

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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**24th Sunday – 15 September 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 weekend - Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September - there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund**

'The Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund of the Archdiocese provides support for our retired priests. The special collections are one of the main sources of income for the fund. Please remember to pray for those priests who have served us well and be as generous as you can. Gift Aid envelopes are available and if you pay tax please consider gift aiding your donation by completing one of the envelopes with your offering inside the envelope.'



**The Warmest of Welcomes to Fr Loreto Tabone**, who arrives from Gozo **on Tuesday** for a fortnight (to cover for Fr Jock, away after this weekend's Masses on a belated summer holiday, his bike once more on top of his car....)

**....and Welcome Back also to Gift Thomson**, who last week returned to Scotland from Malawi - and the STEKA Children's Home in Blantyre – to begin the second year of his four year course at Queen Margaret University.

This year **Gift** has been accompanied by another STEKA resident, **Abigail Maseko**, who has been awarded a six month scholarship at Queen Margaret University - in order to learn how to use film to get girls' voices heard in the struggle for justice for survivors - like her - of human trafficking. Abigail will be joining Gift in the music group, singing each week at the 9.30am Mass at St John's...

...and this Sunday presenting at all our Masses in both parishes a short Video made by another STEKA resident, **Sandra** (who was with us two years ago) in which the children thank us for our fundraising – from July 2018 to July 2019 - for two Steka Skills Centres. These Centres provide classrooms/workshops where marginalised people can learn vocational skills like tailoring, woodwork or carpentry so they can earn a living and work their way out of poverty (and Malawi is one of the very poorest countries in the world).

## **The Final Sum raised was £25,791.**

(St John's Charitable Giving Policy (30 % of annual surplus): £5,300 - St Mary Magdalene's Charitable Giving Policy (also 30%): £2,730 – Special Collections: £604 - Individual Parishioner Donations/Fundraising: £3,968 - St John's School Non School Uniform day: £340 - Keyring Sales: £138 - Parish Fayre Fundraiser: £3,703 – Fashion Sale: £250 - Winetasting Fundraiser: £430 – Quiz Night Fundraiser: £510.00 – Race Night Fundraiser - £1135 – Bake Sale: £325 – Tablet and Make Up Sales: £1181 – Knitting Sale: £75 – Sponsored Slim: £957 – SvdeP Donation: £500 – Justice and Peace Donation: £1174) **THANK YOU TO SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS.**

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 14 September**

10.30am-3.30pm - Gillis Centre - **Living Church Music** - A Day exploring music in our parishes with Michael Ferguson and James Greechan - 'Free event. Register online at Eventbrite.'

1.00pm - St John's - **Wedding of Kimberley Meikle and Barry Patterson**

4.30pm - St John's - **Wedding of Ashley Young and Philippe Bienfait**

### **14 & 15 September - Priests Retirement Fund Special Collection**

**Sunday 15 September** - 3pm – Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston St – ‘A PAUSE FOR HOPE – A SERVICE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER’ – followed by refreshments in Lauriston Hall

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Saturday 21 September** – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre - **Altar Servers' Day**

**Sunday 22 September** – 1.00pm – **Trip to Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw** (see St John's section)

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

7.30pm-9.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church – **Newman Society Edinburgh Circle Meeting - A Talk by Professor Sir Tom Devine** OBE FRSE FBA, historian and author - ‘**Different Lives in History: the Catholic Irish in Scotland the USA**’

**Thursday 26 September** - 6.30pm - St. Catharine's Convent of Mercy, 4 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9HH – **Edinburgh Catholic Schools' Community Mass** (Main Celebrant – Mgr Tony Duffy) – ‘An open invitation is extended to all staff past and present who have supported Catholic Education in Edinburgh.’

**Saturday 28 September** – 10.30-4pm – St John's Hall – **LANDINGS TRAINING DAY**

**Sunday 29 September** – 2.30pm–5.00pm – 68 Brunstane Road – **Scottish Malawian House concert** (see noticeboard)

**Monday 30 September** –

6.00pm - Parish House – **Eco Congregation Meeting**

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Parishes' Joint Autumn Fayre Meeting**

**Saturday 5 October**

10.00am-2.00pm - St John's Hall - **JOINT PARISHES' AUTUMN FAYRE**

2.00pm – **Portobello Prom/St John's Church Hall – WALKING TOGETHER with the Edinburgh L'Arche Community**

**Sunday 6 October** – 11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Do This in Memory Enrolment Mass**

**Monday 7 October** – 2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass**

**Sunday 26 October** – 7.00pm - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – **A SECOND EVENING OF CONVERSATION WITH IMAM HASSAN RABBANI**

## **NOTICEBOARD**

### **FURTHER BACKGROUND TO THE CRITICAL STATE OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN AGED AND INFIRM CLERGY FUND:**

**Graham Scrimgeour**, Archdiocese Director of Finance, on behalf of the Archbishop, the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Committee, and Archdiocese Trustees writes: ‘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. 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 the age of 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.’

