

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Sunday 29 December 2019

WELCOME...If you're visiting for Christmas, 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.



Fr Jock, Deacon Eddie and the Pastoral Team would like to welcome all visitors to our sister parishes here for the festive season, and **to wish everybody a Happy New Year when it comes.**

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who have so generously given of themselves and their gifts – whether it has been helping prepare the churches, the liturgies, the orders of service, or assisting in many different ways – and so making it possible for our Christmas services in both churches to be so full of joy.

Many thanks to Fr Jim Walls, Spiritual Director at the Scots College in Rome, with us over the Christmas season, as he visits his brother sister-in-law and mother in Joppa – for preaching at our Christmas Vigil Mass and for celebrating and concelebrating several Masses with and for us...and to **Fr Jim Smith** with us next Thursday at St Mary Magdalene's. **Fr Jock** would also like to communicate his gratitude for all the cards and gifts received.

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany, is the Annual Day of Prayer for Peace. A Collection for the work of Justice and Peace will be taken up at all Masses.

Both 'Living Faith'(Free or £1 or £2 or Donation!) with its reflection for each day for the next three months, and **The Archdiocesan Catholic Directory for 2020** (£3) are now available at the back of our churches.

THIS WEEK

Friday 3 January – 12. for 12.30pm - St John's Hall – Epiphany Meal and Celebration with the Edinburgh L'Arche Community – All welcome



Mary Iannarelli writes: 'Helpers are required to set up on the afternoon of Thursday 2 January 2020 and also to assist on Friday 3 January from 11.30 am. The event is a wonderfully inclusive celebration with our L'Arche friends. Volunteers can contact me on 07534 666439.'

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 6 January

9am [NB Change of time] – Requiem Mass for Maureen Callaghan

10am – St John's Hall - Charity Coffee Morning in aid of SPUC (Scotland)

Wednesday 8 January – 7pm – Parish House Prayer Room – Lectio Divina

Sunday 12 January

9.30am – St John's - **P3 Children's Mass**

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

Tuesday 14 January – Departure of Group of Parishioners to Legho, Tanzania, and Steka, Malawi.

NOTICEBOARD

Recent Events in our continuing Moslem-Christian Dialogue

Fr Jock writes: 'At the end of October, PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) had its second evening of '**Conversation with Imam Hassan Rabbani**' at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – with Imam Hassan this time talking with **Dr Sophia Marriage**, and accompanied by his **cousin Imam Mansoor Mahmood** from Kirkcaldy.

A) First Spring – Illuminating Hearts' – Saturday 9 November, Carmichael Hall, Giffnock, Glasgow

In the aftermath of another fascinating evening, I received an invitation from Imam Hassan to visit him on Saturday 9 November at his father's Zia-ul-Quran Mosque in Pollockshields in Glasgow; and then to accompany him to Carmichael Hall in Giffnock and to speak at an evening cultural and religious Celebration, 'First Spring.'

'First Spring – Illuminating Hearts' was organised to mark the month of the prophet Muhammad's birth and was described by its organisers as 'an opportunity for people of all faiths and none to come together and learn about the life of Prophet Muhammad Peace and Blessings be Upon Him and appreciate the Beauty of His Message.'

Imam Hassan was the compere for the evening and introduced each 'act' – such as some 'nascheeds' - devotional songs - sung by a group of Kirkcaldy schoolgirls, and a Moslem Scottish convert from Argyll playing on the penny whistle, while the audience (almost entirely Moslem) tapped their feet appreciatively.

My own 'slot' was halfway through the evening. Introduced by a 'we now have a non-Muslim speaker', I spoke of my own visits to Moslem countries and their historic and cultural fascination, and also how I had been so moved by the Moslem-Christian dialogue here in Portobello, initiated by the friendship with Imam Hassan. Finally, I referred to the meetings of Pope Francis with one of the great figures of the Moslem world, the Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayyeb of Al-Azhar University in Cairo (where Imam Hassan had studied), and how when they had met in February 2019 in the United Arab Emirates – the first time a Pope had visited the Arabian Peninsula, site Of Islam's holiest shrines - they had (another first) co-signed a document 'On Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together'.

I concluded by describing what Pope Francis called the golden thread of his vision, namely encounter and dialogue, which in his native Spanish, he called 'caminar juntos' – walking together; and how such dialogue was only possible if three basic elements were present and interlinked, namely

- 'the duty to respect one's own identity and that of others'
- 'the courage to accept differences'
- 'and 'sincerity of intentions.'

At the end of the evening, there was a chance to mingle – everybody was very welcoming and gracious – before we departed, each guest armed with a container of delicious biryani (a custom at such events).

After dropping members of his family off home, Imam Hassan and I shared a sourdough fudge pancake, bought from a very popular local Pakistani sweet shop, and then, to round off a memorable evening, did a podcast together for his Facebook page.

B) Reception for Islamophobia Awareness Month at the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood

One thing leads to another...on Thursday 28 November, two and a half weeks after 'First Spring', I was also invited to speak at the first ever reception for Islamophobia Awareness Month, held in one of the committee rooms in the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood.

