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2nd Sunday of Lent - Sunday 8 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.



A message from St John's Primary School Depute Head Depute, Mark Burgess, as the school inspection this week came to an end: 'We would like to thank the parishioners of both parishes for keeping the school in your prayers – we have very much appreciated the support.'

Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

There has been another communication this week from Archbishop Cushley: 'On top of the precautions mentioned in last week's ad clerum, I would encourage you to consider also **emptying the holy water stoops** at the doors of your churches, again until Easter, when we will review the situation.' That is advice we will follow - though **we are looking at alternative methods for anyone still wishing to use holy water**. Please do contact Deacon Eddie **07986 015772** if you want any in the mean time.

A reminder of what was written in last week's newsletter:

'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. 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 all 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.' 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.)

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 this 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.

There is also a reflective and measured article about the situation by Ronald Rolheiser which can be found at the end of this newsletter (page 8).

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 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.

Fr Jock’s annual Sponsored Slim – this year with any sponsorship generosity going to the Legho Young Christian Communities in Tanzania and the Steka Skills Workshops in Malawi - has received an impetus this year from an incident that happened during the pilgrims’ three days spent on the island of Zanzibar between the visits to Legho and Blantyre:

Fr Jock writes: ‘We had set off at 4am from Mike Knox’s Sacred Heart Centre in Mweka and arrived, exhausted, at 11am at our hotel in remote Mukunduchi: although the hotel was fairly basic (have you ever watched a rat fight on the beams above you as you have your evening meal..?), the one exception was the rather grand wooden four poster bed in each room...I unpacked, showered, and lay on my rather high bed looking forward to a long sleep, but it was a bit warm so I got off the bed and put on the fan...I then rather energetically jumped back onto the bed thinking ‘at last’ – only to hear a loud crack and find myself **rather alarmingly crashing to the ground** as the bed collapsed earthquake-like (photos of the remains will be posted on our parish Facebook Page this week...).

It immediately became clear to me that the Lenten slim this year could not be avoided – with an added bonus being that anything that benefited either the Legho Communities or the Steka Skills Workshops (to help the home children learn a trade) would be more than worthwhile...’

Ps Do please come to our pilgrims’ illustrated presentation next Sunday - at 7pm in the St John’s Hall - of the (many) ups and (few but spectacular) downs (!) of our visit to Tanzania and Malawi...

Sponsorship Forms will be available at the back of both churches...

PLANS FOR LENT IN OUR SISTER PARISHES

The season of preparation for Easter started on 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’ – this week will be the last 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 the Fifth Sunday of Lent – 28/29 March - 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:**

- **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

For our parishes’ Lent groups this year, during the 5 ‘middle’ weeks of Lent (starting this last week on 2 March) we have offered a choice of focus. Both are ‘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 **uses** 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 are being challenged to explore what it means to follow Jesus, and to walk with him. The second journey follows ‘**A Word for Lent**’ – a course specifically designed for Lent groups by the Scottish Redemptorist **Fr. Denis McBride and by Sr Janet Fearn.** 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 -. If you wish to participate, please let Fr Jock know, choosing your preferred time and day...

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 or email the ISC on admin@iscglasgow.co.uk / 0141 354 0077.

THIS WEEK

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**

Sunday 8 March – 6pm – St John the Baptist, RC Church, Corstorphine – 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.’

Monday 9 March –

10.30am – 12 noon– St Mary Magdalene's Hall - **Community Cafe**

2.15pm – 4.15pm - St Mary Magdalene's Hall - **Singing Group for Dementia**

Tuesday 10 March –

2.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's Hall - **Bingham Community Renewal Forum**

4.30pm – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

7.30pm -9.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church – ‘**Tradition and the Challenge of Same-Sex Unions**’– a **meeting of the Edinburgh Newman Society**. ‘We welcome Angela Hanley who completed her undergraduate theology studies then furthered her theological studies in All Hallows, College, Dublin with a research MA on same-sex unions for gay/lesbian Catholic couples, graduating in 2015. She regularly contributes articles to a number of religious periodicals. All are warmly invited to attend.’

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

Friday 13 March – 7pm - Parish House Prayer Room – Listening Group (see front page of newsletter)

Saturday 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 to register.’

IN THE COMING WEEKS

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, Edinburgh – Celebration for 70th year since opening (see noticeboard)

Friday 27 March – 7.30-9.30pm – St Andrew’s & St George’s West - Celebratory Choral Music and Classical Guitar Concert (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 40th anniversary of his martyrdom – For further information contact: pastoral@lauriston.org.uk

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

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.’

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.’
More details of Hadeel?



