

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

35 Brighton Place, Edinburgh EH15 1LL Bingham Avenue, Edinburgh EH15 3HY

Parish Priest: Fr. Jock Dalrymple: 0131 669 5447

Shared Parish House: 3 Sandford Gardens, EH15 1LP

Pastoral Team: Alice Codling, Jennifer Morris and Chris Vinestock

Administrator: Karen Blair (OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10am to 3pm)

Web address: www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk Web address: www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk

Joint e-mail for our sister parishes: stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

6th Sunday of Easter – 26 May 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 week-end we warmly welcome Archbishop Leo Cushley, who at the 9.30am Mass at St John's will confer the rite of Candidacy on **Eddie White**, our deacon-in-training, the final step before his ordination as a deacon in September.

Eddie White writes: 'I have been frankly overwhelmed by the number of good wishes and positive comments regarding today's Candidacy Mass. Thank you. The Rite of Candidacy is a rite which takes place during the last stages of formation for deacons or priests. During this mass, the Church will essentially formally recognise me as being worthy of being ordained as a permanent deacon.

In many ways, it feels like just yesterday that three and a half years ago I was first introduced to the parishes as a deacon in formation and Tanya, myself and our three children, Fergus, Benedict and Eloise, were warmly welcomed. Now we ask for your prayers.

Candidacy is the last rite before ordination as a deacon which, God willing, will take place on the 7th of September at noon in the Cathedral. (Deacons are committed to 'diakonia' - service – and can baptise, marry, bury and preach!) I would love to see as many people from both parishes join me there, and I would also be grateful for your prayers at this time as I prepare in every way. A special prayer to help me finish these last essays and academic tasks during the particularly busy school terms – I am a Maths teacher at Ross High - would also be appreciated!'

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holiday of Obligation, and of Celebration too....**Masses will be at 10am at St John's** (with St John's Primary School) **and at 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene'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 9 June).

If Eddie White has just begun a new journey, St John's parishioner, **Mairi Clunas** is well underway on hers, as a consecrated virgin, a contemplative in the world. (For more information on this fairly unpublicised example of religious life, do google 'Consecrated Virgin' and also read Mairi's moving description of her calling and life included in this newsletter). **This Friday, 31 May, the Feast of the Visitation, Mairi will celebrate the 30th anniversary of her consecration by 'renewing' her vows** at the 10am Mass at St John's, which will be followed by coffee, tea and cake in the Parish House.

Next Sunday is also the annual DAY FOR LIFE, commemorated on the Sunday nearest **the Feast of the Visitation (celebrated on Friday)** – the theme this year is **The Scourge of Domestic Abuse**. More resources and information next week, along with **a leaving collection** to provide resources to help bring healing and recover to those who have suffered its trauma.

**Today Sunday, 25/6 May, there is a Special Collection for the Priests Retirement Fund
Special Collection – (Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church: please
consider using them if you pay Tax.)**

‘The Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund of the Archdiocese provides the living costs and housing for our 24 retired priests. The special collections are one of the main sources of income for the fund. In 2018, the special collections, donations and investment income of the AICF was £204,129, increased by legacies of £85,000. The cost of providing the retirement allowances and housing was £363,153. The AICF fund held £1,086,000 as at 1 January 2018. In order to continue to pay allowances to the next generation of Priests as they retire, we need a bigger fund and new ideas and support to raise it, which are being actively worked on.

To pay the current allowances requires annual income of around £370,000 (as at 2018). In order to match these allowances with income, the 2019 special collections need to raise twice as much as they did in 2018. Please do consider what you can give to this collection and bring your donations on 25 & 26 May 2019. Please do also consider including a bequest to the AICF in your will. (The bequest should be to “the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh” (Charity No SC008540) and qualifies as a charitable bequest for Inheritance Tax purposes). Our Priests retire at age 75, so they work longer than most other occupations. We all have a joint commitment to support them as they reach old age and are no longer supported by an individual Parish.

Please pray for our retired priests, who have served us well and be as generous as you can.

