

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE  
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## 7th Sunday of the Year - Sunday 23 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.



Today, Sunday 23 February, 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. Abigail will be returning to the STEKA Children's Home in Blantyre in Malawi on Thursday 27 February. At that Mass we will also celebrate the 'Rite of Pre-Insription' for the catechumens and candidates in our RCIA group in preparation for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent next Sunday.

Please pray for **Abigail**; for our three catechumens **Ashley Low, Alasdair Preston and James Sutherland**

(who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil); and for our six candidates (who will be received/confirmed and make their First Communion at the Vigil, thus completing the Sacraments of Initiation) **Bernadina Siano,**

**Charley Campbell, Luca Federico D'Arle, Giulio Filosa, Jessica Mzambe and Yvonne Speedman.**

## LENT starts on Ash Wednesday – 26 February – this Wednesday



There will be Masses with Distribution of Ashes:

- 9.45am at St Mary Magdalene's and
- 7.30pm at St John's.

Ash Wednesday is, with Good Friday, one of only two days of **Fasting and Abstinence** in the Church's Year.

## Lenten House Groups 2020

Ash Wednesday is on 26 February – this Wednesday. 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 abuse, racism and gambling addiction. challenged to explore what it means to



(potentially traumatising) such as suicide, There are no easy answers, and we will be 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**s. 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.”

**Below are the house groups that are being offered - there are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. If you wish to participate, please sign up on one of the lists, choosing your preferred time and day...**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Host and Venue</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Course</b>
Tuesday	2pm	Eileen Rennie - 4 Joppa Station Place	Geoff Dobson	Broken
	7pm	Roz Mackay - 21 Goff Avenue	Anne Jabir	A Word for Lent
Wednesday	2pm	Maria Igoe - F1 38 Clifton Mews - Baileyfield Road	Maria Igoe	A Word for Lent
Thursday	7pm	Joyce Martin - 38 Milton Road West	Sheila Tansey	A Word for Lent
	7pm	Robert & Theresa McMurtry 10/6 Mount Lodge Place	Hugh Aitken	Broken

**Lenten retreat:** The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is offering a **retreat in daily life** this Lent. The retreat is based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius Loyola. Each day has a passage from scripture, a picture and helpful suggestions for ways of praying. The retreat is available online or as a free book from the ISC in Glasgow. There are groups meeting weekly during Lent for support during the retreat. Visit [lentretreat.uk](http://lentretreat.uk) or email the ISC on [admin@iscglasgow.co.uk](mailto:admin@iscglasgow.co.uk) / 0141 354 0077.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 22 February**

10 for 10.30am – ‘Closed or Open Doors?’ – A Talk on the Refugee Crisis by John Dalhuisen.  
12.30pm – St John’s – Rehearsal for Abigail Maseko’s baptism

### **Sunday 23 February**

9.30am – St John’s – **Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion of Abigail Maseko, and Rite of Pre-Insription for RCIA candidates and catechumens.**  
**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**

1.00pm – St Mary’s. Leith – **Cluster Priests’ Lunch and Meeting**  
6.00pm – Parish House - **St John's Eco Group meeting (all welcome)**  
7.00pm – St John’s Hall - **P3 Reconciliation Preparation Meeting – Children & Parents**  
7.00pm – Parish House - **Justice and Peace Group meeting - all welcome**  
**The St Mary Magdalene’s Pastoral Council Meeting announced for this evening is postponed till Wednesday 11 March.**

### **Tuesday 25 February**

9.45am – St John’s - **Requiem Mass for Alan Lugton**  
7.30pm – Parish House – **RCIA Mass and Celebration for the end of the Catechumenate**

### **Wednesday 26 February – ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.45am - **St Mary Magdalene’s – Mass with Distribution of Ashes**  
7.30pm – St John’s - **Mass with Distribution of Ashes**

### **Thursday 27 February**

4.00pm – Parish House - **Pastoral Team Meeting**

5.00pm – St John's – **Reception of Jimmy Sangster's Body**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of Cluster Priests and Pastoral Council Chairs**

