

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Keeping
a Holy Lent

4th Sunday in Lent – 31 March 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.



Today is RECONCILIATION SUNDAY....we welcome (and thank) the priests who have kindly made themselves available to celebrate reconciliation with us: Fr Gordon Brown, Fr Martin Moran OMI, Fr Jim Smith, Fr Ian Wilson OSA and Fr Aelred Connolly OP.

It's also Mother's Day – so we welcome and congratulate all mothers, grans, great grannies, godmothers, spiritual mothers etc etc...



'SCIAF SUNDAY'

Today is SCIAF Sunday and there will be a special collection at all masses, with 75% of the proceeds going to SCIAF, and 25% going to episcopal charities (responding to more local needs).

Attached/Included with this week's newsletter is a **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Joseph Toal**, Bishop President of SCIAF.

Penelope Blackwell, SCIAF Director of Fundraising, Communications and Education

writes: 'Bishop Toal's letter for SCIAF Sunday was written before Cyclone Idai hit communities across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. As you may have seen

SCIAF has committed £50,000 from existing funds to help people in the aftermath of the cyclone and

launched an emergency appeal on Thursday 21 March. In our emergency appeal, we are asking people to

give generously to support our sisters and brothers in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe either by giving

online at www.sciaf.org.un/donate or by call us on 0141 354 5555. We know that some parishes and some

parishioners will want to join us in responding to this emergency, and we'd be very grateful if you do choose

to respond. We also hope that parishioners will continue to hold people such as Lydia – whose story features

on the WEE Box – in their hearts and give generously to the SCIAF Lent collection this Sunday.'



Three Other Lenten Initiatives

Monday 1 April at 7.30pm in St John's Hall, 'Question Time' with Fr Jock – (also Monday 8 April) – a chance to ask those questions that have been gnawing away at you – about Scripture, the Church's Moral Teaching, the History of the Church, Church Dogmas, the Abuse scandal, whatever you wish to ask...and Fr Jock will do his best to respond (and open up a discussion).

This Monday and Wednesday - Our Ways of Praying Course – different parishioners offering their wisdom and experience in their preferred way of praying – **this week – The Breviary/the Prayer of the Church, and Praying Online** – at St Mary Magdalene’s on Monday at 2.30pm and in the Prayer Room in the Parish House on Wednesday at 7pm.

(❖ **Week 5** - Ignatian Prayer/Praying with the Imagination – at St John’s).

LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF’s WEE BOXES: (which this year focuses on the story of Lydia, a Ugandan orphan, whose life has been transformed by support from SCIAF).

This year also, there is an additional focus for your generosity....for the last few months we have been seeking to support **the STEKA Children’s Home in Malawi** since Octoberand so Fr Jock will be ‘undergoing’ a sponsored slim (in an attempt, as one kind person put it, to ‘renew his waistline’)! Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches....

ALSO....

- ❖ Each weekday (from Monday to Friday) there is the **Morning Prayer of the Church** at 9.30am in the St John’s Hall/Parish House Prayer Room.
- ❖ On Wednesday mornings, there are **Stations of the Cross** in the Prayer Room in the Parish House after the 10am Eucharistic Service.

.....and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week throughout the year:

- ❖ each day there is **Mass** in either St Mary Magdalene’s or St John’s (in church or hall), normally at 10am.
- ❖ each week there is **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** normally on Wednesdays from 9.25am to 9.55am at St Mary Magdalene’s, and on Saturdays from 9am to 9.55am at St John’s.
- ❖ On Fridays there are **Divine Mercy Devotions** from 3-4pm in the Prayer Room 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 Pam Sunday procession



Holy Week & Easter

Monday 15 April 7.00pm St John’s Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

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
 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 Baptisms and Confirmations

Sunday 21 April (Easter Sunday)
 9.30am St John’s Easter Morning Children’s Mass and Baptism
 11.15am St Mary Magdalene’s Easter Children’s Mass

THIS WEEK

Saturday 30 March

10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina – **Prayer in time of Trial**

1.30pm – St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace – **Age of Change**

'This is a ticketed event – book on Eventbrite to avoid disappointment. Tickets are free but a donation of between £5-£10 is invited towards the cost of the event. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/science-in-an-age-of-change-tickets-56052299938.'