### **ENQUIRY GROUP – for THE RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

**Would you like to discover more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Faith?**

You would be most welcome to come along to our informal gatherings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, - the second of which takes place this Tuesday 17 September in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello.

For more information, contact: Fr Jock Dalrymple 0131 669 5447 Alice Codling 0131 657 1862.

### **AUTUMN EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE:**

**Saturday 14 September - 10.30am-3.30pm - Gillis Centre - LIVING CHURCH MUSIC**

**A Day exploring music in our parishes with Michael Ferguson and James Greechan - ‘Free event. Register online at Eventbrite.’**

**Thursday 19 and 26 September - An Initiative of the Lauriston Jesuit Centre – *Journeying Towards Caring for our Common Home* Entry by donation**

‘Join us at the Lauriston Jesuit Centre this September as we ‘Journey Towards Caring for Our Common Home’ for the last two of a series of talks exploring Pope Francis’ document *Laudato Si* in light of the forthcoming Amazon Synod.

Thursday 19 September - 7.30pm - **Dr Carmody Gray** (Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology - Durham University) - **‘Laudato Si - Thought into Action’**

Thursday 26 September - 7.30pm - **Paul Martin SJ** (Former Regional Superior for the Jesuits in Guyana) - **‘Has the Forthcoming Synod on the Amazon any Relevance to Us?’**

**Saturday 21 September - 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre - Altar Servers’ Day –**

Archbishop Cushley writes: ‘Guild of St Cuthbert: A reminder that the enrolment for the new guild for altar servers in the Archdiocese will take place at the Altar Servers’ Day.’

**Tuesday 24 September – 7.30-9.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield Edinburgh EH9 1TQ - Newman Society Edinburgh Circle Meeting - A Talk by Professor Sir Tom Devine OBE FRSE FBA, historian and author - ‘Different Lives in History: the Catholic Irish in Scotland and the USA’** ‘All are warmly invited to attend. A donation is requested to cover our costs of the talk.’

**(And other talks in the Autumn Programme: - 22 October - 7.30pm – ‘Cardinal Newman’s canonisation will take place in Rome on 13 October and to mark this occasion we are gathering and showing the film: John Henry Newman. With thanks to Dan Cronin who has made this possible.**

12 November - 7.30pm - **Fr Chris Hughes**, Parish Priest in North Tyneside - **‘Images of God’**

10 December - 7.30pm - **Faith sharing evening:** small groups on a possible range of topics facilitated by a committee member. This will be followed by a glass of wine and mince pies.’)

## .....AND IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CLUSTER

### **Saturday 21 September - 7 for 7.30pm – St Mary's, Star of the Sea – Race Night**

'Tickets cost £5 - this includes supper of Pie and Beans. Proceeds will be split between Let the Children Live, (CMS Charity), St Mary's and the CMS. You can also Sponsor a Race for £25 or purchase a Horse for £3. If anyone would like to support this, please contact Kathy Barclay on 554 2482 for Tickets etc.'

### **Sunday 29 September – 2.30-5pm - 68 Brunstane Road – Scottish Malawian House**

**Concert** 'Malawian singer/songwriter Davie Luhanga, aka Street Rat, who also plays with Scottish musicians in afro funk band Tilitose, will share the floor with Scottish musicians Sarah Hoy (fiddle), Fin Moore (pipes) and Gaelic singers Gillie Mackenzie and Sineag MacIntyre. **Gift and Abigail will also sing.** All the money raised is going towards an airfare for Abigail, a STEKA resident, so she may take up a six month scholarship at Queen Margaret University. Abigail will learn how to use film to get girls' voices heard in the struggle for justice for survivors of human trafficking. (and the only funds needed are for her airfare). Hope you can make this special concert, please email Christine Hoy to confirm your place: [choy@ganzie.com](mailto:choy@ganzie.com). ☎0131 669 7508. Suggested donation £10 or whatever you can afford.