Gift Aid envelopes are available. If you pay tax please gift aid your donation by completing one of the envelopes, with your offering inside. Thank you for your generosity.’

Next Sunday 2 June there are three important, if very different, events:

- **The two St John’s Sunday Masses (6.30pm Vigil and Sunday 9.30am) will focus on Christian Stewardship** with a reflection on the background to our ‘Offertory Gifting’ by members of the St John’s Finance Council, and an opportunity to understand and sign up to Gift Aid
- **11am - 4pm - St Margaret’s Pilgrimage 2019: - The annual Summer Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret in Dunfermline.** ‘Itinerary: Ecumenical prayers at Dunfermline Abbey, 11am; Guides available for historic tours, 12 noon onwards; Public procession of relics, 2.15pm; Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley as main celebrant, 3pm. It should be a great day. All are very welcome.’
- **7.30pm - An Evening with Imam Hassan Rabbani – Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – 7.30pm** Some weeks ago, **Imam Hassan** met Fr Jock, Sophia Marriage from St Mark’s Episcopal Church, and Stewart Weaver from Portobello and Joppa Parish Church for lunch. Since then, we have arranged together for Imam Hassan to come to **PJPC at 7.30pm on Sunday 2 June for ‘An Evening of Conversation’, hosted by PACT** (Portobello and Area Christians Together – ie all the local churches) when Imam Hassan will respond to any questions we wish to put to him.

And a date for your diary – **Monday 17 June**, when at 7pm, **St Mary Magdalene’s will host ‘An Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Jean Vanier (10 Sept. 1928 –7 May 2019+)** ‘with the support of St Mary Magdalene’s & St John’s, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Portobello and Joppa Parish Church of the Lothian Presbytery, the Scottish Episcopal Church, PACT & Edinburgh Churches Together, and the Scottish communities of L’Arche and **Faith and Light**. All welcome.’ **‘Welcome each other, as Christ welcomed you’**

THIS WEEK

Saturday 25 May

10am - 1pm - St John’s Church Hall – **STEKA Home Baking Sale with Tea & Coffee**

the last but one STEKA fundraising event – helping build two centres in which the children in the STEKA Home may learn a trade All most welcome....

11 am - Parish House - **P4 Parish children First Communion preparation session**

Sunday 26 May

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

3-5pm – Gillis Centre - **Archdiocesan Lourdes Day 2019**

'The annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Day will take place on Sunday 26 May at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh between 3pm and 5pm. The event aims to recreate the spirit of Lourdes within the Archdiocese and will consist of a Marian procession, Solemn Benediction and the Blessing of the Sick. It is organised by organised by The Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité and Youth for Lourdes. All very welcome.'

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

Monday 27 May

5.30pm – St Catherine's Convent – **Edinburgh Deanery Meeting**

7pm – St Ninian's – **Cluster D Day Pilgrimage Meeting.**

Tuesday 28 May – 7.30pm – Parish House – Meeting of the Cluster Parish Priests and Pastoral Council Chairs

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 – Bingham Community Centre - Save a Life' Defibrillator Training

Jennifer Morris writes: 'Very many thanks to the twelve parishioners who volunteered for 'Defibrillator Training'. The training will take place at Bingham Community Centre - 1 Bingham Avenue, EH15 3HZ this Tuesday and Wednesday May at 6.30pm. (Trainees attend one of these evenings, not both.) Car parking is available. Those attending are asked to wear trousers and comfortable flat shoes, ideally with the toes covered, to be able to fully participate in the practical elements of the training. Volunteers – if you are uncertain on which evening you are to attend, please contact Geoff Dobson on 07808 029 391.'



Wednesday 29 May

10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Alex Hunter**

6-8pm - Richmond & Craigmillar Parish Church, Community Hall, 227/229 Niddrie Mains Rd, Edinburgh EH16 4PA – **'Neighbourhood Networks – Portobello & Craigmillar area'**

Scott Neil writes: 'We're now setting up neighbourhood networks across Edinburgh. They will bring together community groups, voluntary sector organisations and local councillors to identify what matters to their neighbourhood. We want to start a conversation about how these networks should work and who should be involved. As there is variety in the groups and organisations in different areas of Edinburgh, each network will decide themselves their membership and how they work. Please join us at the first session this Wednesday evening. We'll introduce how neighbourhood networks fit in the new community planning model in Edinburgh. I would be grateful if you would confirm your attendance (or a suitable representative before 27 May to allow us to gauge numbers on the night.'

