

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE  
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## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - Sunday 9 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.



**With this newsletter, there is a 'Ways of Praying' leaflet prepared by our Prayer Co-ordinating Group - describing different ways and opportunities of praying that are on offer in our two parishes and also online.....**

**Next Sunday, there will be a White Flower Collection – and a short talk by either Maria Igoe or Aileen Hall - at the end of Mass – on behalf of SPUC (The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child)**

### **Lenten House Groups 2020**

Ash Wednesday is on 26 February – only two and a half weeks 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 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**. 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**'

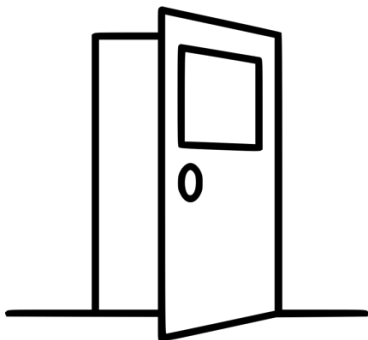
And for groups to meet at different times to suit different life-arrangements: morning, afternoon and evening during the week.

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.**

## A PACT INITIATIVE (PORTOBELLO AND AREA CHRISTIANS TOGETHER)

Saturday 22 February – PJPC – 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.

He has been invited by Portobello Area Christians Together (PACT) to speak at  
**Portobello & Joppa Parish Church**  
**Saturday 22 February**  
**10am for 10.30am**  
All Welcome.



### THIS WEEK

#### **Saturday 8 February**

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

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.'

#### **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.'

### **Monday 10 February**

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass**

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

**Tuesday 11 February - 7.30-9.30 pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church EH9 1TQ - ‘Christianity in China’– a meeting of the Edinburgh Newman Society.** ‘We welcome Dr Mark McLeister, Lecturer in Chinese Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Mark researches and publishes on local-level church-state interactions and religious policy in China, popular Chinese Christianity and disability and religious identity. All are warmly invited to attend.’

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

### **Saturday 15 February**

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

Afternoon – Gillis Centre - **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. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats. Register on Eventbrite. No charge.’

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

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Sunday 16 February - 6pm – Parish House – Meeting of the Parishes’ Musicians**

### **Monday 17 February**

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

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

**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)**

**Sunday 23 February - Trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw (see St John’s section)**

**Wednesday 26 February – ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Saturday 4 April – 10.30am – Holy Island Pilgrimage, Lindisfarne (see noticeboard)**

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

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**Sincere apologies to Sr Jenny Lindsay** – in last week’s newsletter, published on the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, her name was omitted in error among those who live the consecrated life in our community. **We give thanks for Sr Jenny – and for her many years of loving and faithful witness...**

### **Bethany Care Van**

A message from Jim Roarty: ‘We embarked on a new adventure last Sunday lunchtime, taking sandwiches to people on the street. Susanne McKenzie had done the preparatory work, shadowing a team from another parish and then collecting left over sandwiches, pastries etc from Pret a Manger and Patisserie Florentin on Saturday evening. On Sunday, just before 12 noon, we filled the flasks with hot water for tea and coffee,

loaded up the food and set off to hand out the food and drink at various pre-arranged points in the city centre. It was an interesting exercise in navigation as the City Council have decided to pedestrianise a number of streets in the city centre on the 1st Sunday of each month, particularly streets we wanted to use! However we managed to reach all our scheduled rendezvous points in time. We were able to give food to twenty-nine people - a fairly low number but the Sunday lunchtime Care Van is still in its infancy so the word hasn't got fully round the streets, yet. Then it was back to the Bethany depot to clean out the van and dispose of the leftovers, heading home by about 2.45pm.

Thanks to Susanne, who kept us right, and to Helen & Mike Connarty and Mary Bainbridge who provided service with a smile and a chat to people in need.



We have been asked to staff the Care Van on the following Sundays: **5 April, 7 June, 2 August, 4 October and 6 December**. If anyone would like to join our team, please contact me at [jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com) tel 0131 669 0896.'

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE ORGANISED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**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).*

### **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](http://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](mailto:ursulagreen@icloud.com)’

## **HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE LINDISFARNE – Saturday 4 April**

**In honour of St Oscar Romero on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his martyrdom**

- Keynote speaker - Edgar Colon-Emeric (Methodist Theology Professor, Duke University, North Carolina)
- Welcome, gather and prayer 11am
- Arrive no later than 10.30am – to miss the tides
- Bring a picnic or buy locally

*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](mailto:pastoral@lauriston.org.uk)

## Holy Rood RC High News

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

- Our annual **Careers Fair** was a great success with over 400 pupils engaging with over 40 employers/representatives from Finance, IT, Legal Service, Public Service, Childcare, Construction, Hospitality, Engineering and the Creative Arts as well as from Edinburgh College and five universities. Many thanks to all those parents who came along to the event and the information session to support their child in making course choices to support their career pathway. The feedback has been very positive with many echoing the comments received "Thanks for making all industry champions and exhibitors so welcome. The event was one of the most well organised I have attended to date" and "Your pupils at the front door gave us a lovely welcome and professionally led us to our stand".
- A group of S1 pupils represented Holy Rood at the **Giant Heptathlon**. The pupils competed against 7 schools in the north east of Edinburgh. Well done to all involved.
- **1+2 Modern Languages** - S2 Italian pupils are currently completing a short block of language 3 which for them is French. Lessons have been linked to numeracy, literacy and Health and Well-being. S1 French pupils are completing a 6 week block in language 3 which for them is Italian, they are also learning about food and the history of Italian pizza.