### **Friday 28 February**

12.00 - Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Jimmy Sangster, followed by burial in Mortonhall Cemetery at 12.45pm**

7pm-9pm – Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn - **Gender Mini-Symposium** (see noticeboard)

**Saturday 29 March – 2pm-5pm – Gillis Centre - Gender Mini-Symposium** (see noticeboard)

### **Sunday 1 March –**

12 midday – St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh – **RCIA Rite of Election**

5pm-7pm – Gillis Centre – **Love Lent : The Call to Holiness** (see noticeboard)

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

### **Monday 2 March**

10.30am – St John's Hall - **Charity Coffee Morning** - donations will be given to 'CitizenGO'

6.30pm – St Columba's Church - **Vocation Mass** (see noticeboard) and

7.30pm – St Columba's Church - **Ask Me Anything** (see noticeboard)

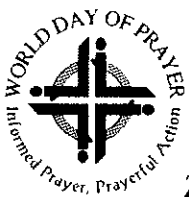
7.00pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre – **What Would Dorothy Do?** (see noticeboard)

### **Tuesday 3 March**

6.30pm-9.30pm – Law School Old College Edinburgh University – **Revolution of the Heart** (see noticeboard)

**Wednesday 4 March - 7.30pm – Parish House – St John's Fire Team Meeting**

### **Friday 6 March**



**World Day of Prayer – Friday 6 March – St Mary Magdalene's Church at 2.00pm – Ecumenical Service**

**'Rise, take your mat and walk'** written by Christian women of Zimbabwe' – All Welcome - Refreshments will be available after the service.



7.30pm - St Mary's Cathedral – **Concert in the Cathedral:** Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham (see noticeboard)

### **Saturday 7 March**

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

7.30pm - St Mary's Cathedral – **Concert in the Cathedral:** Barbara Dickson (see noticeboard)

**Sunday 8 March – 6pm – St John the Baptist, RC Church, Corstorphine – Remembering Service** (see noticeboard)

**Saturday 14 March – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre – Youth Leaders Day** (see noticeboard)

**Monday 16 March – 2.30pm – St John's – Healing Mass with sacrament of the sick [NB CHANGE OF DATE]**

**Thursday 19 March – 7.00pm – St Joseph's, Broomhouse – Celebration for 70<sup>th</sup> year since opening** (see noticeboard)

**Saturday 4 April – 10.30am – Holy Island Pilgrimage, Lindisfarne - In honour of St Oscar Romero on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his martyrdom** – For further information contact: [pastoral@lauriston.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@lauriston.org.uk)

### **Sunday 15 March**

9.30am – St John's – **P3 and Children's Mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **P4 Do This in Memory Mass**

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**

**St Mary's University: The UK's leading Catholic university, St Mary's Twickenham, has announced the launch of part-time postgraduate courses in Scotland for the first time.** They will be taught at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh and are scheduled to start in October. Courses are expected to include Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Catholic School Leadership. Archbishop Cushley writes: 'This is good news for the Archdiocese and will improve the advancement of Catholic education in Scotland.' Visit the news section of [archedinburgh.org](http://archedinburgh.org) for more details.

### **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.'

## **LENTEN 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.'

**Gender Recognition Bill consultation:** The Scottish Government is consulting now on proposed changes to gender recognition legislation. These include removal of the current medical requirements and reducing the age limit for legally changing gender from 18 to 16. The Catholic Church believes that sex or gender cannot be reduced to a mere construct of society that is fluid and changeable. The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a briefing paper to help you understand the key issues. It is available [at the back of the church and] online at the Catholic Parliamentary Office website. Please make your voice heard in this consultation which can be completed at [www.consult.gov.scot](http://www.consult.gov.scot). **The deadline for responses is 17 March.**

**Sunday 1, 8 and 15 March – Gillis Centre - Love Lent: The Call to Holiness - Three different Sunday talks for young adults on God's call**

- Archbishop Cushley - 1 March
- Sister Mirjam Hugens FSO - 15 March and
- Father Andrew Garden - 29 March

All events take place from 5-7pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh and follow the talk, prayer, pizza format. Brought to you by our Youth Initiative team. No booking required, just turn up on the night.

