrism Mass
	8.00pm	St Mark's	Service of Light and Darkness ('Tenebrae')
Thursday 18 April (Maundy Thursday)	7.30pm	St John's	Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching in Gethsemane until 11pm
Friday 19 April (Good Friday)	9.45am	St John's	Stations of the Cross especially for children
	10am	PJPC	Service of all the churches starting at PJPC, Abercorn Terrace, concluding with a walk to St John's
	10.45am	St John's	Short Ecumenical Service
	3.00pm	St Mary Magdalene's	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	7.30pm	St Mary Magdalene's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20 April (Holy Saturday)	10.00am	St John's	Morning Prayer and Office of Readings
	9.00pm	St John's	Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmations
Sunday 21 April (Easter Sunday)	7.00 am	Beach at Joppa	Service – followed by cooked breakfast at PJPC
	9.30am	St John's	Easter Morning Children's Mass and Baptism of Holly Waite-Conroy
	11.15am	St Mary Magdalene's	Easter Morning Children's Mass



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THE FINAL THREE JOINT PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF STEKA SKILLS

- 1. Friday 17 May, Race night at Bellfield Community Hall.** Tickets £5 per person available from Madge Moyes & Catherine McAnenny (mob 07968970159)
- 2. Saturday 25 May - Home Baking Sale with tea & coffee available** - from 10am-1pm in St John's Church Hall.
- 3. Sunday 23 June - Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat** with a small celebration in St John's Church hall afterwards. More details to follow on this in the coming weeks but please save the date!

STEKA ceases to be our parishes' official outreach project on 1 July. The £510 raised at the Quiz night (see below) brings us to the magnificent total of £18,336.74 (well on the way to two Skills Centres, to enable the children to learn a trade before leaving the Home, though sadly with rampant inflation – not helped by the floods - each centre now costs £13,000, rather than £10,000, the cost a year ago).

Emma Wood writes: 'As Stekaskills Trustees, Gift and I were just delighted to take part in the quiz organised by the St John's and Mary Magdalene's parishes STEKA fundraising team at the beginning of this month. The whole evening was an absolute joy - a real coming together of the community to have fun together and raise money for a STEKA skills centre. A real highlight was when Father Jock surprised us with a cheque for £2730 donated by St Mary Magdalene's church - 30% of the parish surplus last year. This will go towards building the Skills Centre promised by this determined and generous community. We are both so grateful for their energy, dedication and determination and feel privileged to be invited to their wonderful events!'

PS St John's has also given 30% of their surplus – the cheque will be presented at the forthcoming Race Night.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **P4 Do This In Memory Mass**

2.00pm-5.00pm – The Gillis Centre – **Youth Initiative Palm Sunday Gathering with Archbishop Cushley**
'Archbishop Leo would like to invite the young adults of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh to join him for a celebration of Palm Sunday on 14 April 2019 at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh between 2pm and 5pm. The afternoon will consist of a talk by the Archbishop followed by a Palm Sunday procession, Holy Mass and will conclude with social time and food. There will be opportunity for Confession too. All very welcome.' – **'The whole city was stirred and asked, WHO IS THIS? (Mt 21.10) – Catechesis, Holy Mass, Fellowship...For ages 16-30.....for more information contact Fr Nick Welsh at parishpriest@galacatholic.org or 0131 623 8900.'**

Monday 15 April – 11am – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

Wednesday 16 April - 2-8pm - St Mark's Episcopal Church – **Walking the Labyrinth:** 'a chance of peace and walk for all faiths and none, come and go as you please'. (See later in the newsletter)

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Wednesday 24 April (and 1 May) – 7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Saturday 27 April

10.30am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina – Resurrection**

PRO LIFE CHAIN – 'This is a national event and pro lifers come from all over Scotland to peacefully witness for unborn children and their mothers. There are three parts to the day: 10am - Rosary with Archbishop Cushley - Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston; 11am - Pro Life Chain Lothian Road ; 1pm - Lunch at the Sheraton (soup and bread, no charge).'

11am-3.30pm - Gillis Centre – **'How to Grow your Parish'** (see Noticeboard below).

3pm – Our Lady of Loretto, Musselburgh – **'The Thistle and the Rose "Entwined Through Song" – An uplifting afternoon of song and music from Clark Community Choir (Musselburgh) and Steeton Male Voice choir (Yorkshire Dales)** – Ticket £7 from choir members.

Sunday 28 April

1pm - leaving St John's Church - **Trip to Nunraw**

6pm – St Mark's – **Inter-Church Youth Group**

Wednesday 1 May – 7.30pm - St Mary's Cathedral – **A Celebration of Marriage – Mass with Archbishop Cushley and Reception**

Saturday 4 May – 10am – Strathclyde Country Park – **SCIAF Wee box 6K** (see noticeboard)

Sunday 5 May - 9.30am – St John's – **Do This In Memory P4 and P3 Children's Mass**

Monday 6 May – 10.30am - St John's Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** - Donations will be given to the Apostleship of the Sea and Lifeboats.