If anyone is interested in representing our parishes, please see Fr Jock.

7pm – Parish House – **St John's Fabric Committee Meeting**

7 pm – St Mary Magdalene's - **Reconciliation service for all P4 First Communion children**

7:45pm – St Mary Magdalene's - **Rehearsal for children choosing First Communion on Sunday 2nd June**

Thursday 30 May – ASCENSION THURSDAY – Masses at 10am at St John's and 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's.

Friday 31 May - 10am – St John's - Mass with renewal of vows on the 30th anniversary of Mairi Clunas' public commitment to life as a Consecrated Virgin, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the Parish House.

Saturday 1 June

10.30am -4.30pm - Adelaide's, 209 Bath Street, Glasgow - **Open House Conference 2019 - 'New**

Directions? A conversation about being church in Scotland today. Pope Francis has called for a Catholic Church in which bishops, priests and lay people listen and learn from one another. What would such a church look like? **Bishop Brendan Leahy** of Limerick will open the conversation. Scottish parishioners will share their changing understanding of church. Conference participants will be invited to explore possible new directions for the Church in Scotland. Cost £10 including lunch

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-directions-a-conversation-about-being-church-in-scotland-today-tickets-59578939211> or send a cheque for £10, together with your name and address

to Florence Boyle, 3 Dalnottar Terrace, Old Kirkpatrick, Dunbartonshire G60 5DE.

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

11am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Baptism of Holly Michelle Stanley**

2pm – St John’s – **Wedding of Sarah Thomas and Joseph Nasmyth.**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 2 June

St John’s Stewardship Sunday

11am-4pm – St Margaret’s, Dunfermline – **St Margaret’s Pilgrimage** (see Noticeboard)

11:15 am - St Mary Magdalene’s - **Celebration of First Holy Communion**

1-3pm – St Marks Gardens, 287 Portobello High Street - **The Big Lunch**

7.30pm – PJPC (Portobello and Joppa Parish Church) – **A Question and Response Evening with Imam Hassan Rabbani – A PACT initiative**

Tuesday, 4 June – 7.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church EH9 1TQ - **The Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association** (‘Promoting open discussion and greater understanding in today’s Church’) **‘warmly invites you to join with us for 'Wine and Nibbles' in our celebration of the 2018-19 presentations** and share ideas for the academic year ahead at 7.30 pm. A donation is requested to cover our costs.’

Friday 7 June – St John’s, Princes St to St John’s, Portobello - **Scottish Churches Housing Action Walk of Unity (See Noticeboard below)**

Sunday 9 June – **Forth Road Bridge Abseil with and for Health in Mind**

Tuesday 11 June - 7.30pm - St Catharine’s Convent, 4 Lauriston Gardens – **The documentary ‘POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD’ - Followed by drinks on the lawn.**

Thursday 13 June - 7.00 pm - St John’s - **Rehearsal for children choosing First Communion on Sunday 16 June**

Saturday 15 June – 2pm – 4pm – in the grounds at 49 Milton Road East - **Queen’s Bay Home Summer Fair** – home baking, BBQ, tombola, ice-cream, music, crafts, prize draw, bottle stall, plants, Free entry

Sunday 16 June – 9.30am - St John’s - **Celebration of First Holy Communion**

Tuesday 18 June – 7.30pm – St John’s Hall – **‘Climate Change – A Christian Response’ (see Noticeboard)**

Wednesday 19 (and 26) June – Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course [NB Change of Dates]**

Sunday 23 June

11:15 am – St Mary Magdalene’s - **Thanksgiving Mass for all First Communicants and Prayer Partners**

3pm – **STEKA Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat**

Thursday 18 July (-27 July) - **Jumbulance trip to Lourdes (see Noticeboard below)**

Saturday 31 August – 12 noon – St Andrews – **National Catholic Youth Pilgrimage (see Noticeboard)**

Tuesday 24 September (-8 October) – **Trip to Medjugorje**

NOTICEBOARD

On Friday 7 June the Scottish Churches Housing Action WALK OF UNITY 2019 will begin at St John’s, Princes St and proceed to St John’s, Portobello.