**Monday 2 March**

**6.30pm and 7.30pm - St Columba's Church, 7 Upper Gray Street. Vocation Mass & Ask Me Anything**

- **6.30pm - Vocations Mass** - 'Will you pray for more people to answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life? The monthly Mass for Vocations... Refreshments served afterwards.'
- **7.30pm - Ask Me Anything: What's it like being a religious sister?** 'Ask Me Anything' this month features Sr Karin Hugens FSO.

**7-11pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre, EH3 9DJ.' - What Would Dorothy Do?**

Jane Herbstritt, Administrator, Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre writes: 'Kate Hennessey will read from her book 'Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother' followed by Q&A. Dorothy Day founded houses of hospitality for the homeless in the 30s, published a radical pacifist newspaper and resisted US wars for decades. She is being considered for sainthood. Before her conversion, she lived what she called a "disorderly life," had an abortion and gave birth to a child out of wedlock. 'The World Will Be Saved by Beauty' challenges ideas of plaster saints and of saintly women. Here is the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-would-dorothy-do-tickets-93242594109>

**Tuesday 3 March - 6.30pm-9.30pm in Quad Teaching Room G158, Law School, Old College Edinburgh University.' - Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day story plus Questions and Answers with Kate Hennessey**

Jane Herbstritt writes: 'Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story profiles one of the most extraordinary and courageous women in American history. She was co-founder of the Catholic Worker newspaper that exposed rampant injustices during the Great Depression and a network of houses of hospitality to welcome the poor and destitute. The film will be followed by a Q&A with Kate Hennessey, author of Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother. This event is being held at Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3bSXkOK>

**Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March – 7.30pm - Concerts in the Cathedral:** 'Concerts in the Cathedral' – 'two fantastic shows at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Friday 6 March with musicians Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March with Barbara Dickson. These will be lovely occasions and will also help to raise funds for the Cathedral. Tickets cost £25 per person, available from Eventbrite.'

**Sunday 8 March - 6.00pm, St John the Baptist RC Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh - Remembering Service** - 'This service may be helpful to anyone who feels that they have not had the opportunity to acknowledge and grieve for their loss. It's also for those who wish to come in love and support. The service is ecumenical and open to all.'

**Sunday 14 March – 11am-3pm** - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **Youth Leaders' Day**- 'If you're a young person in youth ministry or interested in getting involved, this day is for you. It will feature presentations from Siobhan Fee of Alpha UK and Mairi-Claire McGeady of the LifeTeen programme. In the afternoon, there will be a forum for youth leaders to reflect together on highlights of this ministry, challenges they face, how they see the future and how the Archdiocese might support them. Email [yi@staned.org.uk](mailto:yi@staned.org.uk) to register.

**Augustinians: Thursday 19 March - 7pm - Mass to celebrate 70 years of St Joseph's Broomhouse and 25 years of service from the Augustinian Order.** 'The parish is inviting all friends and former parishioners to a Mass being celebrated with Archbishop Leo Cushley as the principal celebrant. There will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards. The church is in Broomhouse St N, Edinburgh, EH11 3SB.'

**Dry Lent:** The Pioneer Association is promoting its short term pledge for those who wish to give up alcohol for the six weeks of Lent. If you would like to take the pledge, visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and follow the links to join.