Saturday 11 May – 10.30am – Craiglockhart Campus – **Craiglockhart Centenary Reunion 2019**

Friday 17 May - Bellfield Church Hall - **Joint Parish Race Night** (tickets on sale now)

Saturday 25 May - 10am - 1pm - St John's Church Hall – **STEKA Home Baking Sale with teas & coffee**

Sunday 26 May – 9.30am – St John's - **Mass with Archbishop Cushley with Rite of Candidacy for Eddie White**

Sunday 23 June - 3pm – **STEKA Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat**

NOTICEBOARD

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 27 April - How to Grow Your Parish – 11am-3.30pm – Gillis Centre.

Archbishop Cushley writes: 'As we know, there are now many great support and training programmes on offer to help Catholic parishes evangelise, grow and flourish. I'm pleased that the directors of two such programmes will visit the Archdiocese later this month to explain what their initiatives can offer your parish. This Information Day on Adult Formation Courses and Resources will be held on Saturday 27 April at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. There will be two presentations:

Registration will start at 11am. First Presentation at 11.30am. The day will conclude with Holy Mass at 2:30pm. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. I would urge each parish send, at least, one parishioner, perhaps a member of the pastoral council, along to this event. To book please contact Joan Forster at email: catecheticscommissionbooking@gmail.com or call 0131 623 8900. Spaces are limited to 90.' **If you are interested in going, please contact Fr Jock....**

Wednesday 1 May - A Celebration of Marriage – St Mary's Cathedral:

'Are you married? Archbishop Leo Cushley cordially invites you and your spouse to join him on 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, to celebrate the gift of marriage at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7.30pm. The Archbishop will offer Holy Mass during which he will impart his blessing upon those married couples present. A celebratory reception will follow. All who wish to celebrate the gift of marriage are very welcome, especially couples celebrating significant anniversaries this year.'

Saturday 4 May - SCIAF Wee Box 6k Family Fun Run:

'The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund are organising a 6k Family Fun Run to take place on 4 May 2019 at Strathclyde Country Park, Lanarkshire. 10am for an 11am start. Sign up online at www.sciaf.org.uk.'

Friday 17 May - St John's & St Mary Magdalene's Race Night

A Joint Race race in aid of STEKAskills Charity Fund will be held on Friday 17 May 2019 in Bellfield Church Hall from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets are £5 per person. There will be a cash bar on the night. Tickets are available to purchase from Catherine McAnenny and Madge Moyes.



Mon 22 July - Fri 26 July - 9am-12.30pm - Portobello Churches' Summer Holiday Club for Primary Children - £2 per session (includes snack)

ALL PLACES FILLED - to go on the waiting list, contact Lynda Kazimoglu on lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk or collect a registration form from the church office.

Sunday 25 - Friday 30 August - Cluster Group D Day Landings Battlefields

Visit/Pilgrimage 2019 - Any enquiries for information or application should be directed to Des Brogan in St Ninian's Parish. T: 07710 720 774 des@mercattours.com

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Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours) : ☎0800 027 1234  
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PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Cobbing and George Ramsden

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jimmy Igoe, Bunny Scoular, Janet Clark

St John's :-

Apr.13:- John Heron (2000); Michael Gilmartin (1994); John Burns (1945); Apr.14:- Bunny Scoular (2016); Charles McCann (1998); Edmund Francis Flannigan (1992); Kathleen Scott (1986); Apr.15:- Josephine Day (2018);

James P Igoe (2007); Richard Thompson (2001); Alexandrina R Mackay (2000); Mary Rae (1985); James Ward Sen. (1956); Andrew Mannering ; Apr.16:- Elizabeth Delaney (2000); Veronica Rowley (1995); Elizabeth F Demarco (1985); Catherine O'Brien (1958); Mrs Duffy (1956); Apr.17:- Agnes Adamson (1990); John Rae Sen. (1976); Julia Lacey (1941); Apr.18:- Janet Clark (1990); Robert Hazlett (1998); Apr.19:- Johnny McCahill (2014); May Docherty (1988); Derrick Thomson;
St. Mary Magdalene's :-
 Apr.13:- Janet Christie (1998); Apr.14:- Teresa Vivien (1980); Apr.15:- John Dubosz (1980);
 Apr.16:- Pat McNally (2009); John O'Hara (2006)


Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Mike Noonan, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Jean McCraw, David Thom snr, Mary Glancy, Marie White, David Robertson, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ernie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Pat Hunter, 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 Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhillips, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Ella Ayers, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Elizabeth Mackail, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir.


Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Celine Dinis, Sr Margaret Mary O'Meara, Savannah McDonald, Anne Pancott, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Colette Woods, Emilia Iheji, Maureen Henderson, Peter Hanley, Jean Vanier, Margaret Walker, Ellen Kelly, Joanna Lamb, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Joseph Jordan, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, James Sangster, Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, 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, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Offertory Collections		
7 April 2019	£415.25 (including £190.00 gift aid)	£884.70 (including £513.70 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
14 April	P4 Children DTIM	
21 April	Children's Mass	Peggy Ferguson

Welcome to the world...a baby girl, a first child for Katie and Fergus Knight, and a first grandchild for Una and Jim Gallagher, born on Friday 12 April. 

