

*THE PARISHES OF  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE*

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*THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS*

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**Mgr Rae's Funeral**

Fr Jock writes: 'With this newsletter comes Mike Knox's powerful and perceptive eulogy which he gave at Mgr Rae's Requiem Mass last Saturday, along with the Mgr's final reflection on priesthood – offered after 64 years of living it. Thank you to all who helped in so many different ways to prepare for the Requiem Mass at St John's, and the celebrations that followed. It was a fitting tribute to the Canon that so many people contributed with such warmth and generosity – and with such wonderful results...'

**November Memorial Masses:**

**St Mary Magdalene's: THIS MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**

**St John the Evangelist: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

During the month of November, Catholics traditionally pray for those who have died. It is an opportunity for us to remember all whom we have loved. **There will be two Memorial Masses**, one in either parish, at which there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of family members or friends who have died. If you would like a name read out during the Memorial Mass, please write the name (or names) of those you would like to be remembered on forms to be found at the back of both churches and place the completed form in the box provided. (Please remember to PRINT THE NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS so that it can be clearly read.)

**MARY'S MEALS will be visiting the parishes the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November for their Annual Rags to Riches Clothing Collection.** Frances O'Donnell writes: 'A few Black Poly Bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child for a year (approx. £12.20). We are currently feeding over 989,791 children world-wide, and **we hope this year to reach feeding 1 million children every day.**' Mary's Meals Van will make their collection after Mass at both churches on Sunday morning. They are appealing for TEXTILES in any condition (Clothes, Household Textiles, Shoes, Bags, etc.). Please leave bags clearly labelled for 'MARY'S MEALS'.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 1st November: 10.30am: St John's Church Hall: Fairtrade Stall.**

11.15am: St Mary Magdalene's: **Mass with baptism of Leo Whyte**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: Memorial Mass.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 9.45am: St John's Church: Requiem Mass for Irene Haston**

6-8pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: **SPRED Training.** This will commence on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and continue for 4 consecutive Tuesdays. For further details please contact [Emma.robertson@stened.org.uk](mailto:Emma.robertson@stened.org.uk)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 11am: Old Parish Cafe: Holy Huddle (The monthly gathering of the local ministers and priests...)**

7-9pm: Gillis Centre: **'School of Evangelisation – 2' - 'Mgr Gerry Hand - what makes for a vibrant parish?'** 'This will be very suitable for PPC members and anyone interested in parish renewal. Please book a place as soon as possible. You should register your interest with [Jacqueline.heron@stened.org.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.heron@stened.org.uk)'

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Conforti Institute, Coatbridge: Conference on Mission and Evangelisation.** Cost is £10.00 per person. Speakers include Archbishop Cushley, Bishop Keenan, David Wells and Patricia Carroll. For further information please contact The Conforti Institute on 01236 607120.

10am-12noon: St John's Parish Hall: **PAMOJA FASHION. Sale of Quality Clothes and Accessories.** Supporting our partnership with Legho Village and Legho Primary School. Tanzanian Tea & Coffee available ... **Karibu!**

10.30am - 1pm: **St John's Open Church.**

1.00pm: St John's Church: Baptisms of Isabelle and Gabrielle Emetuche.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** 7pm: St John's Church Hall: **ST JOHN'S OPEN PARISH MEETING .... followed by cheese and wine.**

### **IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** 7.30pm: St John's Church: **Memorial Mass.**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** 7.00-8.00pm: St Mary's Star of the Sea, Leith. **AN EXPERIENCE OF TAIZE...** 'Beginning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and continuing through Advent, come and experience faith through music, silence, reflection and community in the spirit of Taize. All are welcome whether you want to stay for the hour or even if you just want to pop in say a prayer and go. For more information please contact: Andrew Cassidy [andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.oblate.partners@gmail.com) or 0131 555 2179.'

