

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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3rd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 15 March 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.



Coronavirus

A suggestion from a Fife parishioner in her 80's: 'I had an idea come in to my head on Sunday after Mass. Very simple but prayer is always needed...to wash our hands properly it takes the same time as to say an Our Father or two Hail Mary's – why not say them for those who have the virus and to ask God to help spread the disease? What else can you do while washing your hands? I have always remembered being told that we can pray anywhere...'

This Sunday - 15 March - at 7pm in St John's Hall there will be a Presentation (with photos and videos) from our Tanzania and Malawi Pilgrims – all most welcome.

The meeting will conclude with the first showing in our parish of the **remarkable short film** made by **Abigail Mazeko** before she returned to the STEKA Home in Malawi, movingly describing her journey from being a victim of human trafficking in South Africa – via STEKA – to Queen Margaret University and the St John's Music Group.

On Monday – at 2.30pm in St John's there will be our monthly Healing Mass (celebrated slightly differently because of the C virus)...and at 7pm, also in St John's, our P3 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time – please pray for them, and, if you can, come and support them.

A message from the Justice & Peace Group - 'Donation from St John's Parish Funds to Edinburgh Direct Aid:

'Two years ago, the St John's Parish Pastoral Council agreed that in the event of there being a surplus of income over expenditure at the end of each financial year, 30% of the surplus should be donated to organisations helping people in need – whilst there are always things needing done in the church or the parish house, we mustn't forget those in greater need. The first year after this decision, the parish donated £6150.00 to support the STEKA skill centres being built in Malawi.

This year, following discussion between the J&P Group and the Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided to give to Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA). This is a small organisation with a long reach. Till recently, it was supporting Syrian refugees living in desperate conditions in Lebanon but the government there has now imposed import punitive taxes including on donated aid. Consequently, EDA has switched its focus to Idlib in Northern Syria where there has been heavy fighting with the result that a million people have been driven from their homes and are now trapped in freezing conditions. **At the St John's weekend Masses on 21/22 March representatives from EDA will come along to tell us briefly about the latest developments and to accept a cheque for £4308 from our parish.'**

SCIAF – MAKE BIG CHANGES HAPPEN WITH YOUR WEE BOX - ‘Thousands of women and girls in the DR Congo need your help right now. Today, many thousands of women and girls continue to be left injured, traumatised and in urgent need of assistance. For more information about SCIAF’s Lent campaign please to www.sciaf.org.uk or call 0141 354 5555. Please collect your WEE BOX for your Lent donations.’

Next weekend - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March - there will be a **second collection in aid of SCIAF and Episcopal Charities.**

The next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on **Wednesday 25 March and Wednesday 1 April** at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you’d like to have your child baptised, please contact Fr Jock.

This year any donations for Fr Jock’s annual Sponsored Slim will be going to the Legho Young Christian Communities in Tanzania and the Steka Skills Workshops in Malawi.

THE BACKGROUND TO THE TWO PROJECTS

There has been a link between our two parishes and **the village of Legho in the Kilimanjaro Highlands in Tanzania for nearly 40 years** – a direct one for St John’s, and via S John’ Primary School for St Mary Magdalene’s. One of the main aims of the parishes’ Pilgrimage in January was to seek to renew these links. It was agreed that one of the best ways of so doing was to support the vibrant 70 strong **Young Christian Community** there – and so encourage them in all they plan to do with the aim of avoiding the relentless migration from countryside to town and the serious damage done to rural life. More than a decade ago, foundations of a large Centre were laid behind the Priests’ house there: the hope now is to begin building again and give the impressive young people two rooms as their own Community Centre...