Saturday 30 March/Sunday 31 March – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY (and MOTHER'S DAY)
Special Collection in aid of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities

Sunday 31 March –

6pm – Parish House – **Musical Co-ordinators' Meeting**

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

7.30pm – Portobello & Joppa Parish Church – **A Musical Evening with the Feast of Life Singers**

David Simpson writes: 'We will be doing a concert on Sunday 31 March at 7.30 pm in Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. This will be lively, varied and admission is free. In our usual fashion, we will have a retiring collection in aid of the superb work of Christian Aid. (Yes, free to get in but after an hour you will probably be delighted to have the opportunity to pay to get out...) Refreshments and baking will be available. Music will include an eclectic selection of folk, gospel, jazz, popular and classical styles, including our life enhancing version of Bohemian Rhapsody!'



Monday 1 April

10.30am – St John's Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning for Sightsavers.**

2.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's Hall – **Ways of Praying – the Breviary/Prayer of the Church and Praying Online.**

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Question and Response with Fr Jock**

Tuesday 2 April – 10am – St John's - Requiem Mass for Mary Glancy

Wednesday 3 April

10am – St John's - **Requiem Mass for Betty McEwing**

7pm – Parish House Prayer Room - **Ways of Praying – the Breviary/Prayer of the Church and Praying Online.**

7pm - Fisherrow Yacht Club, New Street, Musselburgh - **Couch to 5K – Open Evening**

Nicky Hancock writes: 'I am a coach/Jogscotland leader with Musselburgh and District Athletic Club (MDAC) and about to start our new block of Couch to 5k (C25K) which is for anyone new to running or wanting to get back into running. Our open evening is on 3 April (no running involved on this night) where you can come along and find out more about the programme and the club. 35 people successfully completed the programme at the end of last year and are still running with the club. Many of those who joined the last block turned up on their own and knew no one and it's a great way to meet others. Anyone interested is also welcome to contact me direct on my mobile (07990578095).'



Thursday 4 April

7.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Liturgy Planning Meeting**

7.30-9pm – Buccleuch Free Church – **Refugee Information Evening**

'You are invited to attend a Refugee Information Evening. The aim of the evening is to provide an update on the Syrian resettlement scheme in Edinburgh and to inspire, motivate and equip churches to pray and act. This event will take place in **Buccleuch Free Church, 10 West Crosscauseway, EH8 9JP**. The Organisers hope to hear from some Syrians and Scots about the impact of their friendship, as well as enjoying some Syrian food and finding out about the different opportunities available to welcome all those who are seeking refuge here.'

Saturday 6 April -10am-1pm - St John's Church Hall - Pamoja Fashion Sale

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 8 April – 2.30pm – St Mary Magdalene’s - **Healing Mass**

Sunday 14 April (**Palm Sunday**)

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

2.00pm-6.00pm – The Gillis Centre – **Youth Initiative Palm Sunday Gathering with Archbishop Cushley – ‘The whole city was stirred and asked, WHO IS THIS? (Mt 21.10) – Catachesis, Holy Mass, Fellowship...For ages 16-30.....for more information contact Fr Nick Welsh at parishpriest@galacatholic.org or 0131 623 8900.**

Friday 19 April – 9.45am – St John’s – **Children’s Stations of the Cross**

Sunday 21 April – **EASTER SUNDAY**

Saturday 27 April – 10.30am – Parish House – **Lectio Divina - Resurrection**

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

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

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

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

NOTICEBOARD

Bethany Big Sleep Out 2019

Two of the St Mary Magdalene Altar Servers, Martha O’Hanlon and Zuzanna Orłowska, were challenged by the Guides to give up their beds for a night and sleep rough. It was to raise awareness for homeless and to raise money for Bethany Christian Trust. **Martha writes:** ‘after a presentation about the amazing work that Bethany do, we were provided with soup and bread from the Bethany Care Van. The care van provides food and advice for 7,000 people who are sleeping rough in Scotland, 363 nights per year (excluding festival fireworks nights). We then built shelter using cardboard boxes, played a few games and sang campfire songs before we tried to sleep. Martha explains ‘I had expected to feel cold during the night however the worst part for me, was getting out of my cosy sleeping bag into the harsh morning wind, definitely not something that I would like to do every morning.’