‘We believe in a Scotland free of homelessness.’ Come and join us to walk together from Princes Street to Portobello to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds to help Scottish Churches Housing Action

tackle homelessness. We will be walking as an act of Unity amongst the different churches. All are welcome to join us, people of all faiths and none, come and join the fun!

Come and walk from Princes Street to Leith (2.5 miles) or Leith to Portobello (3 miles) or all the way (5.5 miles). When and where? *Friday 7 June 2019 - Setting off at 10 am from St John's Episcopal Church, West End to walk to the United Reformed Church, Duke Street, Leith. Then setting off from URC Duke Street at 11.30am to walk to St John the Evangelist's Roman Catholic Church, Portobello. Enjoy refreshments at URC Duke Street and St John the Evangelist's.* Contact SCHA at info@churches-housing.org for more details and to register to take part. A minimum fundraising target of £25 is required. **Contact Jim Roarty (0771 9952472) if interested in participating.**

Sri Lanka Appeal: 'Following the terrible attacks on Easter Sunday at churches in Sri Lanka, His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo, and Father Tadeusz J Nowak, OMI, the Secretary General for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, are appealing to Catholics worldwide for emergency funds to help rebuild lives of those affected and the damaged Churches in Sri Lanka. This should be done through Missio Scotland. Donations can be sent directly to the Missio office: 4 Laird Street, Coatbridge ML5 3LJ or by going to the website: www.missioscotland.com where donations can be made online using PayPal or a debit card. Whatever is raised will be sent to the Church in Sri Lanka through the Papal Nuncio in Colombo. More information about the situation in Sri Lanka is available on our website, www.missioscotland.com'

Proposed Legho/Tanzania STEKA/Malawi Africa trip.

Tracy Burgess writes: 'The Legho Renewal Group would like to propose a trip to Legho Tanzania. The purpose of the group is to look at the connection between our community of St John's (and St Mary Magdalene's) and Legho Parish - past and present - and to nurture this link.

The connection needs to be with the people, with individuals.

So with this in mind we thought the best way to reconnect with the parishioners of Legho was to meet with them. This brings me to the first part of the proposed trip, Edinburgh to Legho/Tanzania.

The second proposal is, Portobello and Bingham/Edinburgh- Legho/Tanzania - STEKA/Malawi.

(We got a little carried away and thought... we will be in Africa anyway... how faraway can Tanzania be from Malawi?...As it turns out, further than we thought but close enough to consider.

STEKA would welcome us for a visit. With the recent fundraising and links with Gift this could be a wonderful experience.

If you are interested in finding out about this proposed trip please come along to the meeting we will organise in the coming weeks....

I have outlined a rough guide to dates and costs for your consideration:

Fly out of Edinburgh on 15 January 2020

Option 1: Edinburgh to Tanzania to Edinburgh - flights approximately £700 return.

1 or 2 weeks depending on your time available

(1x week spent with the people in Legho)

(1x week spent relaxing and enjoying Tanzania- safaris etc)

Option 2: Edinburgh – Tanzania – Malawi – Edinburgh - flights approximately £1000 return.

Approximately 2 weeks depending on your time available.

(The Malawi end: 4-5 days spent with the children at STEKA, 3-5 days enjoying and exploring Malawi).

Accommodation can vary depending on your choice :

Tanzania/ Legho - £20 per day including breakfast and evening meal.

Malawi/STEKA - \$40 per night double room.

\$10~15 per night in dorms.

Transport/ safari/ trips will be extra.