In the last three years, we have been privileged to have as part of the community of our two parishes at different times, Sandra Ndale, Gift Thompson and Abigail Mazeko, from the **Steka Children’s Home in Blantyre in Malawi.** The Home was founded by Godknows and Helen Maseko a decade ago and now contains 74 children living as one remarkable family. Godknows himself had lived on the streets and also been a victim of human trafficking and many of the children in the home have experienced one or the other – or both...while some have just been abandoned. Only one per cent of young people in Malawi are able to go to university so the major challenge for the Home as the children grow older is for them to have the opportunity to learn a trade – hence Godknows’ new project to build two ‘skills centres’ on open land in the countryside half an hour from Blantyre and near where he was brought up. Our parishes raised £23,000 last year towards that but with rampant inflation, the costs have not yet been fully covered.....

Sponsor Forms are available at the back of both Churches – and there is a combined photo and video presentation on the Parish Facebook Page

THIS WEEK

Saturday 14 March – 11am-3pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **Youth Leaders’ Day**

Sunday 15 March

9.30am – St John’s - **P3 and Children’s Mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass with P4 Do This in Memory of Me**

2.00-4.30pm - St. John’s Hall - **Afternoon Delights**

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 **nails** 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.'

2.30pm - St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens - **Legion of Mary :The Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady** (see St John's Section)

7pm - St John's Hall - **A Presentation (with photos and videos) from our Tanzania and Malawi Pilgrims**

Monday 16 March

11am - Parish House - **Scriptural Reasoning** (Imam Hassan Rabbani, Dr Stewart Weaver, Dr Sophia Marriage and Fr Jock)

2.30pm - St John's - **Healing Mass with sacrament of the sick**

6.00pm - Parish House - **Eco Group (all welcome - from both parishes)**

7.00pm - St John's - **P3 First Reconciliation with celebration afterwards in the hall**

Thursday 19 March

4.00 pm - Parish House - **Faith Formation Group Meeting**

7.00pm - St Joseph's, Broomhouse, Edinburgh - **Celebration for 70th year since opening (see noticeboard)**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 23 March - 10am - St John's - **Requiem Mass for Mary Glancy**

Tuesday 24 March - 10am - St John's - **Requiem Mass for Alison Thompson**

Wednesday 25 March (and Wednesday 1 April) - 7.30pm - Parish House - **Baptismal Preparation Course**

Thursday 26 March - 9.45am - St John's - **Requiem Mass for Jean Greig**

Friday 27 March - 7:30-9:30pm - St Andrew's and St George's West, 13 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2PA - **Celebratory Choral Music and Classical Guitar Concert with the Classical Guitarist Ayman Jarjour & The Choir of St Andrew's and St George's**

This event will be directed by Brigitte Harris, in aid Of Hadeel/ Palcrafts. A light buffet will be served.

Tickets £20, £15 (over 60s/disabled & Students), £10 (under 16s). Buy

[tickets@https://hadeelconcert.eventbrite.co.uk/](https://hadeelconcert.eventbrite.co.uk/) Also in Hadeel, 123 George Street; the Undercroft, St Andrew's and St George's West; or on the door.'

Hadeel is Arabic for 'cooing of a dove' - **Hadeel Edinburgh is a Fairtrade Shop which aims to provide a sustainable source of income for craftspeople working in social enterprises in the West Bank, Gaza, as well as one in the Galilee and another in the Negev'.**

Saturday 28 March

1.30pm-4.00pm - St James/Leith School of Art Hall, 11A John's Place, Edinburgh EH6 7EL - **Edinburgh Coalition Countering Islamophobia** - 'Event includes: guest speakers, stories, food and children's activities. A family event bringing together Edinburgh residents and the Muslim community to share and help raise a collective voice to counter Islamophobia in our city.'

2pm - St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High Street - **Ben Kearsley in Concert**

'Ben Kearsley, classical guitarist, will be playing popular music such as Cavatina, Classical Gas and Yesterday. A light lunch (soup and sandwich) will be served at 1pm (please book for catering purposes).

Tickets for the lunch and concert are £10, these must be booked in advance as places are limited. Tickets for the concert alone cost £6 and can be bought at St Mark's Church, or reserved at

stmarkstickets@gmail.com ☎ 0131 629 1219.'