Should you like to support the girls in raising money for this great cause please see Martha or Zuzanna after the 11.15 Mass or visit www.justgiving/fundraising/180th guides (the link is on the Parish Facebook page.)

STEKA - Smartphone Appeal

Following a discussion with Godknows Maseko last weekend, he asked if it would be possible to send out 6 used smartphones to STEKA. This is because a few of the older children have expressed an interest in photography and updating the STEKA website. So, if any parishioners at St Johns or St Mary Magdalene's have recently upgraded their smartphones and still have their old ones these would be much appreciated. They must be in good working condition and include the chargers. Please either hand them in to the Parish House or contact Gary Zoltie on 07768647923.

A message from the Justice & Peace Group - Fairtrade Easter Eggs:



‘For many of us, Easter means sharing chocolate! Make your celebrations fairer for cocoa farmers this year by choosing Fairtrade. We will have an egg-cellent sample of eggs available at both parishes next weekend (6/7 April) either to buy or to order for the following weekend (Palm Sunday - in good time for Easter).’

THE JUST WORLD SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Jim Baird writes: 'Can you help in the Just World Shop on MONDAY 10am – 12 noon and TUESDAY 2pm – 4pm to help in the Just World Shop. If you feel you would like to help please contact either Morag or Jim ☎669 8819 or call into the shop for a chat.'

HELP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.'

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

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.'

- S3 and S4 History pupils who will participate in the Battlefields Experience in June learned more about the experience and what to expect from a Mercat Tours representative who co-led the Parents' Information Meeting with Miss Johnstone. It sounds like an unforgettable experience which we look forward to hearing all about.
- Our Modern Studies teachers organised a visit from the Electoral Commission who helped our pupils register to vote and promoted political literacy across the senior school.
- We celebrate as 104 S2 pupils achieve their John Muir Bronze Award.
- Our School Pupil Council members have been looking more closely at some of the key areas from the National Improvement Framework with a view to producing a pupil led activity focusing on the areas of numeracy, literacy and attainment.
- Well done to the eight pupils who competed at the Edinburgh Schools Cross Country Event on Cavalry Park playing fields. Congratulations to Connor who was awarded the bronze medal in the boys race. A great achievement.
- Congratulations to former pupil and Hibs youth player, Yrick Gallantes, on his full international call-up for the Philippines - before he's even made first-team debut for the Easter Road club. Well done Yrick!
- Date for your diary:- Expressive Arts Showcase 2 April at 6pm, free. Come and view the wonderful work created by Expressive Arts pupils.

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

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jimmy Loughran, Betty McEwing, Mary-Anne McGovern, William McNamara and Helen Hanlon

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ellie Meagher, Liz Davis, Pierino Crolla, Tom Thornton

St John's :-

Mar.30:- Tom Thornton (2017); John Harkin (2003); Giuseppina Nicora (1947); Jean Joyce ; Mar.31:- Elizabeth Kelly (2008); Peter Sheridan (2003); Anthony John (2002); Margaret Thackery (2002); Agnes Clyne (1956); Alison Stewart (1994); Apr.1:- Ellie Meagher (2016); Kathleen Craig (2014); Hedley Smibert (2008); Margaret Smith (2007); James McAlinden (1987); Mary Anne McWilliams (1972); Apr.2:- Mary Burke (1997); Mrs. Brennan (1993); James Magee (1962); Apr.3:- Margaret Skead (1999); James Bryce (1978);

St. Mary Magdalene's :-

Mar.30:- Christina Renton (1980); Apr.1:- Liz Davis (2016); Apr.2:- Hugh Boyle (1997);

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Penelope McLellan Hawkes, 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, Rokšana 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		
24 March 2019	£369.10 (including £120.00 gift aid)	£880.03 (including £401.88 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
31 March	Eileen Igoe & Dorothy Dickson	Jim Gallagher
7 April	Lexvi Sanchez & Emma Dewar	Jennifer Morris

Welcome to the world, Jeffrey Gamado, born on Friday 8 March, a son for Adele and Regis, and a sister for Grace, and brother for Gregory.