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

## PARISH REGISTER

<i><b>Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary McCann, Peter Dawson and Irene McArthur</b></i>
<i><b>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kevin Crow, Una O'Reilly and Josie Flanagan</b></i>
<p><b>St John's</b>  Feb.23:- John Hughes (1990); Feb.24:- Josephine Broadley (2006); Mary McPartlin (1989); Luisa Iannarelli (1978); Richard Rooney; Charles Wynne; Feb.25:- Agnes Watters (1999); Thomas Robb (1997); Mary Young (1903); James Hanlon; James Keegan; Feb.26:- Betty Rope (2009); Mary Green (2006); Helen Molloy (1968); Bridget Meehan (1958); Edward Magee (missing 1944); Filomena Perilla; Feb.27:- William Murray (2010); Fr. Walter Glancy (1980); Sean O'Donnell(1969); Susan Passmore; Feb.28:- Mary Meenan (2014); John Patrick McTighe (2009); Peggie McGill (1998); James Alexander (1975); Mary Coll (1974); Bernard Macnamara; Feb.29:- Baby girl Lamb (1967); Rita Deignan</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalene's</b>  Feb.24:- Mary Coll (2004); Feb.27:- James Cranston (1983); Feb.28:- Adele Croskery (2016)</p>
<p><i><b>Sick Parishioners - St. John's:</b></i> 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.</p>
<p><i><b>Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's:</b></i> 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 &amp; James Muir.</p>
<p><i><b>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including:</b></i> 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, Rokzana 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.</p>

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
16 February 2020	£248.97 (including £113.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) <b>– overall figure: £298.97</b>	£831.60 (including £389.41 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £437.25) – <b>overall figure: £1268.85</b>
<b>Special Collection - SPUC</b>	£263.06	£388.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
23 February	Willie Montgomery & Robert Moyes	Jennifer Morris
1 March	Laura Tweedie & Lexvi Sanchez	Jim Gallagher

**Apologies for the change of date but the next St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 7.00pm 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

<b>Saturday 29 February</b>	Chris Vinestock, Jackie Plews, Matt Gorrie	<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	Linda Moran, Anna Tanzi, Phyllis McLeay, Bernie Gallagher, Theresa Spence
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**The fifth meeting of St John's Eco Group will be held on Monday 24 February at 6pm in the Parish House.** All are most welcome to attend or to contribute via e-mail ([sfmcdevi@gmail.com](mailto:sfmcdevi@gmail.com)). The agenda will include discussions of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* encyclical and of a retreat opportunity in early June.



LAUDATO SI

#### **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.
- The next Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 2 March in the Parish Hall after Mass. Donations will be given to 'CitizenGO', a charity which works to ensure that human life, the family and our freedoms are respected.
- The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organisation serving Parishes in nearly every country in the world. We meet every Tuesday at 10.30am in the Parish House, Sandford Gardens, where we pray the Rosary, report on the work done and discuss our faith and plans for the future. If this would be of interest to you, please feel welcome to come to a Meeting and see what we do. Over the years many parishioners have joined and have loved the friendship and blessings, which come from taking part in a variety of apostolic work. You might love it as much as we do!
- 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.'

'When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the 'call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.'

*Poster founded in a Church in France ... (translated)*

When a parish engages in any pastoral activity it needs to ask itself if it is trying to catch fish (*evangelisation*) or feed sheep (*disciplineship*), because fish don't eat worms!



*James Mallon*

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>Saturday 22 February</b> <b>CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE - FEAST</b>	<b>9.15am :- Mass -- People of the Parish</b> <b>NB CHANGE OF TIME</b>  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>available after Vigil Mass</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – SI</b>	
<b>Sunday 23 February</b> <b>7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Shirley Farrell</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – Kevin Crow</b>
<b>Monday 24 February</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Una O’Reilly</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25 February</b>	<b>9.45am – Requiem Mass for Alan Lugton</b>	
<b>Wednesday 26 February</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7.30pm:- Mass – Theresa, Joe &amp; Paddy Bannon</b>	<b>9.45am: Mass: – Fr Martin O’Keefe</b>
<b>Thursday 27 February</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass: Brenda Slater</b>
<b>Friday 28 February</b>	<b>9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Mass – Gerry Wynne</b> <b>3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions</b>	
<b>Saturday 29 February</b>	<b>10.00am :- Mass – Kenneth Green</b> <b>10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday 1 March</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Josie Flanagan</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – SI</b>