The co-ordinator of the event was the Muslim Council of Scotland along with the Cross Party Group on Islamophobia: among those present and speaking were Anas Sarwar MSP and Humza Yousaf, Justice Secretary, as well as representatives of different civic organizations and bodies such as Police Scotland. Edinburgh East's Westminster MP Tommy Shepherd was one of those who popped in to listen.

The statistic that has remained with me from others' presentations was that while Moslems in 2011 (the most recent census) are only 1.4% of the Scottish population, 38% of Scots think they make up over 20% of the population.

When it came to my turn to speak, I repeated much of what I had said at the Carmichael Hall, stressing the value of encounters such as our two evenings with Imam Hassan Rabbani in Portobello, since bigotry is effectively countered when we meet together to listen with respect and learn from and about each other. I also referred again to the recent meetings of Pope Francis with the Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayyeb of Al-Azhar University in Cairo and I concluded by referring to what Pope Francis called the golden thread of his vision, namely encounter and dialogue, in his native Spanish, 'caminar juntos'.

The response was gracious – and the event highlighted for me and I think for all of us present the need to continue to work together to fight against the further fragmentation of society on lines of hate and division, and more positively, to benefit from the fruitfulness of encounters with open minds and hearts between people of different faiths and cultures.'

Videos of the different acts from 'First Spring' and a report of the Islamophobic Awareness Week Reception at the Scottish Parliament can be found on the parishes' Facebook Page and the St Mary Magdalene's Website.

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Billy Kavanagh

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Pat Marin, George Dougal, Isabel O'Neill, Terry Delaney, Helen Reid and Fay Dignan

St John's

Dec.29:- Isobel O'Neill (2016); Dennis Sistrof (2003); Agnes O'Donnell (1975); Annie Kirk (1962); Jackie Flynn; Marion Napier;
Dec.30:- Helen Reid (2016); James Fettes (1995); **Dec.31:-** Fay Dignan (2016); Philip McMicken (1995); Bertie Demarco; Thomas Rooney; **Jan.1:-** James Malone (1989), Catherine McElroy; **Jan.2:-** Terry Delaney (2016); Monica Cubitt (2007); Anne Marie Phillips (2004); Elizabeth Stone (1992); Alexander Donnelly (1985); Thomas Mackay (1979); Annie Graham (1973);
Jan.3:- Betsy Hogg (1981); James Lacey (1973); **Jan.4:-** Hedley Smibert (2007); Fr. Thomas Gaffney SJ.(1998); Lucia Maher (1994); John Brown (1984); Bernard McAllister (1981); John Browne (1977)

St Mary Magdalene's

Dec.29:- Mark Cunningham (2009); **Dec.30:-** Pat Marin (2018); **Dec.31:-** Annie Henderson (1999); John Moohan (1975);
Jan.2:- Mary Fairbairn (2019)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Jimmy Scoular, Mary Glancy, Betty Dougal, Alison Thomson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Pat Tansey, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Marie White,

Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Sam Burns, Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhilipps, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Denis Davidson, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Hannah Muldoon, Johan Reape, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Seamus Hughes, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Frances Green, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Maureen Henderson, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Celine Dinis, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Peter Hanley, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, Sr Veronica Marshall, James Clerk, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Rokana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jordan, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
22 December 2019	£311.23 (including £147 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) – overall figure: £361.23	£918.83 (including £430.10 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £403.50) – overall figure: £1322.33
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
28 December	Mary Fenwick & Willie Montgomery	Jennifer Morris
5 January	Mark Robertson & Laura Tweedie	Jim Gallagher

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 4 January	John Lawler, Joyce Martin, Pauline MacInnes	Sunday 5 January	Eddie Clark, Penelope MacLellan Hawkes, Mary Iannarelli, Tracy Burgess, Cathy Volpe
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Maria Igoe writes:

- ‘The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 6 January 2020 after Mass – and held in the Parish Hall. Donations will be given to SPUC (Scotland). Please come along.’

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

We are all conscious about climate change and are always looking to improve in ways we can help the environment! Would you consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail? Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save ‘wear and tear’ of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to receive your newsletter electronically all you have to do is send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. The bonus is you receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites and Facebook Page.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 28 December The Holy Innocents - Feast	10.00am:- Mass – SI 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass –Terry Delaney	
Sunday 29 December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	9.30am:- Mass – Isobel O’Neill	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 30 December	10.00am:- Mass – Pat and Mary McClory	
Tuesday 31 December	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	7.00pm:- Mass – George Dougal
Wednesday 1 January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – SOLEMNITY	11.30am:- Mass – Nuala Scott NB TIME CHANGE	
Thursday 2 January St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Linda Wisbach
Friday 3 January	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Arabella Vanneck 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 4 January	10.00am:- Mass – Hugh Fitzpatrick 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Brenda Slater	
Sunday 5 January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY	9.30am:- Mass – Billy Turnbull	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

