

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE  
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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Sunday 1 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.



**Please pray for the Staff and Pupils of St John's Primary School, being inspected this week...**

### **Coronavirus (Covid-19) update**

On Thursday, Archbishop Leo addressed the issue in his Ad Clerum (his fortnightly communication with his clergy): 'I have now been asked several times if we as a diocese are taking any precautionary measures to stop the spread of germs at Mass. Last week I sent you a link to the guidelines published by the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, as I considered it worth keeping in mind.

In Scotland we have been fortunate so far, but in the light of the continued spread of the virus in Europe, and in view of our duty of care to others, I have discussed the matter with the Archbishop's Council today. Although we don't want people to panic or worry, I encourage you and your people to discuss and consider, as a precaution, temporarily:

**Omitting the Sign of Peace, or at least to omit the gesture of shaking hands;**

**Omitting reception of the host on the tongue;**

**Omitting reception of the chalice.**

You may also wish to place a sanitising hand gel at the disposal of the priest and the eucharistic ministers.'

After initial discussion at Thursday's Pastoral Team meeting, it was agreed at Thursday evening's meeting of our Cluster Parish Clergy and Pastoral Council Chairs, that **in our five cluster parishes (St MM's, St John's, St Theresa's, Craigmillar, St Ninian's, Restalrig, and St Mary's, Leith), we will from this Sunday onwards follow all these recommendations.** (We will still have the sign of peace, but will look for creative ways in which to celebrate it.)

### **THE RITE OF ELECTION FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES**

**The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults)** is a central group in our parishes – a response to the call of Jesus to 'go and make disciples of all nations' . . . . . since September the group has been meeting each Tuesday evening – and this week-end is an important one 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.**

At the midday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral they will celebrate **the Rite of Election with Archbishop Leo Cushley.** Please pray for them all both today and throughout Lent – for their catechists, Alice Codling, Colette Dempsey and Laurie Blyth, and for their sponsors, and the whole RCIA Group . . . . . and don't forget **Abigail**, now back in Malawi at Steka, who was baptised last Sunday.



## **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



## **LISTENING GROUP – Parish House Prayer Room – 7pm – Friday 13 March**

In response to the deeply upsetting news contained in the report from L’Arche International about the behaviour of L’Arche’s founder, Jean Vanier, there will be a ‘Listening Group’ in the Prayer Room of the Parish House at 7pm on Friday 13 March. The group will be open to all and will offer people who wish an opportunity to share their feelings and thoughts about what has happened.

**On Sunday 16 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 - more details in the coming weeks.**

## **PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES**

The season of preparation for Easter began last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday.

**DO MARK IN YOUR DIARIES – HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – 5 April-12 April – the celebration for which Lent is a preparation.**

In the sister parishes we offer different ways of preparation for you to choose from. Lenten initiatives include:

- **A choice of weekly Lenten House Groups – either ‘A Word in Lent’ or ‘Broken’** - there is still a chance to sign up for a group for either course, details of which are listed below. (Contact Fr Jock if you wish to know what’s involved in a house group...)

**Our Reconciliation Sunday will be on either the Third or Fifth Sunday of Lent – 14/15 March or 28/29 March (tbc next week) - when several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament. ...and, of course, Reconciliation is available every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass at St John’s or at any time simply by making an appointment with Fr Jock.**

- **LENT IS ALSO A TIME FOR ALMSGIVING ...AND FOR SCIAF’S WEE BOXES:**  
**There will be more details of the SCIAF Wee Box Lenten Campaign 2020 next week** (and also details of Fr Jock’s Lenten Slim – and the lively background to it...)
- **Each weekday (from Monday to Thursday) there is the Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.30am at St John’s**
- **On Wednesday mornings, there are Stations of the Cross at St John’s after the 10am Mass/Eucharistic Service.**

**....and there is also the opportunity to participate in what we offer each week:**

each day there is Mass in either St Mary Magdalene’s or St John’s, normally at 10am

each week there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Fridays there are Divine Mercy Devotions from 3-4pm at St John’s.