7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene's Church: **Meeting for all St Mary Magdalene's and St John's Eucharistic Ministers.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** 7pm: Parish House: **Mass and meal with St John's School Staff.**

**7.00pm:** St John's Church Hall: **J and P fundraiser for the SCIAF Syrian Refugees Appeal – SINGALONG SOUND OF MUSIC...!** (See below for details)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** 1pm: St John's Church: **Baptism of Natalie Gray.**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.30am: St John's Church: **Mass with baptism of Mary da Silva**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November:** 7.30pm: St Mary's Cathedral: **Capella Caeciliana** (conducted by Sir James MacMillan & Donal McCrisken) Free Concert (with leaving collection!) for The Feast of St Cecilia featuring **'THE PRIESTS'!**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** 5.45pm: Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston: **The Legion of Mary Annual Reunion** beginning with Mass at 5.45pm. The cost of the meal is £10. If you would like to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.

### **NOTICEBOARD**

#### **JOB VACANCY: PASTORAL ASSISTANT**

The Sacred Heart Parish in Lauriston Street is seeking to employ a full-time Pastoral Assistant (35 hours per week). Working with the Parish Priest, the successful candidate's responsibilities will include the co-ordination and development of sacramental preparation, youth catechesis, adult education and communications, and supporting the work of volunteers in catechesis and safeguarding. Salary £20,000 p.a For further details, please see noticeboard, or visit [www.sacredheartedinburgh.org](http://www.sacredheartedinburgh.org).

### **St John's Church Open Day**

St. John's Church will be open on *Saturday 7 November from after 10.00am Mass till 1 pm* – coinciding with the market in Brighton Park - in order to offer passers-by the chance to enjoy a few moments of quiet reflection and to light a candle. This initiative responds to Pope Francis' stated desire that churches should be open and not merely 'museums'. **To welcome visitors, we would like a team of volunteers doing one-hour stints from the end of 10.00 am Mass till 1 pm – two welcomers in each one-hour block.** If you are free to help, please put your name on the sheets at the back of the church.

*The hills are alive ... with the sound of people singing!*  
**Brighten up gloomy November by singing along with Julie Andrews  
in a sing-a-long version of 'The Sound of Music'.  
Friday, 13th November at 7.00pm  
St John's Church Hall. (Admission £6.)  
Proceeds to SCIAF's Syrian Refugees appeal.  
See any member of the Justice & Peace Group for tickets.**

## PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those whose have died recently, including: Irene Haston, Margaret Galloway and Paddy Hanway

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Andrew Keogh, Con McConville, Sean Martin, James Grady, Mr & Mrs Scally, Rose Henery, James Coyle, Henry McCluskey, John McWilliams Jnr., Meg Barber, Archibald McPherson, Susan Sistrom, Leonora Pelosi, Honor Gardner, Agnes McDevitt, Anne Zoltie, Julia Connelly, Carol Holligan, Sandy Begg, Bridget Quinn, Danny Hoban, William McKenzie, James Hannavy, Bridget Hanlon, Mr Donlevy, Albert Hancock, Mark Andrew Leydon, Hugh Taylor, Mr & Mrs George Burns, Dorothy Scambler, Margaret Leydon, Frances Butler, Mrs Delaney, Mary Cockburn, Lorna Demarco, James Neilson, Mr & Mrs R Greig, Clare Hannavy, Mary Ann McAllister, Fr John Gilmartin, and Joseph Dykes (Somme 1916).

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including:

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Francis Ginnelly, John Ritchie, Terry Delaney, Tricia Davies, Patrick McCafferty Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Isobel O'Neill, Lorna Dickson, Ina McNama, Josie Martin, David Thom, John Cregan, Tom Brown, Maureen Lawrie, Jude Payne, Mona Scoular, Mary Florence & Bob Crabbe, Mary Grady, Jane McGuire, Kathy & Jimmy Gallagher, Jenny Wormald, Erin Corbett, Fay Dignan, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Pat Kershaw, Michael & Mamie Richards, Joan Howie, Helen Harrison, Cathy McGravie, Alf Macnamara, Jane Murray, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Malachy Meehan, Ann Ward, Gerry Houston, and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Elizabeth Mackail, Betty McEwing, Annie Watson, Anne McGeachie, Mary Robertson, Maria Juska, Isobel Phillips, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Silvia Berry, Tony Matrundola, Jude Ferguson, Mary & James Muir, Liz Davis, Rose McKay, Laurence Kennedy, and Denis Davidson.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Simon Benson, Fr Tony McDonald, Edward Martin, Chuck Buchanan, Austen Tod, Cameron Hall, baby Marnie Josie-Sophia Cree, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, Valentino and Paloma Rivera, Isabel McInrue, Anne Gallagher, Denise O'Donnell, Margaret Davis, Dorothy Jamal, Jane Morton, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Christian and John Parham, Conor Kerrigan, Maria St. Denis, baby Ray Donovan Syme, and Rupert Ridge.