January in Tanzania will be summer temperatures. January in Malawi will be rainy season (on average one hour per day of heavy rain). There may be an opportunity to visit Malawi as a separate trip later in the year but nothing so far has been confirmed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on **669 4860/07939 662962.**'

After Saturday's Home Baking Sale, there is one other Parish Fundraising Event in Aid of Steka Skills

S
T
E
K
A



Sunday 23 June - Joint Parish Sponsored Walk around Arthur Seat, starting at 3pm, 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!

Lourdes Appeal for Medical Staff: The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh Pilgrimage to Lourdes is appealing for more medical staff – and especially nurses – to join them on this year's pilgrimage, 5 - 12 July 2019. Some funding is available for those interested. Could that be you? If so, contact Claire Banks on 07930 928489.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18 June - 7.30pm - St John's Church Hall – Portobello - Cluster Event - Climate Change - A Christian Response

Jim Roarty writes: 'In his 2015 universally acclaimed encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis give us a spiritual perspective on the issue of climate change as he urged us to listen to the cry of Mother Earth and undertake an 'ecological conversion'. And in 2017 he again urged us to accept our responsibility: 'Everyone, great or small, has a moral responsibility ... we must take it seriously ... history will judge our decision.' In seeking to find ways to respond many churches have become members of Eco-Congregation Scotland which is a movement of church congregations, of all denominations and none, who are committed to addressing environmental issues through their life and mission. To enable us to seek ways of actively responding to climate change as individual parishes and as a cluster we warmly invite all cluster parishioners to come together.'



Saturday 22 June - 2.00pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street – An Audience with Jimmy McGovern (BAFTA award winning screenwriter and producer) - 'Jimmy McGovern, (creator of crime drama *Cracker*) will join us at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston Street, for a commentary on his most recent series, 'Broken', broadcast on BBC One in 2017. Entry by donation. If you require any further information on either this or the Pope Francis documentary please contact Andrew Cassidy ✉ pastoral@lauriston.org.uk '

Thursday 18 - Saturday 27 July 2019 - JUMBULANCE YOUTH TRIP TO LOURDES

Jeremy Devlin-Thorp writes: 'We still have a few spaces available for helpers (age range 18-25), and VIP's (those that need additional support) (age range 12-21). If interested please contact Jeremy Devlin-Thorp (07900 278043) or Dave Connarty (07946 518542) to discuss details.'



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

Would you like to join the Holiday Club Team

'We are now looking for volunteers to help at holiday club, 22-26 July. **Help for the full week or even just a day would be great.** You choose to help in a variety of ways, we need help with games, arts and crafts, supporting children with additional support needs, music, science, prayer activities, snacks, nursery care, baking, food activities, small group leaders and group helpers. Adult volunteers and youth helpers are welcome. Training is available and you have the support of a great team when volunteering.

Speak with Lynda Kazimoglu, Fr Jock or email Michelle Brown at portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com for volunteer's forms and to work out where you want to help during the week.'

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

Saturday 31 August – 12 noon – St Andrews - National Catholic Youth Pilgrimage

'The day is open to all young people from 16 years to 30. The event starts at 12 noon in St Andrews.

Transport available from Edinburgh (cost £10 for bus), Stirling, Falkirk & Kilsyth. Please bring lunch. If you wish to book a place please contact Youth Initiative at YI@staned.org.uk

12 noon Arrival @ St James' Church Hall, 17 The Scores, St Andrews KY16 9AR
Welcome by Archbishop Cushley Visit historical sites and churches
3pm Holy Mass in the grounds of St Andrews Cathedral
Hospitality 5pm Departure

PHONELINK Edinburgh

'This service offers a home telephone call check for people aged over 65. The calls can take place every morning and every evening and can include:-

- Medication prompts
- Welfare Checks
- A short chat to reduce loneliness
- Signposting on to other services that might be helpful to the person.



This service has operated for over 20 years in the Craigmillar area and has now been funded to cover the whole city. It is a vital service for carers as well as the older person. If you would like to find out more or to join the service please contact Phonelink 0131 510 6930 or email them at: info@caringinraigmillar.org or to find out more on line have a look at their website on www.caringinraigmillar.co.uk Once you have made contact the service can start within 24 hours and it runs 7 days a week and 365 days a year. The service is free.'

