

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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23rd Sunday – 8 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.



Many congratulations to Eddie White, ordained to the diaconate on Saturday at the Cathedral, and back with us this weekend to preach at all our Masses.

(What can deacons do? As Eddie wrote in last week's newsletter, 'deacons serve the Church in Ministries of Word, Altar and Charity. This means a deacon proclaims the gospel at Mass, can preach at Mass and can conduct baptisms, funerals and weddings. However, for deacons, the most important ministry is that of charity – for example, seeking to minister to the sick or to those affected by addiction or treated unfairly.')

There is an article by Eddie in this week's Scottish Catholic Observer (and also an article about St John's parishioner Phyllis McLeay's 73 trips on the Jumbulance, including 60 to Lourdes).

THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX TO EDINBURGH Saturday 7-Monday 9 September – St Mary's Cathedral.

Saturday 7 September -5.30pm	Arrival of relics at Carmelite Monastery, Dysart
7.30pm	Arrival of relics at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh
7.45pm	Holy Hour led by Archbishop Cushley
9.00pm-12.00am	Veneration of relics, Rosary and opportunity for Reconciliation
Sunday 8 September - 12.00pm	Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley
1.00pm-5.00pm	Opportunity to venerate relics
Monday 9 September - 11.00am	Mass with school pupils, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley
12.30pm-3.00pm	Opportunity for pupils and general public to venerate relics.

With this newsletter, there are two articles, one by the Bishop of Aberdeen, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, the President of the Scottish Bishops' Conference, the other by Fr Jamie McMorrin, assistant priest at St Mary's Cathedral, explaining the background to – and potential of – the visit of the relics...

TODAY SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER - THE ANNUAL VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE

'The 2019 Annual Pilgrimage to pray for her Beatification will be held in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1NA. Further information on Margaret Sinclair can be found at www.margaretsinclair.scot The programme is as follows: 2.00pm - Opening 3.00pm - Presentation on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair 4.30pm - Mass 5.30pm – Close.'

CLOSURE OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH FOR TWO DAYS THIS WEEK

St John's will be closed on **Wednesday 11 September** and **Thursday 12 September** in order to complete (hopefully...) once and for all the Lighting Project!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



The Sacramental preparation programmes for children wishing to make their First Reconciliation or First Communion in 2020 begins this month.

The first meeting for **parents/carers only** is as follows:

- **Monday 9 September 2019**- St John's Hall at 6:45 pm - **Primary 4** parents/carers.
- **Tuesday 10 September 2019** – St Mary Magdalene's Hall at 6:45 pm – **Primary 3** parents/ carers.

If you wish any information prior to these meeting you can contact Arlene Lauder (Sacramental coordinator) on 07950880833 or email lauder.82@btinternet.com

The next Healing Mass will be held in St John's **this TUESDAY 10 September at 2.30pm. NB change of date/day** - 'The Rosary will be recited at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. All are warmly invited to the Hall for tea and home-baking afterwards.'

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, starting on Tuesday 10 September in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello.

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

Eco-Congregation Meeting – 7pm this Wednesday in the Parish House

A message from the St John's Parish Pastoral Council: 'As was announced at the presentations at the weekend Masses at St John's on what we can do reduce the damage to our planet, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 11 September at 7pm in the parish house for all those who would like to discuss what we in our parish can do. **All welcome – including any interested parishioners from St Mary Magdalene's.**'

NEXT WEEKEND - 14 & 15 September - Priests Retirement Fund Special Collection

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. The next collection will be taken up next weekend. 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 14 & 15 September. 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.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 7 September

10.00am-1.00pm – St John's Hall - **Pamoja Fashion**

12 noon – St Mary's Cathedral – **Ordination to the Diaconate of Eddie White**

Saturday 7 - Monday 9 September – St Mary’s Cathedral, Broughton Street, Edinburgh – **Visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux** (see noticeboard) – All Welcome.

