

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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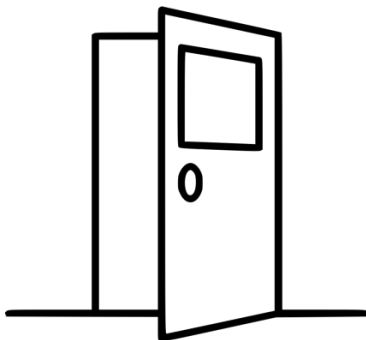
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6th Sunday of the Year - Sunday 16 February 2020

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, there will be a White Flower Collection – and a short talk - at the end of Mass – on behalf of SPUC (The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child)

Next Sunday at the 9.30am Mass at St John's, we will celebrate the Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion of Abigail Maseko, who has been with us for the last five months, studying at Queen Margaret's University and singing in the St John's Music Group. She will be returning to the STEKA Children's Home in Blantyre in Malawi on Thursday 27 February.

THIS SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY - A PACT INITIATIVE (Portobello and Area Christians Together)
Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Road N EH15 2DL
- 10 FOR 10.30am

Closed or Open Doors?

What are your views on the refugee/migrant crisis?

How can we let them all in?

How can we turn them away?

Do I really know the facts!?

There is no simple Christian response but **John Dalhuisen**, drawing on his extensive experience in European policy making and human rights can help deepen our understanding of the issue.

John has been a special adviser to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, was Director of Amnesty International's Europe and Central Asia programme, is currently a Senior Fellow at the Berlin-based European Stability Initiative and is a leading thinker on human rights and migration policy.

All Welcome.



John will also be giving a similar talk – ‘Closed or Open Doors?’ - on Thursday 20 February – 6.30 for 7pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. (Register on Eventbrite. Entry by donation) - at the invitation of our archdiocesan Caritas Justice and Peace Commission.

Lenten House Groups 2020

Ash Wednesday is on 26 February – only ten days away. **For our parishes’ Lent groups this year, during the 5 weeks starting on 2 March, we propose a choice of focus.** Both will be ‘journeys’ and opportunities to share with fellow parishioners an exploration and a deepening of faith, while meeting in the relaxed atmosphere of someone’s home.

One journey will use the award winning and memorable 2017 Jimmy McGovern television series **‘Broken’** as a starting point for reflecting together about what it means to trust God and live faithfully in a world of great injustice and suffering – including our own suffering. Those who have seen this series will know that it is intense and confronts hard issues (potentially traumatising) such as suicide, abuse, racism and gambling addiction. There are no easy answers, and we will be challenged to explore what it means to follow Jesus, and to walk with him.

The second journey will follow **‘A Word for Lent’** – a course specifically designed for Lent groups by the Scottish Redemptorist **Fr. Denis McBride and by Sr Janet Fearn.** Each of us has a unique story which also includes shared themes. This course uses stories both from the Lenten Sunday Gospels and from the present day to bring these themes to life – temptation, transformation, acceptance, celebration, forgiveness and passion. One review describes the sessions in this course as “simple, practical, down-to-earth, challenging. They open up fresh possibilities for deepening discipleship and loving friendship with Jesus.”

We think it will work to have two groups that focus on **‘Broken’** and three or four that follow **‘A Word for Lent’**

And for groups to meet at different times to suit different life-arrangements: morning, afternoon and evening during the week.

With 5 or 6 groups running, **we are therefore looking for people who will offer to host one of the groups in their house and for people who will offer to lead.** These roles will be supported by a structure for each of the sessions – and we will have a briefing before the start of the groups.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. If you think you may be able to be a host or a leader please add your name and phone number/email address there. Saturday 15 February

THIS WEEK

Saturday 15 February

11.30am – St John’s – **Baptism of Reuben Richardson**

Afternoon – Gillis Centre - **Married couples retreat: ‘Together before the Lord’**

6.30pm – St John’s – **P3 and Children’s Mass and P4 Do This in Memory Mass**

Sunday 16 February - NB The proposed meeting of the parishes’ musicians at 6pm has been postponed

Monday 17 February

11.30am – Portobello Cemetery - **Interment of Maimie Richards’ ashes**

6.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Tanzania and Malawi Pilgrims**

7.30pm – Parish House – **St John’s PPC meeting**

Thursday 18 February

10.15am – Our Lady of Loretto – **Requiem Mass for Mary McLean**

6.30 for 7pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road – **John Dalhuisen – ‘Closed or Open Doors?’**