**AND THIS YEAR, A NEW INITIATIVE - 18 Hours of Adoration – 6am-midnight - St John’s – Friday 3 April.**

**‘Can you not wait one hour with me?’ Matthew 26:40**

**Deacon Eddie writes:** ‘This year we will offer a chance for everyone to spend some time in prayer in front of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and preparation for Easter. We especially encourage helpers and participants who have never been involved in this before.

In the earlier part of the 20th century and before, it was common for people to pop in to say a little prayer, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, on the way past the Church going to work, school, sports or shopping.

I will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the 3 April at 6am (yes, in the morning!) and Father Jock will remove it at midnight, 18 hours later.

The Jesuits, on mission to the First Nations of Canada, described the Monstrance in which the sacrament is exposed as being like a "Sun with Three Rivers" - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Come let those rivers flow into us all as we prepare for Holy Week.

3 April is the last day of the school term and Friday before Palm Sunday. Please try and leave a little earlier to drop in on the way to work, or school, or shopping, and join us as a community in worship.

Candles will be available to light and say a prayer for those who come in. Anyone wanting a candle lit and a prayer said for them should fill in a request at the back of St John's in the coming weeks, or submit a request electronically via the joint parishes' Facebook page.

Anyone who is able to give a little of their day is asked to fill in the sheets at the back of the Church.

We want visitors to join us, to feel welcome and say a prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Therefore we need **volunteers** and **welcomers** to stay with the Sacrament through the 18 hours. I myself will be there from 6am until 8am before heading off to work for the day, but would love some company...'

## Lenten House Groups 2020

**Ash Wednesday was on 26 February** – last Wednesday. **For our parishes' Lent groups this year, during the 5 weeks starting tomorrow 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**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 ASAP, choosing your preferred time and day...or phone the Parish House**

Day	Time	Host and Venue	Leader	Course
Tuesday	2pm	Eileen Rennie – 4 Joppa Station Place	Geoff Dobson	Broken
	7pm	Roz Mackay – 2 Goff Avenue	Anne Jabir	A Word for Lent
Wednesday	2pm	Maria Igoe - F1 38 Clifton Mews - Baileyfield Road	Chris Jones	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
	7pm	Colette Dempsey – 31 Inchview Terrace		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**

### **Sunday 1 March**

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

5pm-7pm – Gillis Centre – **Love Lent : The Call to Holiness – A talk for young people between the age of 18 and 30. 'These three Sunday evening Lenten 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**

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**

7.00pm – Prayer Room – Lectio Divina – **A Scriptural Reflection on Jesus' invitation to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**

7.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Fire Team Meeting**

**Thursday 5 March – 6.30pm – Parish House – St John's Fabric Committee Meeting**

### **Friday 6 March**

**2pm - St Mary Magdalene's Church World Day of Prayer 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)

## **IN THE COMING WEEKS**

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

**Wednesday 11 March – 7.00pm - in St Mary Magdalene's Hall - St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting**

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

### **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** (see Notice Board).

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 – 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 28 March** – 1pm soup & sandwich lunch/ 2pm concert – St Mark’s Episcopal Church – **Lunchtime Concert with Ben Kearsley** (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)

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

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**Sunday 15 March - 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 **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.’

**Saturday 28 March – Concert at St Mark’s Episcopal Church,**

Ben Kearsley, classical guitarist, is playing at St Mark’s Church, 287 Portobello High Street, Edinburgh EH15 2AR on Saturday 28 March at 2pm, 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](mailto:stmarkstickets@gmail.com) ☎ 0131 629 1219

## **LENTEN EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**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.

**The departure of the Augustinians from St Joseph's, Broomhouse: Thursday 19 March - 7pm - Mass 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.'

**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.**

**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.

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

- Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the **Faculty Fair** and **S2 Information Evening** on Monday 24 February.
- We were delighted to welcome Deacon John Smith and Father Jock who led our **Ash Wednesday** Services for all pupils. Voting for the Lenten Charity is well underway and all fundraising during this period will be donated towards the pupils' chosen charity.
- All S3 pupils attended the **Careers Hive STEM Event** at the National Museum on Wednesday 26 February. Pupils learned about STEM careers and tested their skills in the interactive workshop.
- All S1 French pupils celebrated **Mardi Gras** with a party, including a visit from our own Roi du Canavale who distributed babioles amongst his subjects - a wonderfully fun and cultural experience for all!