Saturday 28/Sunday 29 March – RECONCILIATION SUNDAY AT ST JOHN’S AND ST MARY MAGDALENE’S

Saturday 4 April – 10.30am – (C Virus Permitting) Holy Island Pilgrimage, Lindisfarne - In honour of St Oscar Romero on the 40th anniversary of his martyrdom – For further information contact: pastoral@lauriston.org.uk

Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday) – 9.30am – St John’s – P3 & Children’s Mass and P4 DTIM Mass with Reading of the Passion by Children

SUNDAY 5 APRIL – SUNDAY 12 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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

Sunday 24 May 2020 – Nunraw Abbey – Cluster Parishes Summer Picnic (details to follow later)

NOTICEBOARD

A message from the Justice & Peace Group - Fairtrade Easter Eggs:



‘For many of us, Easter means sharing chocolate! Make your celebrations fairer for cocoa farmers this year by choosing Fairtrade. We will have Easter Eggs available at both parishes this weekend (14/15 March) to order for the following weekend in good time for Easter.’

LENTEN EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Thursday 19 March - 7pm - Mass to mark the departure of the Augustinians from St Joseph’s, Broomhouse, and to celebrate 70 years of the parish 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.’

Sunday 15 and 29 March – Gillis Centre - Love Lent: The Call to Holiness – the last two of three different Sunday talks for young adults on God’s call

- **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.’

Holy Rood RC High News

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

- Congratulations to Sarah Howgego who has been appointed as **Curricular Leader of Expressive Arts**. We wish Sarah well in her new post.
- Pupils and staff have been celebrating **Book Week**, S1 – S3 pupils have received a £1 book voucher for use at the Scholastic Book Fair in the library. 20 S1 pupils visited Waterstones on **World Book Day** this year to see an author talk and surround themselves with books. By all accounts a great experience.
- We have had a focus on **Mental Health Awareness** in Tutor Time. Pupils have been learning about the differences between having a mental illness and feeling low. Pupils came up with ideas about how being a good friend can help someone feeling down.
- The focus on this year’s **Lenten Charity fundraising** is SCIAF. Thank you in advance for all your efforts to raise money for this charity.
- **Spotlight on Learning and Teaching** - Our senior pupils completing final assignments and performances. Please keep them in your prayers.
- S2 pupils are giving careful consideration to their **Review of Learning**. The final choices are due in on Friday 13 March.

- The **Paolozzi 2019 Prize Winning Photographs**, including the art work of our very own **Declan Tumblety** and former pupil, **Cyprian Przybyla**, will be showcased on North Bridge, to be enjoyed by thousands every day. The images are now going to production to be printed onto panels and should be installed over the next 2 weeks. We are very proud of their achievements.
- Congratulations to Ron Sabu in S5 who has been selected to represent our school this summer at **Strathclyde University's Scottish Space School**.

Coming up soon...

- **Maths Study Weekend – Aberfoyle (S4-6 pupils)** 13-15 March
- **S6 Stay Awake** - 19 March, **S1 Sponsored Silence** – Mon 30 March, **S2 Sponsored Silence** – Wed 1 April – events to raise money for our Lenten charity
- **Expressive Arts Showcase** – 31 March - 6pm all very welcome
- **S6 Leavers' Ceremony & Mass**- Fri 3 April - 10am – 12pm

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

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

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Ann Reilly, Jean Greig, Alison Thompson, Colette Murphy and Mgr Brian Halloran

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Alexander Connolly, Andrew Williams, Bernard Vinestock, Margaret Reid, Grace Montgomery, Anne Kinane, and Canon Joseph Dunlevy