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 ☎ 0131 629 1219

LENTEN EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

- **Sister Mirjam Hugens FSO - 15 March** and
- **Father Andrew Garden - 29 March**

‘Both 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.’

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.’

The SCHOENSTATT Sisters of Mary writes: ‘During the Lent and Easter Period Schoenstatt Scotland is running a programme of daily material throughout Lent. For us it is the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Retreat Centre and is a year set aside for Spiritual Advancement and Quest. Parishioners do not require to be on Facebook, but merely key in ‘Schoenstatt Scotland Facebook’ to see the daily screens during this period.’

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

A slightly reduced entry this week, this reflects the fact that it’s an exceptionally busy time with senior pupils completing final assignments and performances. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Pupils and staff have been celebrating **Book Week**, Tutors of 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 (Thursday, 5 March) to see an author talk and surround themselves with books. By all accounts a great experience.
- This week in Tutor Time, our focus has been on **Mental Health Awareness**. 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-** S4 pupils are in the final stages of folio writing for National 5. You might be interested to know that they write two pieces, one of which is persuasive. Pupils have selected and researched their own topics and write in a persuasive way to convince their readers to change their minds, see things differently or just think about something they hadn’t considered. We have topics from almost all facets of life and the school curriculum – sport, health, politics, social and moral issues, religion, science etc. We get many unusual and interesting topics. This year a couple of highlights are a debate about the use of dogs in law enforcement and a look at the ethics of wildlife photography.
- S2 pupils are giving careful consideration to their **Review of Learning**. The final choices are due in on Fri 13 March.

Coming up soon...

- **S6 Stay Awake** - 19th March, **S1 Sponsored Silence** – Mon 30 March, **S2 Sponsored Silence** – Wed 1 April – events to raise money for our Lenten charity
- **Maths Study Weekend – Aberfoyle (S4-6 pupils)** 13-15 March
- **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: Mary Glancy

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Alf O’Brien

St John’s

Mar.8:- Thomas Connor (1998); Annie Tunley (1952); **Mar.9:-** Margaret McMillan (2011); James Docherty (2008); James A McGrory (1976); Michael Murphy (1975); Joseph F Gallagher (1966); Charles McCole; **Mar.10:-** Mary Teresa Glancy (2019); Alfred O’Brien (2009); Mary D’Arcy Hughes (2007); Edward Quin (2007); Michael D’Arcy; **Mar.11:-** Dorothy Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O’Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan; **Mar.12:-** Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A McGrory (1967); Wood family (1955); **Mar.13:-** Jessica Quinn (2000); Thomas Henderson (1984); Cecily Docherty (1972); Patrick G Hunt (1968); John T Clarke (1943) - killed in action; Roseanne D’Arcy; **Mar.14:-** Mary Kelly (2000); Elizabeth Binnie (1987)

St Mary Magdalene’s

Mar.8:- Michael Watt (2008); Vincent Dobie (2001); Alistair N Sibbald (1994); Stuart King (1991); **Mar.10:-** John McPhee (2004); Annie Dalglish (1997); John Barrett (1995); **Mar.12:-** Jeannie Docherty (2010); **Mar.13:-** Helen Sibbald (2014); Gertie Urquhart (1980)

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: David Reid, Molly Lugton, Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, 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, 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 Jorden, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
1 March 2020	£362.94 (including £220.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £50.00) – overall figure: £412.94	£914.37 (including £389.40 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £384.75) – overall figure: £1299.12
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
8 March	Emma Dewar & Tessa Haring	Peggy Ferguson
15 March	Children's Mass	

The next St Mary Magdalene's Pastoral Council Meeting will be held **this Wednesday 11 March at 7.00pm** in **St Mary Magdalene's Hall**.

200 Club Congratulations to the February winner – no. 93 – Jean Douglas who won £25.00
Draw Please note that the March draw shall take place on Sunday 29 March.

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

Saturday 14 March	Chris Vinestock	Sunday 15 March	Enrico Fertini
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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

Maria Igoe writes:

- '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.
- 9 people have booked flights for **Gozo to visit Fr Tabone**. As accommodation has had to be booked, we cannot take any more. We are looking forward to a blessed trip.
- 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, 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!

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 7 March	10.00am :- Mass – Lindsay Thomson 10.30am:- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Maureen Sime	
Sunday 8 March 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am:- Mass – Brenda March	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 9 March	10.00am:- Mass – Ronnie Cunningham	
Tuesday 10 March St John Ogilvie – Feast	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass:
Wednesday 11 March	10.00am:- Mass	
Thursday 12 March	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass: Raemond Little
Friday 13 March	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 14 March	10.00am :- Mass – Wendy Lochhead 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