- Congratulations to **Callum Fielding** in S5 won the **Global Citizen Award** for Scotland through his work with the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. He had to write and present a talk about sustainability. Callum will have the opportunity to travel to Zambia to put his talk into practice over the summer holidays.

Date for your diary:-

**S6 Leavers' Ceremony and 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: Brenda March, Wendy Lochhead, Cameron Bloomfield and Winnie Callaghan and Irene Brolly***

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Gerry Wynne, Josie Flanagan and Maureen Sime***

### **St John's**

**Mar.1:-** Lauren (baby) Grassick (1998); Gerald P Stone (1972); **Mar.2:-** Thomas Malcolm (1983); **Mar.3:-** Mary Teresa Glancy (2019); Agnes Denning (2012); Hugh Christie (1995); Joan Gillon (1991); William T Laydon (1991); Vincent McGlone (1990); Mary Young; **Mar.4:-** Helen Ryan (1998); Paddy Dixon (1997); **Mar.5:-** Elmar Begg (1989); Thomas Rooney (1959); Elizabeth Forsyth; **Mar.6:-** Patrick J (Joe) Ward (1999); Agnes Boyle; Conal Boyle; **Mar.7:-** Maureen Sime (2018); Anne Holt (1981)

### **St Mary Magdalene's**

**Mar.2:-** James Sweeney (1971); **Mar.4:-** Edward Grant (1999); **Mar.5:-** Bernard Halliday (1983); **Mar.7:-** John Hughes (1967)

***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:*** 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
23 February 2020	£285.98 (including £115.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) – <b>overall figure: £335.98</b>	£883.52 (including £433.12 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £437.25) – <b>overall figure: £1320.77</b>
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
1 March	Laura Tweedie & Lexvi Sanchez	Jim Gallagher
8 March	Emma Dewar & Tessa Haring	Peggy Ferguson

**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.**

**Welcome to the world .... Ava Dewar, a daughter for Emma & Sean, and first grandchild for Susan Gibson, born on Wednesday 26 February.**



**Jennifer Morris writes:** ‘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.’

**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.**

**Lost and Found**

Could Mrs Fusco please contact either Fr Jock or Karen in the parish office (669 5447).

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	Pauline MacInnes, Bozena Tansey, Jackie Plews	<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	Evelyn Buckley, Pauline Connarty, Colette Dempsey, Gena Gallagher, Eddie Clark
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**ST JOHN’S FIRE TEAM - Chris Vinestock writes:** - ‘A meeting of the Fire Team will be held on Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm in the Parish House.’

**NB There will be a fire evacuation drill** at some point during the Saturday Vigil 6.30pm and Sunday Mass 9.30am in the coming weeks .....

Jim Roarty writes: ‘**The Eucharistic Minister Rota** for March to June - is now available for collection from the back of the Church.’



**Maria Igoe writes:** ‘The next Charity Coffee Morning will be held this 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.



- A donation of £625.00 (which includes £125.00 gift aid) has been received from the Church Stall, - thank you to all who have used this to date.
- The next Healing Mass will be on 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.
- 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, on 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!
- 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

	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</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 – Canon Jim Friel</b>
<b>Monday 2 March</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass – Elizabeth Keogh</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>10.00am: Mass: - Frances Brolly</b>
<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	<b>10.00am:- Mass - SI</b>	
<b>Thursday 5 March</b>	<b>10.00am: - Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass: Maureen Callaghan</b>
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>10.00am:- Mass – Wendy Lochhead</b>  <b>3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions</b>	
<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	<b>10.00am :- Mass – Lindsay Thomson</b> <b>10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>6.30pm:- Mass – Maureen Sime</b>	
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>9.30am:- Mass – Brenda March</b>	<b>11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish</b>