Dates for your diary:-

- **S2 Information Evening** - 24 February- 6.30-7.30pm. You are encouraged to come to the **Faculty Fair** from 5.30-6.30pm to speak to subject specialists to help support your child's review of learning.

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

## Pilgrimage To Knock Shrine for the Parishes of Scotland – Sunday 14 - Friday 19 June

Patricia Ronane writes:- 'Price includes return flight from Edinburgh Airport, 5 nights' accommodation in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. Lunches on days out. All entertainment, all excursions and guided tours included. Full assistance from your Knock Pilgrimages representative. The sharing price is £699. Limited number of single rooms available at a supplement of £100.00. Check in bag extra £45.00 per person for return journey. If you are interested in attending this pilgrimage please get in touch with Patricia direct on: Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### FLIGHT DETAILS:

**Sunday 14 June 2020** Depart Edinburgh 10:15am – Arrive Knock 11:30am

**Friday 19 June 2020** Depart Knock 12:05pm – Arrive Edinburgh 13:20pm

More details from Karen in the Parish Office.

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

## PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Cathy Paterson, Mary McLean, Jimmy Scoular and Alan Lugton*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Peter Hanlon, Linda Mulvaney, Canon Albert Franklin, Margaret Hancock and Margaret Scott*

### St John's

**Feb.9:-** Alex. Neilson (1975); **Feb.10:-** Edward McCabe (2008); David Young (1985); D V McCaughan (1984); Mary (O'Brien) Callan (1926); **Feb.11:-** Marie Buchanan (2005); Lucy Hughes (1989); Hannah Knowles (1964); Canon Albert Franklin (1955); **Feb.12:-** Pat Kelly (1997); Bill Jacob (1984); **Feb.13:-** William Lawrie (1973); John Duffy; Annie Nicholson; **Feb.14:-** Margaret Scott (2018); Mary Kathleen McConvill (2002); Bernard Halfpenny (1985); William Hughes (1978); Patrick Gilroy (1966); **Feb.15:-** Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll (1997)

### St Mary Magdalene's

**Feb.9:-** Margaret Hancock (2019); **Feb.11:-** Ian McLeod (1996); **Feb.12:-** Mary Tully (2007); **Feb.15:-** John O'Keefe (1982)

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** 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:** 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:** 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, Rokšana 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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| 9 February 2020                      | £366.63 (including £233.00 gift aid)<br>Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00)<br>– <b>overall figure: £406.63</b> | £937.78 (including £495.62 gift aid)<br>Direct Debits - (an additional £437.25) – <b>overall figure: £1375.03</b> |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity</i> |  |   |

|             | Readers for Sunday           | Bidding Prayers |
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| 9 February  | Dorothy Dickson & Anne Jabir | Jennifer Morris |
| 16 February | Mark Robertson & Sam Henry   | Anne Jabir      |

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

**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

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| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>15 February</b> | Jim Roarty, Patrick Shannon,<br>Joyce Martin | <b>Sunday</b><br><b>16 February</b> | Eddie Clark, Colette Dempsey Gena<br>Gallagher, Mary Iannarelli, Tracy<br>Burgess |
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**Thank You!** A message of thanks from **Twende Pamoja**. 'Pamoja fashion raised £317.00 last weekend many thanks to our loyal supporters.'

**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.
- The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on 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.'
- 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.'

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

We are all conscious about climate change and are always looking to improve in ways we can help the environment! Would you consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail? Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save 'wear and tear' of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to receive your newsletter electronically all you have to do is send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com). The bonus is you receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites and Facebook Page.

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

|   | <b>St John the Evangelist</b>  | <b>St Mary Magdalene</b>   |
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| <b>Saturday 8 February</b>  | <b>10.00am :- Mass – SI</b><br><b>10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>6.30pm:- Mass – SI</b>                                       |  |
| <b>Sunday 9 February</b><br><b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>  | <b>9.30am:- Mass – Jack Burns</b>  | <b>11.15am:- Mass –People of the Parish</b>  |
| <b>Monday 10 February</b><br><b>St Scholastica – Memorial</b>         | <b>2.30pm – Healing Mass – Linda Mulvaney</b>  |  |
| <b>Tuesday 11 February</b>  | <b>10.00am:</b> Eucharistic Service  | <b>9.25am–9.55am:</b> - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br><b>10.00am: Mass:</b> – Gerard Quinn |
| <b>Wednesday 12 February</b>  | <b>10.00am:- Mass – Nan Reilly</b>   |  |
| <b>Thursday 13 February</b>   | <b>10.00am:</b> - Eucharistic Service  | <b>NB Change of Time</b><br><b>6.45pm - Mass – SI</b>  |
| <b>Friday 14 February</b><br><b>ST CYRIL AND ST METHODIUS - FEAST</b> | <b>9.00am–9.45am:</b> - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament<br><b>10.00am:- Mass – Amelia Tansey</b><br><b>3.00pm:</b> - Divine Mercy Devotions |  |
| <b>Saturday 15 February</b>   | <b>10.00am :- Mass – Peter Hanlon</b><br><b>10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation</b><br><b>6.30pm:- Mass – Brian Nangle</b>                   |  |
| <b>Sunday 16 February</b><br><b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> | <b>9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish</b>  | <b>11.15am:- Mass – Canon Jim Friel</b>  |