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Alex Hunter and Brendan Deignan

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brendan Boyle, Edith Lautner, Catherine Hall, Tony Notarangelo and Albert Bruce

St John's :-

May 25:- Maureen Leitch (2009); Dorothy Flynn (1988); Mary Foley (1992); May 26:- Maureen Anne McElroy (2003); Charles McLauchlan Sen.(1969); Jane Clarke (1957); May 27:- Eileen Dean (2018); Sarah Christie (2013); Catherine McCann (2001); Sarah Black (1990); John Gallagher (1981); Jane Sweeney; May 28:- Margaret Power (1999); Mary-Ann Donoghue (1980); Wilhelmina Baxter (1974); Elizabeth Birnie (1943); May 29:- John Broadley (1985); May 30:- Angela Morgan (2001); Alexander McCraw (1979); May 31:- John Gorrie (1993); David Devlin (1968)

St. Mary Magdalene's :-

May 25:- John Laughlin (2000); Mary Hunter (1967); May 26:- Michael Rooney (1994); May 27:- James McGovern (1991); May 30:- Tony Notarangelo (2016); Bridget Boyle (1995)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Pat Tansey, Anne Thomson (of Lady Nairne Crescent), Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Mike Noonan, Alan Blyth, Paul Tansey, 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, 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, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Elizabeth Mackail, Ella Ayers, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Louise Gorman, Michael McPhillips, 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, Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, 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, 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.

Offertory Collections	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
19 May 2019	£ 281.12 (including £69.00 gift aid)	£792.66 (including £285.88 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

Work on enlarging our hall kitchen began recently – this might well affect tea and coffee after mass and use of the hall over the next few weeks.....

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
2 June	First Holy Communion	
9 June	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Jim Gallagher

Don't forget to Gift Aid



If you are a taxpayer and would like to make a donation please don't forget to complete and return the Gift Aid declaration form which is at the back of the church. Once you have completed your form, please return it to the Parish House. Gift Aid allows us to claim from the Government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate so it really adds up!

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 8 June	P MacInnes, B Tansey, C Vinestock	Sunday 9 June	L Moran, P MacLellan Hawkes, C Volpe, A Dixon, P Whyte

Chris Vinestock writes: - 'The next Fabric Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 May at 7pm in the Parish House.'

MEDITATION FOR ADORATION BY MAIRI CLUNAS

In Adoration we meet Jesus' gaze and the love of His open heart. It is like the constant motion of the sea. The more we plunge into this ocean, the deeper it becomes, it is limitless and boundless.

As we contemplate the mystery in its simplicity, the greater we discover him to be. When we are exposed to the contemplation of his glory, although veiled, we hope to be gradually transformed into his image.

'The Eucharist sheds light on everything around it. This sun never leaves its orbit, never divides. It gives light to all the world, to everyone who wants to be warmed by it. This light is the divine wisdom and its heat the fire of the Holy Spirit.' St Catherine of Siena.

Here, we find our way into God's sanctuary and are embraced by Him there. We are drawn into His glorious light and lost in His unbelievable joy. Everything perceptible and transitory is stilled. All we can do is to gaze on Him. We are perfectly at rest.

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25 May	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – Mass – Hew Dalrymple 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Brendan Boyle	
Sunday 26 May 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parishes	11.15am:- Mass – Helen Budge
Monday 27 May	10.00am:- Mass – Albert Bruce	
Tuesday 28 May	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI
Wednesday 29 May	10.00am:- Requiem Mass for Alex Hunter	
Thursday 30 May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Holyday of Obligation	10.00am:- Mass – David Codling	7.30pm:- Mass – Canon Jim McElroy
Friday 31 May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00am:- Mass – SI (Mairi Clunas)	
Saturday 1 June St Justin - Memorial	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – Mass – Catherine Hall 10.30am - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Mgr Hugh McNally	
Sunday 2 June 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am:- Mass – Theresa Jackson	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes