

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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33rd Sunday – 17 November 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 17 November is the World Day for the Poor

Fr Basil Clark, the Vicar Episcopal for Caritas, Justice and Peace, writes: **'Pope Francis has instituted the 32nd Sunday of the year as The World Day for the Poor.** The theme this year is 'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever' (taken from the Book of Psalms). This year a **special collection will be taken up for Refugees and anti-Human Trafficking Charities.** With this newsletter there is a **leaflet** for the World Day of the Poor put together by the diocesan Caritas/Justice and Peace Commission.

A VISIT FROM MARY'S MEALS – this w/e, Saturday/Sunday 16/17 November

Fran Lawson writes: 'Mary's Meals works to provide a daily meal in school for some of the world's poorest children.' They will be with us at all our masses this weekend **collecting donations of unwanted clothing, rags and other textiles for recycling.** There will also be an opportunity to purchase **raffle tickets** after all the Masses. PLEASE NOTE: **The van will collect textiles after the Sunday morning Masses only.**

THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES TO GODKNOWS MASEKO, founder - with his wife Helen - of the STEKA Children's Home in Blantyre, Malawi, from where first Sandra, then Gift and Abigail have joined our community, Godknows has just arrived in Scotland for a 10 day visit. As well as 'running' the Home with Helen, (and being Father to the 73 children there!) he is supervising the construction of the parishes' buildings - funded by us as our outreach project for the last year - which will form an important part of the STEKA Centre for Vocational Skills and Community Enterprise. He has a jam packed itinerary for his visit including presenting at a TEDx event at Queen Margaret University but is making visiting our parishes a priority. He will be at the St John's service on Sunday and both parishes' Masses next Sunday 24 November. He is much looking forward to meeting everyone and will also be repeating his TEDx talk in St John's Church hall **on Monday 25 November at 7.30 pm** in addition to making time after it for an informal question and answer session with all who are there. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

(TED 'is a nonpartisan nonprofit organisation devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where **Technology, Entertainment and Design** converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 110 languages.' A TEDx talk 'is a local gathering where live TED-like **talks** and performances are shared with the community. TEDx events are fully planned and coordinated independently, on a community-by-community basis.')

Next Saturday, 23 November, in St John's Hall between 10.45am and 12.30pm there will be a **Morning of Reflection and Celebration for the P4 Do This In Memory Parents and Children, marking the Feast of Christ the King** — 'with the chance of reflecting on our faith, and on why we might want to pass it on to our children, and offering the chance to ask questions that might have been niggling away at us.' For more details, contact Arlene Lauder or Fr Jock.

Next Sunday, 24 November, the Feast of Christ the King, is one of our two ‘**Nametag Sundays**’ in the year. There will also be a **Second Collection in aid of Catholic Education**. ...and **after the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene’s, there is the Prayer Partner ‘Meet & Greet’** - Arlene Lauder writes: ‘Next Sunday 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’

The East Edinburgh Singing Group for People with Dementia and their Carers is moving to St Mary Magdalene’s on Monday 25 November

Jennifer Morris writes: ‘The Group meets every second and fourth Monday each month from 14.15pm until 16.15pm. It provides an opportunity for people with dementia and their Carers to socialise and sing, with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment. There is a chance to chat over a hot cuppa or soft drink and biscuits before singing well known songs.’



...and don’t forget every Monday between 10.30am and 12 midday at St Mary Magdalene’s - the new Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat) – all most welcome.

An Invitation to Help with Research into ‘Smart’ Technology options for our buildings

Frances McDevitt writes: ‘The Music Co-ordinators of our sister parishes have recently been discussing options around our use of hymn books and hymn sheets. These discussions have overlapped with Eco awareness conversations.

Some church buildings (for example, PJPC - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church) make use of ‘smart’ technology during services, projecting hymns and readings onto screens while also ensuring that some printed copies are available for those who prefer.

It is proposed that our sister parishes carry out research into ‘smart’ technology options for our buildings, gathering information and costings so that informed decisions can be taken about the best ways forward for our parishes.

If this is an area of development in which you have interest or expertise, please speak to Fr Jock or myself.’

THIS WEEK

Saturday 16 November

10am-4pm - Cornerstone Centre, Church of St John the Evangelist, Princes Street, Edinburgh - St John’s Theology Symposium 2019 – **Brian Stanley** – ‘**How has Christianity changed since 1900 and why?**’. :

11.00am - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. - ‘**A Scripture Reflection Day - St Matthew – discover how the evangelist helps deepen our understanding of Jesus and his Church**’ led by **Father Andrew Garden**. **Reading Scripture – guidance on improving your public reading at Mass led by Margaret Magill**. Light lunch provided. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm. Book on eventbrite or call 0131 623 8900.’

2-5pm – St John’s Hall - Defibrillator Training



Geoff Dobson writes: ‘This training is for anyone who wants to know how to save a life via CPR and using a defibrillator. It is less formal training than the higher level training which we gave to the 12 designated resuscitators at our churches but useful for anyone who wants to learn the basics.’

Sunday 17 November – 9.30pm – St John’s – Mass with baptism of Katie Motion.

Monday 18 November

8.30pm – Odeon, Lothian Rd – “**Love and Mercy: Faustina**” – ‘**a docudrama on Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr. Faustina Kowalska**, reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the Divine Mercy message.

As many know, the Divine Mercy is a devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Sr. Faustina in Poland in the 1930s. Faustina experienced Jesus urging her to paint an image according to the pattern that she had seen, and requesting to have the image venerated, first in the sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world.

The venerated image under this Christological title refers to what Sr. Faustina's diary describes as “God's loving mercy” towards all people, especially for sinners. Cooperating with the Kondrat-Media team, (a group of experts) found letters of Sr. Faustina's confessor, and, while browsing forgotten archives, they found additional previously unknown documents.’

Wednesday 20 November – 7pm - Parish House – **St John's Fire Team meeting**

Saturday 23 November

10am Mass in St John's - and 10.45am in the Parish House – **Legion of Mary 40th Anniversary** (see **St John's section**)

10.45am-12.30pm - St John's Hall – **A Celebration Morning for all P4 DTIM Children and Parents/Carers**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 24 November - Feast of Christ the King

Second Collection in aid of Catholic Education - Name Tag Sunday

9.30am - St John's - **Children's Mass + P3 Signing of the Cross**

11.15am – **St Mary Magdalene's – Mass with P4 Do This In Memory of Me Children - Prayer Partner Meet and Greet**

1.00pm – 7.30pm – **Trip to Nunraw Cistercian Monastery** (see **St John's section**)

Monday 25 November – 7.30pm – **St John's Hall – An Evening with Godknows Maseko.**

Wednesday 27 November -7pm - St John's – **Bereavement Mass**

Friday 29 November – 10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Simon Curran.**

Saturday 30 November - 7-9pm - Duddingston Kirk Hall – ‘**Come to the Cabaret**’ – ‘Tricia, Jeremy and friends will entertain you to an evening of music and song benefitting “Music for You”, a charity which takes music into the homes of the frail elderly or housebound.’ ‘Entrance £10 - Includes soft drinks and finger food. You are welcome to bring your own wine.

Sunday 1 December – First Sunday of Advent

10.00am-2.00pm – Bellfield – **Portobello Christmas Fair** (see noticeboard)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass with RCIA Rite of Entry to the Catechumenate**

3pm – Top of the Mound, Mound Place – **Nativity Carol Concert (Bishop John Armes will give the Christmas message, while Archbishop Leo Cushley blesses the Nativity Scene.)**

Monday 2 December

6.00pm-7.00pm – Parish House – **St John's Eco Group Meeting** – All Welcome

7.30pm-9.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

NOTICEBOARD

Many thanks to Fr Jim Smith, covering on Tuesday and Wednesday for Fr Jock who is away for a couple of days (‘that book..’) - and on Friday when he is preaching in Girvan at the Requiem Mass of Fr Bill Tollan, a contemporary of his at the Beda College in Rome – also ordained priest in 1986 (for the diocese of Dunkeld). **Welcome** also to a university friend of Fr Jock (over 4 decades ago now..) **Fr Herwi Rikhof**, a Dutch priest theologian and former Chancellor of the University of Utrecht.

On Wednesday 27 November at St John's at 7pm the second of our two November Bereavement Masses will take place. These are gentle and beautiful candlelit Masses in which we remember our dead - and have the opportunity to light a candle for them... Forms are now available from the back of both churches for you to complete with the names of those you would like remembered and read out. (To ensure the Mass doesn't take too long the suggestion is that we limit each person to 6 names – the last of which might be – ‘the Deceased Members and Relatives of the _____ family’. The completed forms should be placed in the boxes provided.)

Sunday 1 December – Portobello Christmas Fair

The organiser **Carmen Chalmers** writes: ‘The Portobello Christmas Fair is happening at Bellfield on Sunday 1 December from 10.00am to 2.00pm. **STKA will be taking part** as one of the stalls holders. There are also 4 local choirs attending too! The link for the event is <https://www.facebook.com/events/575534232943396/?ti=icl> - for further information please contact me on 07957521470 Email - portobellochristmasfair@gmail.com

Friday 6 December - 5.30pm-7.30pm – (starting at the) Usher Hall - “Vigil” for Climate Justice to coincide with COP 25:

Mike Mineter writes: ‘The idea is to have some music from 5.30pm and a speaker or two, then at 6pm start walking down Lothian Rd and along Princes Street as far as the Art Gallery. Initiators are Friends of the Earth but they are keen to make this a multi-organisation affair to illustrate the range of support for Climate Justice. Their Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/737986893342928/> ’

Holy Rood RC High News

Joan Daly writes: ‘Here is the update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- Over 50 Physics pupils from S4 and S6 visited the **Glasgow Science Centre**, with a focus on reviewing the Nat4/5 Cosmology – pupils spent an engaging day star gazing in the Planetarium, also gaining an insight into Astrophysics. They explored the 80 interactive exhibits in the “Space Zone” and “Powering the Future”. The 3D experience in the Imax cinema allowed some thought provoking information about climate change, including stunning footage of life on board the International Space Station and it’s occupants’ perspective on planet Earth. All in all, a truly out of this world experience!
- Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the **S3 Parents’ Meeting**. It was a privilege to share such detailed dialogues about learning and next steps, and work in partnership with you to support our young people reach their potential.
- Advanced Higher English pupils attended a **Creative Writing Workshop** at Craigmillar Library run by Laura Lam, a Lecturer from Napier. A great opportunity to further their skills.
- **Dates for your diary:-** S5/6 Parents’ Evening 18 November – 4.30pm-6.30pm

Please ask 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: Simon Curran and Fr Bill Tollan

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Victor Crolla, Sally Stone, Jude Payne and Hugh Campbell O’Neill

St John’s

Nov. 17:- George Hooper (2014); Winifred Thomson (1997); Helen Flynn (1992); **Nov. 18:-** Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn; **Nov. 19:-** James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn; **Nov. 20:-** Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); **Nov. 21:-** Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell; **Nov. 22:-** Mary R Stewart (2006); Patrick Loftus (1985); Daniel Holligan (1922); Fred Aitken; Mr & Mrs Donlevy; Mary Greig; **Nov. 23:-** John McGrory (1997); William McPartlin (1997); Rose Ann Kane (1989); Thomas McFadyen

St Mary Magdalene’s

Nov. 19:- John Murphy (1967); **Nov. 21:-** Mrs Durkin (1974); **Nov. 23:-** Annie Fitzsimons (1999)

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Betty Dougal, Marhi O’Connor 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, Jean McCraw, Mary Glancy, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Giulio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, 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: Maureen Callaghan, Anne Moore, 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, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksan Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	ST MARY MAGDALENE	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
10 November 2019	£332.11 (including £102.15 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £372.11	£811.97 (including £357.40 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £439.50) – overall figure: £1251.47
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
17 November	Dorothy Dickson & Ania Rekowska	Jim Gallagher
24 November	Children's Mass	
1 December	Emma Dewar & Lexvi Sanchez	Peggy Ferguson

Do please support our new community initiative – from 10.30am to midday (every Monday) in St Mary Magdalene's Hall a **Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat)** – **all most welcome.**

Fr. Vincent Lockhart, National Director of Missio Scotland, writes: 'Many thanks for your generous gift which we have just received - it is very much appreciated. Your donation will be used to help fund our many projects in countries such as Zambia, Mongolia, Uganda, Sierra Leone and Kenya.'

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 23 November	Pauline MacInnes, Bozena Tansey, Chris Vinestock	Sunday 24 November	Tracy Burgess, Penelope MacLellan Hawkes, Anne Dixon, Pat Whyte, Anna Tanzi

ST JOHN'S FIRE TEAM - Chris Vinestock writes: - 'A **Fire Team meeting** will be held on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm in the Parish House.'

NB There will be a fire evacuation drill at some point during the Saturday Vigil 6.30pm and Sunday Mass 9.30am in the coming weeks....

Jim Roarty writes: 'The **Eucharistic Minister Rota** for November to February - is now available for collection from the back of the Church.'



The **Pamoja Fashion** sale held last Saturday raised £342.60 last weekend. Thank you.

Maria Igoe writes:

- **Legion of Mary 40th Anniversary.** On Saturday 23 November the Legion of Mary will celebrate 40 years of prayer and active work in the Parish. The intentions at Mass on that day will be for deceased, active and auxiliary members of the Legion. After Mass there will be refreshments in the Parish House and all who have any connection with the Legion are invited. Please come along and help us celebrate.
- The next trip to the Cistercian Monastery at Nunraw will be on Sunday 24 November, leaving St John's at 1pm and returning at 7.30pm. If you would like to go please contact me on 07981333219.
- The Stall has on sale Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles. The cards show the real meaning of Christmas. Please come to the Stall to see what is on offer.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 16 November ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND - FEAST	10.00am: – Mass – SI (birthday) 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Nuala Scott	
Sunday 17 November 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Victor Crolla	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parishes
Monday 18 November	10.00am:- Mass – SI	
Tuesday 19 November	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am :- Mass – SI for good health
Wednesday 20 November	10.00am:- Mass – Sally Stone	
Thursday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	7.00pm: Mass – Hugh Campbell O’Neill
Friday 22 November St Cecilia - Memorial	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am – Mass – Monica Montgomery 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 23 November	10.00am: – Mass – Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Paddy McCafferty	
Sunday 24 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SOLEMNITY	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parishes	11.15am:- Mass – Canon Stephen Judge

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