

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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Presentation of the Lord - Sunday 2 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 is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life – so we pray specially for all religious, and for all who live the consecrated life, especially our own Mairi Clunas.

The Annual Safeguarding Statement will be read out by our parish safeguarding co-ordinators in all parishes at Masses this Sunday 2 February. The Archdiocese and our parishes welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

OUR NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE will take place this Wednesday 5 February and on Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like a child baptised, please contact Fr Jock or Kath Zoltie (kathzoltie@hotmail.co.uk).

This Saturday at 10am at St John's we celebrate our three monthly Bereavement Mass – for all who are grieving, or who wish to support and pray for those who are grieving – everyone most welcome.

With this newsletter, there is another illustrated report from our Tanzanian and Malawian pilgrims, who returned from Africa at the end of the week.



PARISH REGISTRATION FORM - Have you completed a Parish Registration Form recently? If the answer is NO could you complete and return the form (which is with this newsletter) as soon as possible. Forms can be returned to the box at the back of the church or the Parish House - scanned copies are acceptable too! Please email to

stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE this information will be used only to assist in the provision of pastoral care.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 1 February

10.00am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club – Bingham + Magdalene 2020 Community Conference

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

Monday 3 February – 10.45am – St John's Hall – Charity Coffee Morning – donations to 'Chance for Childhood.'

Tuesday 4 February –

12 noon – PJPC – Service with United Reform Church, followed by a spot of lunch – Theme: 'Gladness and Generosity' – all welcome.

7.30pm – Parish House – Concluding Mass and Celebration for the Landings Group.

Wednesday 5 February

11am – Baptist Church Café – Holy Huddle

6.30pm – Parish House – **St John’s Fabric Committee Meeting**

7.00pm – Parish House – **Lectio Divina** (‘The Temptations in the Desert’) – All Welcome.

7-9pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road - **Anti-Human Trafficking - Modern Slavery.** Registration and coffee from 6.30pm. Trainer: Alister Bull *Register for free from Tuesday 17th December on Eventbrite, the Archdiocesan Facebook, or by calling 0131 623 8900.*

7.30pm (and Thursday 13 February) - Parish House - **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Thursday 6 February – 11am - Parish House – **Faith Formation Group meeting.**

Friday 7 February

1pm (Matinee) and 7.30pm – St Martin’s, 4 Magdalene Drive – **Screening of Downton Abbey (PG)** - children under 16 to be accompanied by an adult – **Admission Free – All welcome.**

4pm – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

Saturday 8 February

10am – St John’s – **Bereavement Mass**

Sunday 9 February

10.30am - Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell - **The Annual White Mass for healthcare professionals and others who work in the health and care sectors.** ‘Bishop Joseph Toal will be the Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will be served after in St Bride's Hall, across from the Cathedral.’

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 10 February

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass**

7.00pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Hall – **St Mary Magdalene’s Pastoral Council Meeting**

Saturday 15 February – 6.30pm – St John’s – **P3 and Children’s Mass and P4 Do This in Memory Mass.**

Monday 17 February

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

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

NOTICEBOARD

BETHANY NIGHT SHELTERS – UPDATE

A message from the Justice and Peace Group:

‘As most of you know, during the winter season, Bethany Christian Trust provide overnight accommodation in a converted church in Gorgie for people who would otherwise be sleeping rough on the streets. To support this, church groups from in and around Edinburgh provide a hot meal for the homeless using the night shelter.

- Our two parishes have volunteered to provide the meal on twelve evenings this winter season, for which we have to buy the food as well as cook and serve it. So far we have done seven, all of which have gone well, with the hot meal being very much appreciated by the clients.
- A big thanks then to all our volunteers. A special mention must be made of Seton Steele and his company, Appetito. For three of our evenings Appetito has supplied the food with Seton doing the cooking; very much appreciated by the volunteers, not to mention the clients.
- A big thanks, also to the organisers of our joint parishes’ autumn raffle for donating £825.00 which will go a long way to covering our food costs for the season.’