 **The 200 club winner for March – No. 63 – Jane Marin - £25**
 If you would like to join the 200 Club please get in touch with Madge / Rob Moyes direct.

 **EASTER BONNET PARADE** - On Easter Sunday at 11:15 St Mary Magdalene's Mass, The Children's Liturgy team are inviting all children to join in an Easter Bonnet Parade at the end of mass. There is of course no age limit!! Do get crafty and come along and show us all your creations!

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	
Holy Thursday 7.30pm	E Buckley , PMcLeay, M Gorrie + 2 from St MM
Easter Vigil (9pm)	C Vinestock , T Burgess, J Martin, + 2 from St MM
Sunday 21 April (9.30am)	E Clark , P MacInnes, E Fertini, T Spence, E Veitch, G Gallagher, P MacLellan Hawkes, E Buckley



Pauline MacInnes writes:

‘We have Fairtrade Easter Eggs for £3.99 each and included is a 24-page Easter Story Activity Book. The packaging on the egg is completely plastic free, and the egg is super thick milk chocolate (150g). Buy or order from Pauline at the back of the church.’



A message of Thanks from Twende Pamoja – Pamoja Fashion raised £297.50 last weekend - many thanks to everyone.

Maria Igoe writes:

- ❖ ‘The next trip to Nunraw will be on Sunday 28 April leaving St John’s at 1pm. This is the Feast of Divine Mercy and we will say the Chaplet and Devotions at 3pm. The Divine Mercy Stations will be said at 5.30pm, before Vespers.
- ❖ The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 6 May after Mass in the Hall. Donations will be given to the Apostleship of the Sea and Lifeboats. Please come along.
- ❖ Mary’s Meals Backpack Project - you may have a backpack in your house which you know longer use. Please think of donating it to this Project. It means so much to the children to receive practical aid like this. Also required are shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress. These items are very suitable for the children wearing to school.’

Walking the Labyrinth (at St Mark’s this Wednesday – 2-8pm)

Revd Sophia Marriage writes: ‘The labyrinth is an ancient archetypal pattern found in many cultures around the world dating back more than 4000 years.

Labyrinths were a feature of many medieval cathedrals - one of the best remaining examples is found in Chartres Cathedral in northern France. The one we have at St Mark’s is a classic seven ring labyrinth. The oldest known example of such a labyrinth in rock art is in Sardinia dated about 2000-2500 years ago, and there is another in India thought to be between 8000-9000 yrs old.

Unlike a maze that challenges the mind with blind alleys, dead ends and choices to be made, labyrinths have only one clear, winding path leading you from the outer edge into the centre and back out again. Walking the path offers a unique space to slow down, still the mind and explore the inner landscape of the soul. It can be walked as an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, as a spiritual exercise, or as a form of pilgrimage. Sometimes for specific seasons of the year, leaflets may provide a guided path or stations, which you may use if you want. For Holy Week at St Mark’s, we have such a meditation on the events of Holy Week should you want it.

The path has three stages - the **inward** journey, the **centre** and the **outward** journey – a letting go of things which hinder our approach to God, a sitting with God in peace and listening for God’s word’s, and a return to the world – through new insights and in the new relationships we are called into.

- When you enter the labyrinth you can trust yourself to the simple path ahead and begin to slow down. As you walk to the centre let it be a time to release the thoughts and feelings preoccupying you. Allow your mind to quieten. In this part of the journey we can let go of things which hinder our wholeness and inner approach to God.
- When you reach the centre be still. It is a place of openness and receiving. Here is a space of meditative prayer and peace. Linger for as long as you would like.
- As you leave the centre and go on your outward journey reflect on any insights and connections that may have come to you and begin to integrate new insights and possibilities into your life. Or as you come out consider the theme relationship - with ourselves, with others and with the planet - seen in the light of our relationship with God.

For some the experience of walking the path may offer a renewed sense of well-being and inner peace. Others may use it to focus on a particular question or issue. For others it will be primarily a path of meditation or prayer. There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Use it in whatever way is helpful for you. As with any form of prayer, sometimes it can deeply enrich our relationship with God and at other times we may not find it useful. It is normally particularly useful for those who struggle to sit still to prayer as the meditative action of walking can calm our mind.’

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 13 April	9.00am-9.50am : - (Church) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am - Mass – Jean McKinlay 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – People of the Parishes	
Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY	9.30am:- Mass – SI	11.15am:- Mass - Mary & Paul Grech
Monday 15 April	10.00am – Mass : - Jimmy Igoe 7.00pm – Inter-Church Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 16 April	10.00am:- Mass –SI – sick person	
Wednesday 17 April	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.25-55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Jimmy Meechan
Thursday 18 April HOLY THURSDAY	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – SI (Operation)	
Friday 19 April GOOD FRIDAY	9.45am – Children’s Stations of the Cross 10.45am – Ecumenical Service	3.00pm – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20 April Holy Saturday at the Tomb of Christ	10.00am – Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings 9.00pm – EASTER VIGIL – People of the Parish	
Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am:- EASTER CHILDREN’S MASS – Moira Gibrill (Keating)	11.15am:- EASTER CHILDREN’S MASS - Ina McNama

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