Friday 21 February – 11am – St John’s - Requiem Mass for Jimmy Scoular

Saturday 22 February

10 for 10.30am – ‘Closed or Open Doors?’ – A Talk on the Refugee Crisis by John Dalhuisen. (See above)

12.30pm – St John’s – **Rehearsal for Abigail Maseko’s baptism**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 23 February

9.30am – St John’s – **Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion of Abigail Maseko**

Trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw (see St John’s section)

6-7.30pm – St Mark’s – **Inter-Church Youth Group**

7.15pm – Parish House – **Preparatory Meeting for Lenten House Group Hosts and Leaders**

Monday 24 February

6.00pm – Parish House - **St John's Eco Group meeting (all welcome)**

7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **St Mary Magdalene’s Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday 25 February – 9.45am – **Requiem Mass for Alan Lugton**

Wednesday 26 February – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Saturday 4 April – 10.30am – **Holy Island Pilgrimage, Lindisfarne - In honour of St Oscar Romero on the 40th anniversary of his martyrdom –**

Prayer – liturgies – dance performance – Romero film – pilgrim walk around the island - Coach from Sacred Heart, Edinburgh or locally For further information contact: pastoral@lauriston.org.uk

Sunday 15 March - 2-00-4.30pm- St John’s Hall - **Afternoon Delights** (see noticeboard)

Thursday 16 April – 23 April - A small group are going to **visit Fr Tabone in Gozo** (see St John’s section)

NOTICEBOARD

LANDINGS

A reflection at the end of eight weeks of meetings by Bronagh Power on this new parish group that welcomes ‘resting; Catholics who wish to ‘return home’ -

‘Our celebration Mass and party was a fitting end to our Landings programme- full of joy, love and laughter but above all, a deep connection with each other. Over the eight week programme, through a series of discussions and sharing of personal experiences, we have discovered how God has been present in our lives through the good, as well as the difficult times. It has truly been a safe place to explore and for some the first opportunity to discuss what our faith means to us. We have a greater appreciation of our faith as a “gift” and the need to share this gift.

For one participant it was “a very special experience, giving us all the opportunity to share in trust and truth our history whereby we grew both individually and as a group.”

It was a real opportunity to develop our understanding: “I found some of the topics of faith quite challenging and would have found them difficult to understand on my own. So it was great to listen to people’s understanding of these.”

Each and all of us feel enriched by the experience. We were blessed to have two returners whose openness and willingness to embrace the programme made it a wonderful experience for us.

Our hope is to run another programme for the three parishes of St Mary Magdalene’s, St Theresa’s and St John’s, in the Autumn time. The most powerful vehicle for promoting this is word of mouth, so if you know anyone who might like to reconnect with their faith, do let them know that there will be further opportunities in the not too distant future....’

Sunday 15 March - 2-00-4.30pm- Afternoon Delights in St. John's Hall.

Bronagh Power writes: 'Come along to afternoon tea whilst learning from our professional stylist how knowing about colours and body shape can work for you. We'll have **rails** with a wonderful selection of clothes to buy and an opportunity to get **nails** to die for. We'll have **shoes** and **accessories** to captivate you and a **raffle** with prizes to tempt you.

All proceeds will go to **Smart Works**, an Edinburgh and UK charity that provides high quality interview clothes and interview training to unemployed women. We harness the power of clothes and confidence to allow a woman to be her best and most confident self at a crucial moment in her life. 73% of the women we see go on to get the job. Tickets at £12 will be on sale shortly. Contact Bronagh Power on 07902 607936 for more details.'

FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Friday 28 February and Saturday 29 February - Gender mini-symposium:

'The Marriage & Family Commission has organised a mini-symposium on the issue of gender, entitled 'Male and Female He Created Them'. It will take place at 7-9pm on Friday 28 February at Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn, and at 2-5pm on Saturday 29 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The speakers are Dr Adrian Treloar of the Catholic Medical Association and Sr Andrea Fraile of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. Booking details to follow.'

....and at St Mary's Cathedral - Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March – Two Concerts

'One Concert is with **Barbara Dickson**, who is an ever popular and internationally acclaimed Scottish singer and musician. She will perform alongside her partner musician Nick Holland on **Saturday 7 March** at 7.30pm.

Additionally, on **Friday 6 March**, also at 7.30pm, we are hosting **the legendary folk duo Phil Cunningham and Ally Bain**, as ever playing the accordion and fiddle. Both concerts will have concluded by 9.45pm latest.