Listening before Lent - Events at the Lauriston Jesuit centre in January and February:

‘In 2020 The Lauriston Jesuit Centre will be hosting a series of talks exploring some of the more ‘challenging’ issues

Thursday 6 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **David Birchall, SJ** (Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow) - **'LGBTQ+ and Catholic Tradition'**

Thursday 13 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Suzie Stark** (Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba’s Hospice Edinburgh) - **'End of Life Care'**.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE ORGANISED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Saturday 8 February – 11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **‘Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** . *‘Father Jeremy Milne will be the main speaker and there will be a practical reflection followed by a Q&A session. The day concludes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions. Register on Eventbrite or on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.’*

Saturday 15 February - Married couples retreat: *‘Together before the Lord - A Valentine’s Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie.’ The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married couples at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road.. Register on Eventbrite. No charge.’*

Thursday 20 February – 6.30 for 7pm - Closed or Open Doors? *‘This event, sponsored by the Caritas-Justice and Peace Commission, explores the refugee/migrant crisis in Europe. It will be presented by **John Dalhuisen**, a senior fellow at the Berlin-based European Stability Initiative and a leading thinker on human rights and migration policy. There is no simple Christian response. John’s reflection, formed by his extensive experience, aims in helping us to think through this complex issue - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Register on Eventbrite. Entry by donation. (**John Dalhuisen will be giving a similar talk on Saturday 22 February at 10am – organised by PACT in association with our Justice and Peace Group - at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – more details to follow**).*

Holy Rood RC High News

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

- This week, thanks to the generosity of Mercat Tours, our S2 pupils visited a number of different tourist attractions in Edinburgh. The **Day in Edinburgh Experience** included visits to The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh Dungeons, Riddle’s Court, Camera Obscura, Yotel amongst many others. The experience enabled pupils to ask industry experts questions and so learn first-hand about the skills required for different careers within the tourist industry. S2 pupils agreed that the day was “amazing!”. We thank Kat Brogan for continuing this partnership with Holy Rood (her former school) and for this exceptional experience offered to our pupils.
- **Over the forthcoming February break Holy Rood’s School Librarian, Rachel McCabe, will be visiting our sister school St John Paul II in Tanzania.** Her visit has been funded by The British Council and **Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning Initiative.** She will be accompanied by some Primary School teachers from the Cluster Group and is really looking forward to meeting some of the new staff at the school, working with Mike Knox and sharing her love of reading with the pupils there. Whilst there, she hopes to start a Book Group, organise some creative writing sessions with the senior pupils and continue the Twende Pamoja Partnership’s commitment to global sustainability. We wish Rachel every success.

Dates for your diary:-

- **S2 Information Evening** - 24 February- 6.30pm-7.30pm /**Faculty Fair** 5.30pm-6.30pm
- **Careers Fair 5 February – 5pm – 6pm** – S3-6 parents and carers are invited to meet employers and representatives from colleges and all the universities in the central belt and also learn about the Senior Course Choice Process

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Amadea Tansey

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mo Brown, Beatrice Crolla, Margaret Malcolm and Betty Di Ponio

St John’s

Feb.2:- Margaret Malcolm (1998); **Feb.3:-** Bernadette Heron (2012); Jean Anderson (2006); Harry T Johnson (2006); Thomas McCreddie (2000); Douglas Begg (1960); Kate Barrins (1959); Thomas Conner (1948); **Feb.4:-** Margaret Early (2003); Margaret Blaney (1976); Mrs Hendry (1958); Patrick Rooney; **Feb.5:-** Beatrice Crolla (2015); Nora Glancy (2015); Margaret Kelly (1999); Michael Gallagher (1985); Arthur Delaney (1974); Mary Malcolm (1969); Bridget Hanlon (1954); **Feb.6:-** Andrew Robertson (1995); Patrick Ready (Burma, 1943); Thomas D’Arcy; David McCartney; **Feb.7:-** Michael Devine (1998); David Boyes (1997); Susan McLean (1939); Mary Boyd; **Feb.8:-** Betty DiPonio (2015); Sheila Devlin (2000); Ada Iannarelli (1980); Bill McCann (1977); William Anderson ; Rose Ann Jamieson;

St Mary Magdalene’s

Feb.2:- Michael Edward Kempton (1991); **Feb.4:-** Mary Doyle (1967); **Feb.7:-** Mary Fallon (2008); Joseph O’Neil (1969); **Feb.8:-** Norma Weddell (2001)

