

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

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*SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
24TH JULY 2016*

Congratulations and warm wishes to Fr Jock who celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday 19th July whilst away on a (working! – 350 pilgrims with sixty sick in the St Frai Hospital...) pilgrimage to Lourdes!
You are invited to keep the afternoon of Sunday 7th August free in your diary for an informal joint parish celebration. Further details below.

Many thanks indeed to **Fr John Robinson** and **Fr Gordon Brown** for kindly covering the weekday Masses in Fr Jock's absence ... **and to Fr Tony Lappin who celebrated our weekend Masses.**

Friday, 22 July, was the patronal feast of St Mary Magdalene's and the first time – thanks to Pope Francis – that the feast of 'The Apostle to the Apostles' was a full Feast (rather than a 'mere' memorial – technical liturgical term!). The Feast has been transferred to today's Sunday Mass at 11.15am – all welcome and to the celebration afterwards...

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PICNIC IN THE PARK ... ALL WELCOME!

On behalf of the pastoral councils of the parishes of St John the Evangelist & St Mary Magdalene you are invited to an informal gathering to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fr Jock's ordination to the priesthood.

Please join us in Brighton Park, Portobello, on Sunday 7th August from 1pm to 4pm.

**Bring a picnic. Please note –barbeques are not permitted in the park.
Musicians and volunteers to organise children's activities warmly invited.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th July: 1pm to 7.30pm: **Visit to Nunraw.** Maria Igoe writes: 'The next trip to the Cistercian Abbey at Nunraw will be on Sunday 24th July, leaving St John's at 1pm and arriving back at 7.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Maria Igoe 669 0247.'

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July 2016. 9am to 12.45pm. PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB. 'Guardians of Ancora - 'Children of primary school age welcome to come along for games, gardening, crafts, music, bible stories, and more. Cost £5 per child or £1 per day. Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Rd Nth, EH15 2DL. **An ecumenical initiative of the churches in Portobello...**

Wednesday 27th July: 2.30-4.30 and 5.30-7.30: Portobello Town Hall: Visit of Blood Transfusion Service

Thursday 26th July: 3.30pm: Parish House, 3 Sandford Gdns: Pastoral Team Meeting.

Sunday 31 July: St John's: 9.30am: Mass with baptism of Peter Burnside and Cody Grady

3pm: St John's Hall: Assisi Pilgrimage Gathering

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Why not visit our parishes' Facebook page www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes

The best way to make the future different is to live the present differently.

Daniel Berrigan

An update from Sr Margaret Mary in Rwanda – (on the Pastoral Centre for which we sent funds from the Martin Aelred Concert, the St John’s Spring Fayre, a Monday morning coffee morning, a significant birthday and the sponsored slim!): **Builders fall behind schedule there too...** ‘...sadly, the fact is that all is not yet in order. We were promised the building at the end of April; we have not yet received it but are able to use it for big groups. The difficult part is that after each group we have to remove all the bedding to allow the workmen to continue painting (3rd coat it seems) varnishing and other small jobs. One advantage of being able to use it before it is handed over is that some defects to plumbing and with doors, have come to light, so all will be fixed before the final date which we HOPE will be at the end of this month. The oratory is not yet in use but we have a lovely little tabernacle and an altar we like very much. I hope to be able to send you a photo when all is in place. The date foreseen for the inauguration and blessing is 11 September when Sr.Colette, our Prioress General, will be here. One very good piece of news is that we hope that the present generator will all the same be sufficient to aliment the new building also with a few additions and of course cables. I think the gift may cover the lot. The installation has still to be done.’

A Box of Crayons (Author Unknown) – another post Referendum Reflection?

While walking in a toy store
The day before today
I overheard a crayon box
With many things to say.
‘I don’t like Red’, said Yellow.
And Green said ‘Nor do I!
And no one here likes Orange
But no one knows quite why.’

‘We are a box of crayons
That just don’t get along,’
Said Blue to all the others,
‘Something here is wrong.’

Well I bought that box of crayons
And took it home with me
And laid out all the crayons
So all the crayons could see.

They watched me as I coloured
With Red and Blue and Green
And Black and White and Orange
And each colour in between.

They watched as Green became the grass
And Blue became the sky
And Yellow sun was shining bright
On White clouds drifting by.

Colours changing as they touched
Becoming something new
They watched me as I coloured
They watched till I was through.

Then when I’d finally finished
I began to walk away
And as I did, the crayon box
Had something more to say....

‘I do like Red,’ said Yellow
And Green said ‘So do I,
And Blue, you are terrific,
So high up in the sky!’

We are a box of crayons
Each of us unique,
But when we get together
The picture is complete.