### **Saturday 5 October – 2pm - The Promenade - Walking Together with the Edinburgh L'Arche Community - Tom Cullimore writes: 'I'm writing to tell you about Walking Together**

- a fundraising event that the Edinburgh L'Arche community is organising in aid of L'Arche International. Walking Together is a one mile walk in Portobello, starting on the promenade at the bottom of Kings Road and **ending at St John's church hall**. Every L'Arche community in the UK is doing a similar length walk on the same day, and at the same time - 2pm. We're hoping that each community can raise £1000, and all together make a huge difference to the lives of our friends in L'Arche communities overseas. Registration for the walk costs £5, and with that you get a Walking Together t-shirt, **as well as a cup of tea and piece of cake once you arrive at St John's**. Naturally we're hoping to see as many of you as possible, but we'd also like you to fundraise and recruit more walkers, too! If you've got friends or family who are interested in L'Arche then we'd love to have them join us on the walk. It'll be a lot of fun, it's for a great cause, and if we get to introduce some more people to the community then all the better. Some people will prefer to register online, others by paying cash - either is fine. If you are paying cash/cheque then feel free to send it to the office or drop it off in person if you're coming in anyway, so long as you also stipulate which size t-shirt you would like. The link to register online is <https://www.larche.org.uk/Event/walking-together-register>

And here's a nice little promotional video L'Arche UK have created: :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHEj4bqgKYU&feature=youtuve>

**PS For those wishing to register in time to get a t-shirt, they need to do so by 16 September.** Anyone signing up after then is also very welcome to come, but they may not get a t-shirt in time.'

### **2 Requests From Paul Atkin, Diocesan Pro Life Co-Ordinator:**

**'Could You Volunteer?** The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office growing! We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help out at the Gillis Office. The ideal candidates will be able to work at the Gillis Centre on a regular basis and be happy using the phone and Microsoft Office. To apply: contact Paul Atkin – [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk) or 0131 623 8917'

**Urgent Appeal: Have you Friends or Family in Northern Ireland?** English, Welsh and Scottish MPs have voted to force an extreme abortion regime onto Northern Ireland without the people of Northern Ireland or their elected representatives having any say. This can all be stopped if the Northern Ireland Assembly returns by October 21st. Please ask anyone with an NI postcode to take just 30-seconds to contact their MLA.'

**WARM CLOTHES FOR BETHANY – ADVANCE NOTICE OF A CLOTHES COLLECTION IN OCTOBER:** A message from Agnieszka (aga) Magnucka, one of our parishioners: ‘The past years have shown us that the weather in the wintertime can be unpredictable, which is mostly affecting those who are rough sleepers. We're collecting warm clothes and shoes (clean and in a good condition) for homeless adults. All items will be donated to Bethany Christian Trust this year (Registered Scottish Charity No. SC003783). It would be fantastic if you could check your wardrobes to find things you don't need anymore. **Please bring your donations along on the weekend 19/20 October and the Justice & Peace Group will arrange to deliver them to Bethany.**’

**20-40 Network Murder Mystery Night – Saturday 5 October at 7pm - St Aloysius Church Hall, Glasgow** ‘Aged 20-40? Our events are a great place for meeting fellow young Catholics. Our famous Murder Mystery Night is back by popular demand. Just email [2040network@gmail.com](mailto:2040network@gmail.com) to buy a £10 ticket or join our mailing list to find out about future events if you can't make this one.’

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

## PARISH REGISTER

***Please pray for those who have died recently: George McIntyre, Margaret Sutherland***

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Daphne de Freitas, Gerry Wynne, Albert Hancock***

### **St John's**

**Sept.15 :-** Gerry Wynne (2017); Sylvia Berry (2016); Alessio Lanni (2006); John West (2000); Joseph Waugh (1993); Veronica Haller (1969); Bridget Meehan (1958) **Sept.16 :-** Agnes Cassidy (2000); Marian Craik (1994); Kitty De Marco; **Sept.17 :-** Albert Hancock (2017); William Brown (1996); Alexander Nicholson (1985); Charles Tunley (1983); Margaret Griffin (1967) **Sept.18 :-** Nicole D Di Biasi (1999); James Robertson (1999); Norrie Lamb (1996); Leonardo Politi (1989); Mary Reading (1979); Robert Harrop (1976); John Adair; Annie Hanlon **Sept.19 :-** Peter Murray (2015); Catherine Tesoro (2012); Williamina Brockman (1997); Mary Elizabeth Bryant; John Quigley; **Sept.20 :-** Charles Doherty (2008); Thomas Walker (2000); Robert Forbes (1997); Greta Davies (1996); Sam Cunningham (1993); Thomas D'Arcy (1985); Joe Davies (1974); Sophia Gollogly (1968) **Sept.21 :-** Helen Parry (1992); Eileen McCarthy (1989); James Tunley (1943); Roseanna & Patrick Lynch (1917); Mary Phair; James Syme

### **St Mary Magdalene's**

**Sept.19 :-** Roseanne Redmond (2018); Sarah Davidson (2004); George Grieve (1995); **Sept.21 :-** Margaret Gray (2005); Barbara Greenan (1969)

***Sick Parishioners - St. John's:*** Alison Thomson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, David Thom snr, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Carolann Cranston, 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, Guilio 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:*** Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, Ella Ayers, 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, Mary & James Muir.

***Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:*** Frances Green, Pat Hay-Will, Dominic O'Donnell, Felicity McCluskey, Jane Petrie, Stephen Fernie, Maureen Henderson, Joseph Jordan, 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, , Roksana 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.

<b>Offertory Collections</b>	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>	<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b>
9 September 2019	£276.43 (including £81.00 gift aid)	£676.81 (including £356.55 gift aid) Direct Debits (an additional £422.00)
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity</i></b>		



ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
22 September	Dorothy Dickson & Mark Robertson	Anne Jabir
29 September	Olaf Pusch & Catrina MacGillivray	Jim Gallagher

## Parishes Autumn Fayre – Saturday 5 October 2018 - 10am – 2pm

### JOIN IN THE FUN

- ☺ to volunteer to help on the day please add your name to the lists which are at the back of both churches;
- ☺ donations would be greatly appreciated – books, bottles, jewellery, scarves, jams & chutney, kids toys and homebaking (nearer the time);
- ☺ **NO BRIC A BRAC please**
- ☺ Donations may be left in the boxes at the back of both churches or handed into the Parish House at 3 Sandford Gardens.
- ☺ Raffle tickets will be available at St Mary Magdalene's this weekend for the chance to win a signed Hibs football. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the Fayre.



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 21 September	Chris Vinestock, Jackie Plews, Jeff Kemp	Sunday 22 September	Eddie White, Bernie Gallagher, Teresa Spence, Pauline Connarty, Colette Dempsey

**Would anyone be interested in representing PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) on The Portobello Community Council – if so, please contact Fr Jock...**

### Eco-Congregation Meeting - Update



**Frances McDevitt writes:** 'A group of eight parishioners met on Wednesday evening to consider how, as a parish community, we might reduce the damage to our planet and increase our duty of stewardship rôle. It was decided that, as a first step, the Eco-Congregation Scotland audit (<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org>) will be used to identify existing good practice. The next Eco-Congregation meeting will be on Monday 30 September 2019 at 6pm in the Parish House. All welcome.'

**Mike Kinane writes:** 'I am showing new paintings in my house (10 Queens Bay Crescent) as part of "Porty Art Walk" this Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 10am - 6pm. All welcome to see the work and have a cup of tea! A contribution will be made to the Bethany Trust.'



**Thank You!** A message of thanks from Twende Pamoja. 'Pamoja fashion raised £381.50 last weekend many thanks to everyone.'

**Maria Igoe writes:-** 'The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on Sunday 22nd September. Our transport will leave St John's at 1pm and return at 7.30pm. Please bring a sandwich. Tea and coffee and goodies will be supplied. If you wish to go, please contact me - 07981333219.'

## How to fix your Problems

We want a God who is going to fix our problems. But God is saying, 'I'll give you the strength so you can become someone who works with others to bring peace to the world.'

The big question will always be:

'Do I want to change?'

'Do I want to open my heart?'

*Jean Vanier: Encounterina 'the Other'*

## Masses, Devotions and Services

	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Saturday 14 September</b> <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am:</b> – Mass – Gerry Wynne <b>11.00am:</b> - Sacrament of Reconciliation  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – James Meikle	
<b>Sunday 15 September</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – Cathy Tracey	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – Daphne de Freitas
<b>Monday 16 September</b> <b>ST NINIAN – FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	
<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Eucharistic Service	<b>7.00pm:-</b> Mass – Canon Stephen Judge
<b>Wednesday 18 September</b>	<b>10.00am:-</b> Mass - Margaret Ingram	
<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	<b>10.00am:</b> - Eucharistic Service	<b>9.30am–9.55am:</b> - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10am -</b> Mass – SI (Thanksgiving)
<b>Friday 20 September</b> <b>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions- Memorial</b>	<b>9.00am–9.55am:</b> - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>10.00am:-</b> Mass – Sean Walsh <b>3.00pm:</b> - Divine Mercy Devotions	
<b>Saturday 21 September</b> <b>ST MATTHEW - FEAST</b>	<b>10.00am:</b> – Mass – SI (99 <sup>th</sup> birthday) <b>11.00am:</b> - Sacrament of Reconciliation  <b>6.30pm:-</b> Mass – Mary Lynch	
<b>Sunday 22 September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am:-</b> Mass – Linda Wisbach	<b>11.15am:-</b> Mass – People of the Parish