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

**Readers for this Sunday:** Anne Jabir & John Cunningham  
**... and next Sunday:** Tessa Haring & Sam Henry

**Bidding Prayers:** Jim Gallagher  
**Bidding Prayers:** Jean Douglas

**200 CLUB Winner of £25 prize for October is Kate Neilson with number 124. Congratulations Kate!**

**FOOD PARCEL SERVICE:** Remember that if you would like to donate to the food parcel service supporting families in the local community, boxes are provided at the back of each Church. Tins of tuna, hotdogs and meatballs would be much appreciated, as would any toiletries you can donate. These will be distributed from St Teresa of Lisieux Parish who are helping 8 to 10 families per week.

### St. John's

**A ST JOHN'S OPEN PARISH MEETING** will take place next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in St John's Church Hall. These open meetings – there will be two each year – are the most important meetings that take place in the parish. They offer an opportunity to hear what has been happening...and to participate in shaping our future plans – PLEASE COME ALONG...

**October Devotions** will be said after Mass or Eucharistic Service every morning from Monday to Friday at Our Lady's altar.

**Linda Brown writes:** 'The Fairtrade Stall is returning for Christmas, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, along with teas and coffees. The dates are **next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December in St John's Church Hall, so come along and buy some Christmas cards and gifts and support fairtrade.'

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 2nd November in the Hall after Mass. Donations will be given to Mary's Meals and the Government will double what is collected.'

*Offertory Collection on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015*

**St Mary Magdalene's**  
£239.95 (inc Gift Aided: £99.00)

**St John the Evangelist**  
£775.03 (inc Gift Aided: £316.40)

Many thanks

| <b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>  |   |   |
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|  | <b>St John the Evangelist</b>   | <b>St Mary Magdalene</b>                  |
| <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>  | <b>10.00am Mass:</b> James John McGreavy<br><b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b> Con McConville  |   |
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b><br><b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>                              | <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Fiona and Peter Klaus   | <b>11.15am Mass: People of the Parish</b> |
| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b><br><b>COMMEMORATION OF ALL</b><br><b>THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b> | <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b><br><b>7pm to 8pm:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>   | <b>7.30pm Memorial Mass:</b> Sean Martin  |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b><br><i>Memorial of St Martin de Porres</i>                     | <b>9.45am Requiem Mass for Irene Haston</b><br><b>(PLEASE NOTE EARLIER MASS TIME)</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><i>MEMORIAL OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO</i>                   | <b>10.00am Mass: James Grady</b>  |   |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>10.00am Eucharistic Service</b>  | <b>10.00am Mass:</b> Margaret Laydon      |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>9.25am to 9.55am:</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i><br><b>10.00am Mass:</b> Frances Smith<br><b>3pm to 4pm:</b> <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i> |   |
| <b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>10.00am Mass:</b> Andrew Keogh<br><b>6.30pm Vigil Mass:</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b><br><b>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF</b><br><b>THE YEAR</b>           | <b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish  | <b>11.15am Mass:</b>                      |

### **Just as You Are.**

‘The ideal doesn’t exist. The personal equilibrium and the harmony people dream of come only after years of struggle, and then only as flashes of grace and peace. Peace is the fruit of love and service to others. I’d like to tell the people in communities, “Stop looking for peace. Give yourselves where you are. Stop looking at yourselves, look instead at your brothers and sisters in need. Ask how you can better love your brothers and sisters. Then you will find peace.” ’

*Jean Vanier, Community and Growth, p34.*