Sunday 8 September

2.00pm – St Patrick’s, Cowgate – **The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Annual Pilgrimage**
6.00pm – Parish House – **Musicians’ Meeting**
7.00pm - St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **ST MM OPEN PARISH MEETING**

Monday 9 September

9.45am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Maimie Richards**
4.00pm – St John’s - **Reception of the body of Stefanija Johnston**
6:45 pm St John’s Hall – **First Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Primary 4 parents/carers**
7.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Cluster Parish Priests and Pastoral Council Chairs.**

Tuesday 10 September

11.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Stefanija Johnston**
2.30pm – St John’s - **Healing Mass (Nb Change of Date)**
6.00pm – Parish House – **Prayer Co-Ordinating Group (NB Change of Date)**
6:45 pm - St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **First Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Primary 3 parents/carers**
7.30pm - Parish House – **First RCIA Enquiry Evening**

Wednesday 11 September

6.30pm – Parish House – **St John’s Fabric Committee Meeting**
7.00pm - Parish House – **Eco Congregation Meeting** – All Welcome
7.30pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Lectio Divina**



Thursday 12 September

Holy Rood HS Feast Day Masses – at 11.15 with Archbishop Cushley, and at 1.30pm with Fr Jock.
11.30am – St Catherine’s Convent – **Edinburgh Deanery Meeting**
6.15pm – St John’s - **Wedding Rehearsal for Ashley Young and Philippe Bienfait**
7.30pm -St John’s – **Wedding Rehearsal for Kimberley Meikle and Barry Patterson**
7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Theo Hawksley CJ (London Jesuit Centre) - 'The Forthcoming Amazon Synod's Challenges'**

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**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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

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

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

NOTICEBOARD

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – CONFIRMED AS A FAIRTRADE SCHOOL



Mark Burgess, the Depute Head, writes: ‘We were delighted to receive the news this week that St John’s has been reaccredited as a Fairtrade school. Every three years we are required to submit evidence in support of our accreditation. Thanks to all the hard work by teachers and pupils in school we have maintained our Fairtrade Achieving Status. I have stepped down from Fairtrade after a number of years and Mrs Gillespie has agreed to lead Fairtrade as part of our Sustainability work in St John's in conjunction with our ECO lead Ms Mitchell. We will continue to embed Fairtrade learning into our curriculum most notably during Fairtrade fortnight and we will promote ethical consumerism and sustainability throughout the entire school year. St John's Primary School is proud to be a Fairtrade school!’

AUTUMN EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE:

Thursday 12, 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' with a series of talks exploring Pope Francis' document Laudato Si in light of the forthcoming Amazon Synod.

Thursday 12 September - 7.30pm - **Theo Hawksley CJ** (London Jesuit Centre) - '**The Forthcoming Amazon Synod's Challenges**'

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 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.’

FRESH START - Paul Bevan writes:- ‘If anyone would like to donate items for the Starter Packs - Fresh Start are in particular need of pots & pans, crockery - plates & bowls, and light bulbs, small electrical appliances, such as kettles and toasters, and pillows. We appreciate all the donations we receive, but we would ask if you are donating any sharp objects, such as knives, can you please ensure they are wrapped appropriately in order to prevent any accidents when they are being unpacked. Also, can I remind people that Fresh Start cannot take furniture nor large kitchen appliances. For these try Edinburgh Furniture Initiative or Bethany Christian Trust. I am still able to collect larger items, bags and boxes, from people's homes if they need this service, and shall continue to clear anything left at the back of St. John's to deliver to Fresh Start, as I work very close to their premises. My tel. no. is 0131 653 0373 and mobile 07784490155.’

A Final Request for Sponsorship from two parishioners of St Theresa’s, Craigmillar, Irene Caffarkey and Colette Charleston, who recently walked the last 100 miles of the Camino, to Santiago de Compostella in Spain – the money will be divided between their parish, St Catherine’s Convent Fund for the Homeless, and Mary’s Meals...**sponsor sheets will be at the back of both churches for another week.**

Season of Creation at St Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Leith.

We need a change that unites us all (Pope Francis)

Sally Fraser writes: ‘Each week we will explore themes from scripture about caring for our common home, with offertories organised by the JPIC group. **Sunday 22 September** - 4pm in the Church - Outdoor Mass (cosmic Mass)- **Friday 4 October** - 7pm in the Church Garden All Welcome.’

WALKING TOGETHER WITH THE EDINBURGH L'ARCHE COMMUNITY - 2pm - The Promenade - Saturday 5 October

Tom Cullimore of the Edinburgh L'Arche Community 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, which you may want to share with people to drum up interest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHEj4bqgKYU&feature=youtuve>'

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.