Help is required for counting the Offertory Collection. If you are willing to offer your services with this, please contact Fr Jock or Jane Marin (07801 072453) for further information.

If you are not currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Jean McNally who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

The 2019-20 Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection from the back of both Churches, make sure that you have picked yours up as they start next weekend.

The next Healing Mass will be on Monday 8 April at 2.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Please join us in the Hall for tea and home baking afterwards.



This year's **Children's Stations of the Cross** will take part on **Good Friday**, Friday 19 April, at St John's Church at 09:45hrs. Julie Harris and Julie O'Hanlon write: 'More details will follow in the coming fortnight. However we are currently looking for any children who would be interested in reading at the service. Children Liturgy Leaders will distribute readings on Sunday at both masses or please contact Julie Harris on 07919 525872/ julieharris@allanmcdougall.co.uk or via the Parish Facebook Page should your child be interested.'

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 6 April

J Roarty, P Shannon,
J Kemp

Sunday 7 April

E Buckley, E Fertini, B Gallagher,
A Dixon, C Lauder

Maria Igoe writes:

- 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 1 April in the Hall after Mass. Donations will be sent to Sightsavers. Please come along.
- The previous Coffee Morning raised £210, which has been sent to Aid to the Church in Need. Thank you for being so generous.
- 'The Church Stall will be open on Saturdays and Sundays and there are packets of Easter Cards on sale.
- Please consider donating to Mary's Meals Backpacks. The box will be at the back of the Church on Saturdays and Sundays. Toiletries required are hand towels, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush. Stationery items required are notebooks, pencils, pens, pencil cases, rulers etc.'

If you are not currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and would like to start, please do get in touch with Karen, our Parish Administrator who shall send you out a pack for you to complete and return.

A Poem For Lent 2019 – Canon Andrew Monaghan

Within the churches, Lent is simple,
a time to mirror spring
by leaving all the piled up rubbish
in our relationship with Christ
and slowly fix our eyes upon the risen Christ
who overcame the worst we humans could impose
and rose to live in each of us
to give us new and vibrant life.
It often means the sacrifice of fixed ideas
and twisted ways of life,
and always asks that in six short weeks
we deepen day by day our living out
of God within our hearts.

Lent, however, is a call to all
to bring about a spring within our hearts
which questions every tired old relic
of the winters of our discontent.
Knife crime, football violence, greed and selfishness
are sure to stifle all our powers of love and caring.
And weariness from constant Brexit pressures
and black despair about the lack of dialogue
which mires us in the mud and ice of stony faces
prevents the change which would in public life
enable that spring, that Lent, which all of us
in different ways have come to sigh for
but all too few of us to work for.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 30 March	9.00am-9.50am : - (Church) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am - Mass – SI 10.30am -Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – People of the Parish	
Sunday 31 March 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass - Tom Thornton	11.15am:- Mass - Liz Davis
Monday 1 April	10.00am – Eucharistic Service (Hall)	9.25-55am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Pat Marin
Tuesday 2 April	10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Mary Glancy	
Wednesday 3 April	10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Betty McEwing	
Thursday 4 April	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service (Hall)	10.00am:- Mass – Michael and Mary Camilleri
Friday 5 April	10.00am – Mass (Hall) – (SI - James Gallagher – birthday) 3.00pm: - (Prayer Room, Parish House) Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 6 April	9.00am-9.50am : - (Church) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am - Mass – SI - birthday 10.30am -Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – (Church) – Canon Nicholas Rowan	
Sunday 7 April 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass - Canon Andrew Reen

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