Tickets are priced at £25 – but if anyone would like to organise a group and make it a "parish outing" we are happy to offer parishes a group price with a saving of £5 per ticket. Of course, individual tickets for both concerts can be easily booked directly through www.eventbrite.co.uk and searching for 'Concerts in the Cathedral'

If you would like to arrange for a parish group ticket – please contact Sr. Mary Simone at the Cathedral Office 0131 5561798 or email me on ursulagreen@icloud.com'

St John's Primary School News

Mark Burgess, Depute Head Teacher, writes: 'Primary 7 have had a busy few weeks, pupils attended the Primary 7 transition mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Leo Cushley at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral. The children represented themselves, our school and our parish well through their behaviour and respectful listening. A small number of our children also joined the Holyrood cluster choir which sang beautifully and this was remarked upon by His Grace at the end of Mass. Grace, one of our P7 girls also read a bidding prayer during the Mass and spoke confidently. On Friday of the same week P7 produced an excellent assembly all about America. The children worked in small groups to research different states and used Green screen technology to help engage their audience. Ms Miller, Mrs Pacitti and Ms McLaren supported the children and helped direct the drama scenes and musical number. It was great to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning, well done Primary 7!'

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Jimmy Sangster, Seamus Mannion, Kenneth Green and Shirley Farrell

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Margaret Cheyne

St John's

Feb.16:- Charles Malcolm (1993); Betty McGuire (1987); John Denning (1959); **Feb.17:-** Patrick Hughes (2011); May Lacey (1941); **Feb.18:-** Molly Carr (1997); Sarah Taylor (1965); James J Stone (1954); Gordon Bartek; **Feb.19:-** James Hughes (1998); Theresa Bannon (1991); **Feb.20:-** Margaret Wood (2001); Catherine McGovern (1970); John McCann (1915); Helen Mackersey; **Feb.21:-** John Meagher (1999); Michael McCreddie (1997); **Feb.22:-** Wanda Kosok (2015); John Dunn (2014); John Walsh (1993)

St Mary Magdalene's

Feb.16:- Ellen Conway (1972); **Feb.17:-** David Walker (2005); **Feb.18:-** Alex. Cummings (2003); Barbara Rourke (1991); **Feb.19:-** Margaret Cheyne (2014); **Feb.20:-** Anne Wallace (2008); **Feb.21:-** Elizabeth Mulvanny (1996); Sarah O'Neill (1993); **Feb.22:-** Mary Robertson (2016)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: David Reid, Molly Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Mary Glancy, Betty Dougal, Alison Thompson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Denis Davidson, Bill Cheyne, Sam Burns, 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, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Audrey Burgess, Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, 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, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksan Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Jake Jordan, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
9 February 2020	£247.21 (including £125.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) – overall figure: £297.21	£894.64 (including £506.43 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £437.25) – overall figure: £1331.89
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
16 February	Mark Robertson & Sam Henry	Anne Jabir
23 February	Willie Montgomery & Robert Moyes	Jennifer Morris

St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 24 February at 7.30pm** in **St Mary Magdalene's Hall.**

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

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 22 February	John Lawler, Pauline MacInnes, Bozena Tansey	Sunday 23 February	Eliza Veitch, Penelope MacLellan Hawkes, Cathy Volpe, Anne Dixon, Pat Whyte
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Due to unforeseen circumstances, **the fifth meeting of St John's Eco Group has been postponed.** This meeting will now be held on **Monday 24 February 2020 at 6pm in the Parish House**, which all parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend. The agenda will include discussions of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* encyclical and of a retreat opportunity in early June.

**Maria Igoe writes:**

- 'The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be today, Sunday 23 February. If you would like to go, please contact Maria Igoe.
- A small group is going to visit Fr Tabone in Gozo from Thursday 16 April to 23 April. If you would be interested in this trip, please contact Maria on 07981333219.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 15 February	10.00am :- Mass – Peter Hanlon 10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Brian Nangle	
Sunday 16 February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Canon Jim Friel
Monday 17 February	10.00am:- Mass – James & Joseph Gallagher	
Tuesday 18 February	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: Mass: – Canon Jim Friel
Wednesday 19 February	10.00am:- Mass – Elizabeth Keogh	
Thursday 20 February	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass: – SI
Friday 21 February	No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week 11.00am:- Requiem Mass for Jimmy Scoular 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 22 February CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE - FEAST	9.15am :- Mass – People of the Parish NB CHANGE OF TIME Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Vigil Mass 6.30pm:- Mass – SI	
Sunday 23 February 7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Shirley Farrell	11.15am:- Mass – Kevin Crow