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Jimmy Scoular, Molly and Alan 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: Sam Burns, Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhillipps, 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: 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, Rokhsana 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 |
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| 26 January 2020 | £234.13 (including £122.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £274.13 | £902.13 (including £352.43 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £403.50) – overall figure: £1305.36 |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> | | |

ST MARY MAGDALENE

| | Readers for Sunday | Bidding Prayers |
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| 2 February | Lexvi Sanchez & Emma Dewar | Jim Gallagher |
| 9 February | Dorothy Dickson & Anne Jabir | Jennifer Morris |

The next **Pastoral Council Meeting** will be on **Monday 10 February** at 7.00pm in St Mary Magdalene's Hall – **all welcome....**

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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| Saturday 8 February | Chris Vinestock, Matt Gorrie, Jeff Kemp | Sunday 9 February | Enrico Fertini, Bernie Gallagher, Theresa Spence, Evelyn Buckley, Pauline Connarty |
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A message from the Justice & Peace Group

'The mess at the back of the church!'

Some of you may have seen the pile of bags and stuff in the porch, outside the shop and wondered about the church being used as a rubbish dump! In fact, the stuff is there for a reason – or, to be precise, four reasons.

- **Fresh Start:** Fresh Start helps and supports homeless people getting a house for the first time. To do this, they rely on donations of all the essentials for a new house – crockery, cutlery, pots and pans, towels, bedding and small electrical items – kettles, microwaves etc. We take donations from parishioners to the Fresh Start warehouse periodically. More info at <https://www.freshstartweb.org.uk>
- **Edinburgh Direct Aid.** EDA supports refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Bosnia, Greece – wherever there is need. They are looking for donations of warm winter clothes for adults and children, toiletries, school supplies, small tents, sleeping bags, blankets. These are taken to the EDA warehouse in Granton for sorting and onward shipping to where they are needed most. See <http://www.edinburghdirectaid.org.uk>
- **Mary's Meals Backpacks;** As well as feeding children at school, which Mary's Meals does, the children also need to be equipped for school. The box labelled Mary's Meals backpack project is for donations of backpacks, notebooks, pencils, rubbers, t-shirts, shorts skirts/dresses, sandals, flip-flops spoons and toiletries- soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. See <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project>
- **St Theresa's Foodbank:** St Theresa's parish, Craigmillar have a small foodbank to help people in need and are looking for donations of food (non-perishable) and toiletries. We take these up to St Mary Magdalene's who combine them with their own donations and ship them across to St Theresa's. The cardboard box wrapped in pink striped paper is there for that purpose.

So, to sum up, it is not actually a random rubbish dump!'

Maria Igoe writes:

- 'The Healing Mass will be held on Monday 10 February at 2.30pm. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. All are welcome to the Hall afterwards for tea and home-baking.
- For those who browse 'You Tube': You may like to watch Jim Caviezel (Jesus in 'The Passion of the Christ') 's 'Tribute to the Virgin Mary, Mother of All Peoples'. He gives a very powerful and interesting talk.'

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St John the Evangelist | St Mary Magdalene |
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| Saturday 1 February | 9.15am:- Mass – Margaret Malcolm NB CHANGE OF TIME No Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Fr Anthony McCarthy | |
| Sunday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEAST | 9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish | 11.15am:- Mass – Fr Colin Morris |
| Monday 3 February | 10.00am - Mass – Memorial Mass for Immacolata Crolla | |
| Tuesday 4 February | 10.00am: Eucharistic Service | 10.00am: Mass: – SI |
| Wednesday 5 February St Agatha - Memorial | 10.00am:- Mass – Beatrice Crolla | |
| Thursday 6 February St Paul Miki and Companions - Memorial | 10.00am: - Eucharistic Service | 9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass –SI |
| Friday 7 February | 9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (90th Birthday) 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions | |
| Saturday 8 February | 10.00am :- Mass – SI 10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – SI | |
| Sunday 9 February 5th Sunday of the Year | 9.30am:- Mass – Jack Burns | 11.15am:- Mass –People of the Parishes |