St John's

Mar.15:- Greta Clarke (2013); Very Rev.Charles Canon Brodie (1999); John Barber (1998); Alexander Connelly (1985); Rebecca M O'Kane (1981); James Waugh (1979); **Mar.16:-** May Mackay (1997); Edward Molloy (1961); **Mar.17:-** Sheila Devlin (2005); Patrick Duff (1981); Chris Lynch (1975); Mary Hunt (1966); Margaret Burns (1937); Esther Keating; **Mar.18:-** Eva Nolans (2002); Annie Cockburn (1993); Anne Kinane (1985); Mary Loftus (1946); **Mar.19:-** Margaret Reid (2015); Bernard Vinestock (2011); Gertrude Forsyth (1986); David Philp (1984); Peter Kelly (1952); **Mar.20:-** Mary Kelly (2007); Sabatino Andreucci (2006); Joseph Ufnowski (2006); Daniel Ferguson (2000); Neil Reid (1992); Josephine Lawler (1966); Canon Joseph Donlevy (1924); **Mar.21:-** Kathleen Main (1991); Jean Ward (1986); Patrick Coll (1985)

St Mary Magdalene's

Mar.15:- Robert Harris (1981); **Mar.18:-** Joseph Patrick Foster (1969)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Susan O'Hara, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, 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: Isobel Phillips, 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, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, 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, Roksana Moczulstra, 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
8 March 2020	£328.86 (including £189.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) – overall figure: £378.86	£952.65 (including £480.50 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £384.75) – overall figure: £1337.40
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
15 March	Children's Mass	
22 March	Eileen Igoe & Ania Rekowska	Anne Jabir

In next week's newsletter, there will be given out the parish Financial Return for 2019 – and at Mass, our treasurer, Jean McNally, will speak on behalf of the parish Finance Council.

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

URGENTLY WANTED! Some new 200 CLUB participants....

For the paltry amount of £1 per month you can enter into our Parish fund raising club. Better still, you can increase your odds of winning by owning as many numbers as you wish at £1 each. There is a monthly draw with the winning number receiving the prize money. More excitingly, twice a year (June and December), we have a large prize draw which all numbers are entered in, so again the more numbers you own the better your odds of winning. Our prize monies have been £25 each month with the additional two big pay outs of £200, however, if we do not get some more members we will need to review i.e. reduce the prizes. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH while enjoying the little bit of fun of the gamble. **Contact Madge or Robert Moyes to sign up.'**



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 21 March	Jim Roarty	Sunday 22 March	Eliza Veitch
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The 2020-21 Gift Aid envelopes will be available for collection from **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March** from the back of the Church.



Since members of the St Johns Finance committee spoke at Stewardship Sunday in June 2019 the number of standing orders have increased from 34 to 46. We also currently have 119 members gift aiding.

If you would like to set up a standing order or join the Gift Aid scheme then please do let Gary, Siobhan or Karen know.

Maria Igoe writes:

- 'The next **Healing Mass** will be this Monday 16 March at 2.30pm in St John's. The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to the Hall for tea and home-baking afterwards. Please come along.
 - There are cards on sale in the shop for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and for Easter. All cards cost 70p.
 - During Lent **the Stations of the Cross** will be said on Wednesdays after Mass. Please join us at the first Station.
 - During Lent **Morning Prayer** will be said at Our Lady's altar from Mondays to Thursdays. Parishioners who are familiar with 'the Office' will guide you in this prayer. Books are available.
 - **Legion of Mary.** The Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady will be held in St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, this Sunday 15 March at 2.30pm. All active and auxiliary members should endeavour to attend this beautiful service. For further information, please contact Maria Igoe. 07981333219.
- 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!'

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 14 March	10.00am :- Mass – 10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Alexander Connelly	
Sunday 15 March 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Grace Montgomery
Monday 16 March	2.30pm Healing Mass – Andrew Williams	
Tuesday 17 March St Patrick - Feast	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass - Fr Harry Stocks
Wednesday 18 March	10.00am:- Mass – Mgr Brian Halloran	
Thursday 19 March ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass: Margaret Reid
Friday 20 March	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (Thanksgiving) 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 21 March	10.00am :- Mass – SI 10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – SI	
Sunday 22 March 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parish	11.15am:- Mass – Barbara Devlin & Mary Service