- **Congratulations to St Mary Magdalene's and St John's parishioner Olivia Campanile.** Olivia's review of "A Night Walk for Edinburgh" was published in the Herald and awarded the **Edinburgh International Festival Cherub Award** at the ceremony last Sunday.
- **Advanced Higher Biologists** furthered their skills and knowledge on organisms and evolution by attending a trip to the Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick, followed by an excursion to the Bass Rock Gannet Breeding, they concluded the trip by rock pool sampling on the shore at North Berwick.
- **Sign up in September** was a huge success with S1- S3 pupils signing up for extra-curricular clubs and activities in huge numbers. With 40 activities on offer at lunchtimes and after school, there is something for everyone. From zoology to paper craft and Japanese film club to quidditch, as well as 15 sports to choose from. A huge thank you to the staff who give generously of their time and of course to our wonderful S6 pupils who promoted the clubs.
- A full programme of **supported study** is available for S4-6 pupils starting next week <https://bit.ly/2lv2g6S>

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

Pilates Classes Restarting in St John's Hall

Fiona McPherson writes: 'A new block of Pilates classes started up on Tuesday 3 September at 7.30pm in St John's Church hall. The class is suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. The block of 5 weeks costs £40 (drop in on a weekly basis may be possible if there is space). Class size is limited to 12 & places are given on a first come first served basis. All equipment is provided. Please message me on 07968036065 or f.macpherson@blueyonder.co.uk if you would like more information or to reserve a place. Many thanks...'

Malvarosa Restaurant 'is recruiting staff. Please come along to 262 Portobello High St with your CV...'

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

Please pray for those who have died recently: Joe Foy, Yvonne Lyon, Margaret Sloan, Lynda Murphy and Sean Welsh

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: James Connolly, Anne McGeachie, Gerry Wynne, Caroline McTighe and Jimmy Maughan

St John's

Sept.8 :- Josef Kraska (1991); David Docherty (1943); **Sept.9 :-** Caroline McTighe (2017); Mary Gilchrist (2005); Thomas Molloy (1996); Jeannette Kempton (1993); **Sept.10 :-** George Malcolm (1997); Kenneth G Bevan (1996); Alexander Baird (1986); **Sept.11 :-** Jimmy Maughan (2016); James McGrory (1997); **Sept.12 :-** Alec Gilroy (2016); William and Theresa Morrison (1991); Bridget Service (1979); John McCann (1976); **Sept.13 :-** Neil Griffin (1991); Annie Mouat (1991); Margaret Huntly (1988); Margaret Hartnett (1949); Thomas McDonough; **Sept.14 :-** John Smith (2009); Janet Gilroy (1956); Agnes Devlin

St Mary Magdalene's

Sept.8 :- Anne McGeachie (2018); **Sept.13:** Jimmy Henry (1982); **Sept.14 :-** Samuel Hay (2001)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: 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: 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: 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, Sr Margaret Mary O'Meara, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Colette Woods, Peter Hanley, Margaret Walker, Joanna Lamb, Pez Nye, Hazel Marshall, 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, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Phyllis Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Ellen Green, 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
1 September 2019	£263.00 (including £33.00 gift aid)	£948.02 (including £537.40 gift aid)
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
15 September	Lexvi Sanchez & Emma Dewar	Jennifer Morris
22 September	Dorothy Dickson & Mark Robertson	Anne Jabir

An Open Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Sunday 8 September. Please do come to this important meeting for the future of the parish

Congratulations to the August winner of the **200 Club** – no. 35 – **Clive Davis** who won £25.00.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Saturday 14 September	Pauline Macinnes, Joyce Martin, Bozena Tansey	Sunday 15 September	Eliza Veitch, Pat Whyte, Linda Moran, Anna Tanzi, Phyllis McLeay
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Eco-Congregation meeting

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Mike Kinane writes: 'I am showing new paintings in my house (10 Queens Bay Crescent) as part of "Porty Art Walk" on two consecutive weekends. The dates are as follows: –

- **this** Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September 10am – 6 pm
- 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.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 7 September	10.00am: – Mass – James Muldoon 11.00am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parishes	
Sunday 8 September 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – David Robertson	11.15am:- Mass – John Speedman and Ann McGeachie
Monday 9 September	9.45am:- Requiem Mass for Maimie Richards	
Tuesday 10 September	11.00am:- Requiem Mass for Stefanija Johnston 2.30pm:- Mass with the Sacrament of the sick– David Robertson	
Wednesday 11 September	10.00am:- Eucharistic Service (Prayer Room)	10.00am:- Mass – Linda Wisbach
Thursday 12 September	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service (St John’s Hall)	9.30am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am - Mass – John Speedman and Anne McGeachie
Friday 13 September St John Chrysostom - Memorial	9.00am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – Joe Foy 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - FEAST	10.00am: – Mass – James Meikle 11.00am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Gerry Wynne	
Sunday 15 September 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Cathy Tracey	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish

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