NOTICEBOARD

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: Portobello Town Hall: **Wednesday 27th July 2.30 – 4.30 and 5.30 – 7.30. NEW DONORS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.**

THEATRE ALBA @ DUDDINGSTON. ‘Theatre Alba will be performing two plays during the Edinburgh Festival at Duddingston Kirk. ‘**The Shepherd Beguiled**’ outdoors in the grounds of Duddingston Kirk Manse (please wear warm clothes): 10 -14, 17 -21, 24 -28 August at 7.30 pm. The performance lasts 2 hours 15 mins (with interval). Tickets: £10.00 (£8.00 concessions). ‘**The Quest for Excalibur**’ (a magical promenade play for children) outdoors in Doctor Neil’s Garden 30th July – 14th August at 2.00 pm. The performance lasts for 1 hour. Tickets: £6.00. Tickets are available at the door or from the Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000.’

Offertory Collections for 16th & 17th July

St Mary Magdalene’s
£264.80 (inc. £120.00 Gift Aided)

St John the Evangelist
£790.81 (inc. £360.75 Gift Aided)

Leaving Collection - Sea Sunday

£78.47

£158.09

Many Thanks

Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motion of the stars and they pass by themselves without wondering.

St Augustine

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr Tony McDonald

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: James McQuade

ST JOHN'S:

July 23:- Bridget Whigham (2010); James Tiernan (2006); Agnes McFadyen (1999); May McPhillips (1999); Michael Tierney (1993); Dominic Knowles (1986); Elizabeth Cordery (1959); Sarah Somerville;

July 24:- Catherine Tierney (2003); Francis J Meechan (1992); **July 25:-** Marie Brown (2011); James Dignan (1995); David Gowans (1974); James Forsyth; **July 26:-** Mary Elliott (2002); Michael O'Neill (1999);

Alexander Binnie Jnr. (1967); John Trower (1942); **July 27:-** Peter Connolly (1998); James Cassidy; John Kelly; Helen O'Hare; **July 28:-** Rosemary McDevitt (2002); Catherine Lowe (1986); **July 29:-** Fr. Konrad Haller (1976);

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S:

July 25:- James O'Hara (1982); **July 26:-** Richard McIntyre (1996);

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

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

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

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: George Collins, Cathie Hogg, Margaret Robb, Alan Dougal, Mary Thomson, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, Mary Brockie, John Donnelly, Angela Khaleeli, Joan Young, Noel Flanagan, Catherine Leslie, Dympna Clifford, Austen Tod, Edward Martin, Roy McGillivray, Hugh McGeady, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, John Allan, 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: Olaf Pusch and Mary Fenwick
... and for next Sunday John Cunningham and Anne Jabir

Bidding Prayers: Aileen Hall
Bidding Prayers: Jim Gallagher

St. John's

GIFT AID. If you are a gift aider and have not yet collected your envelopes from the back of the church please do look for the marked box where you will find your 2016-17 gift aid pack. If you have not managed to collect your envelopes and would like them to be delivered please contact Pauline in the parish office. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

VIGIL: C Vinestock, J Martin, M Spencer **SUNDAY:** K Gallagher, A Dixon, J Rynn, A Tanzi, L Dick

'Christian doctrine is not a closed system incapable of generating questions, doubts, interrogatives – but is alive..... It has a face that is not rigid, it has a body that moves and grows, it has a soft flesh: it is called Jesus Christ. We are not living (in) an era of change but a change of era.'

Pope Francis in Florence

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23rd July <i>Feast of St Bridget</i>	10.00am Mass 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 24th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Mass People of the Parish	11.15am Mass
Monday 25th July FEAST OF ST JAMES	10.00am Mass 7pm to 8pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Tuesday 26th July MEMORIAL OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE	10.00am Eucharistic Service	6.15 -7pm: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.00 pm Mass
Wednesday 27th July	10.00am Mass: Anne and Thomas Brennan	
Thursday 28th July	10.00am Eucharistic Service	10.00am Mass: Rosemary McDevitt
Friday 29th July MEMORIAL OF ST MARTHA	9.15am to 10am: <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 10.00am Mass 3pm to 4pm: <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>	
Saturday 30th July	10.00am Mass: Norah Seery 10.30am: <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass: James and Jean Mcquade	
Sunday 31st July	9.30am Mass: Ellie Meagher	11.15am Mass: People of the Parish

An Undefined Power

‘A poor person has a mysterious power: in his weakness he is able to open hardened hearts and reveal the sources of living waters within them. It is the tiny hand of the fearless child which can slip through the bars of the prison of egoism. He is the one who can open the lock and set free. And God hides himself in the child.’

Jean Vanier: ‘Community and Growth’ p96.

