A Warm Welcome to Archbishop Leo Cushley, visiting the new St John’s School building this Friday at 9.30am to bless it and celebrate the first Mass there…and a fond farewell to Fr Loreto Tabone, returning to Gozo the day before, on Thursday.

Today - Sunday 9 September - is THE ANNUAL VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR PILGRIMAGE at St Patrick’s Church in the Cowgate, as we pray for her beatification. 2pm Opening – 3pm – Film: The Story of Margaret Sinclair, Servant of God - 4.30pm Mass. Refreshments available.

Next weekend - Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September - there will be a second collection at all Masses in aid of the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund. ‘The Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund of the Archdiocese provides support for our 26 retired priests. The special collections are one of the main sources of income for the fund. Please remember to pray for those priests who have served us well and be as generous as you can. Gift Aid envelopes will be provided and if you pay tax please consider gift aiding your donation by completing one of the envelopes with your offering inside the envelope.’

A CHANCE TO SEE AND HEAR MORE FROM BISHOP ROBERT BARRON – His DVD series ‘Catholicism’ on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm in the Parish House.
Maria Igoe writes: ‘After the event at the Usher Hall last Thursday with Bishop Robert Barron, the Legion of Mary will host the showing on DVD of his ‘Catholicism’ series of talks on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish House, beginning this Thursday 13 September. The first episode is titled -- ‘Amazed and Afraid, the Revelation of God Become Man’. Produced 10 years ago Bishop Barron journeys across the planet and deep into the faith. CATHOLICISM is a breakthrough documentary series presenting the true story of Christianity and the Catholic faith. Please come along.’

This Year’s RCIA Enquiry Group will meet for the first time on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, 3 Sandford Gardens

What does it mean to be a Catholic? Do you know of anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Catholic? Do you know anyone who feels they have lost touch with the Church and would like to find a way of making contact again? All would be warmly welcome at our informal gathering on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish House, 3 Sandford Gardens, Portobello. Contacts: Fr Jock Dalrymple 0131 669 5447 or Alice Codling 0131 657 1862 aliceCODLING@BTINTERNET.COM (RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – ie the way adults are received or baptised into the Church…)

THIS WEEK
Saturday 8 September - 10.45am – Parish House – Lectio Divina (reflecting on and praying with the Sunday Readings) – all welcome
Sunday 9 September
12.45pm – Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - Mary’s Meals Day
2-6pm – St Patrick’s Church – 2018 Annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

Thursday 13 September
11am – Holy Rood High School – Mass with The Edinburgh Catholic High Schools’ Sixth Forms – to mark the centenary of The 1918 Catholic Education Act.
7.00pm – Parish House – Bishop Barron’s ‘Catholicism’ Series on DVD – the first of ten evenings – All Welcome
7.30pm – Parish House – Meeting of Cluster Priests

Friday 14 September – 9.30am – St John’s School – Opening Mass for The New Primary School Building with Archbishop Cushley.

Saturday 15 September – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre – A Day For Children’s Liturgy Leaders.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 16 September – leaving St John’s at 1pm - Trip to Nunraw

Thursday 18 September –
7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – P4 Sacramental Preparation Parents’ Meeting
7.30pm – Parish House - RCIA begins

Wednesday 19 September – 7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – Pastoral Council Meeting.

Wednesday 3 (and 10 October) – 7.30pm - Parish House – Baptismal Preparation Course

Saturday 6 October
Parishes Autumn Fayre in St John’s Hall
11am- 4pm – Gillis Centre – The Role of the Laity in the Church Today – a One Day Conference (see noticeboard below)

Friday 2 November – Danderhall Social Club - Joint Parish Ceilidh.
‘Music will be by the fantastic ‘Flaming Nora’ ceilidh band – 180 tickets available - tickets will cost £10 per person including supper. For further information please contact Catherine McAnenny on 07968970159.’

NOTICEBOARD

EXHIBITION – PORTY ART WALK
Mike Kinane writes: ‘An exhibition as part of "Porty Art Walk" is being held in my house at 10 Queens Bay Crescent this Sat/Sun 8 and 9 September – 10am-6pm. All welcome for a look and a cup of tea! If you wish to contact me, my contact no. is 0131 669 7173.’

EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE DIOCESE AT THE GILLIS CENTRE
A) A Day for Children’s Liturgy Leaders – This Saturday, 15 September – 11am-3pm – Gillis Centre
100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. ‘This event aims to bring together all those volunteers who run Children’s Liturgy in parishes across the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. The day will consist of training, guidance and support to help you and your parish to become better catechists to our young people. To reserve a place on the Day for Children’s Liturgy Leaders or to ask for more information contact childrensliturgyday@gmail.com – this event is organised by the Catechetics Commission of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. Please bring a packed lunch. All are very welcome.’

B) A One Day Conference on ‘THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH TODAY’- Saturday 6 October – Gillis Centre – 11am-4pm
Archbishop Leo writes: ‘The Conference is free and is open to all. It will begin at 11am and will finish at 4pm and the Guest Speaker is Helen Alvaré, Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law in the United States
A Quiz Night for Scottish Churches Housing Action - Wednesday 3 October.

Jim Roarty writes: ‘Test your brains and help Scottish Churches Housing Action, which focuses on Homelessness, finding workable solutions with organisations in which local churches play an important part e.g. Fresh Start. The Quiz Night is at 7.30pm at the United Reform Church, 108, Duke St, Leith. £2 per person (which includes a light supper). Register your team (4-6 people) with Morag Donaldson at morag.donaldson1@btinternet.com

SCHA is the Organisation that helps to focus on Homelessness and find workable solutions with many organisations of whom the local Churches play an important role. ‘Think Fresh Start etc.’

If anyone would like to be part of a team, contact Jim (07719 952472) or Fr Jock (back on Wednesday).

Holy Rood RC High School News:

Joan Daly writes:

‘Here is this week’s update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

- Thank you to our Archbishop Leo Cushley and Father Jamie McMorrin as well as our very own Deacon John Smith for celebrating with us on Holy Rood's Feast Day.
- S1-S3 pupils signed up for lunch time/after school activities in huge numbers during our annual Sign up in September event. Pupils received a copy of the 40+ opportunities available http://www.holyroodrhighschool.co.uk/?p=1161
- Over 100 S5/6 pupils attended the UCAS Higher education event, helping them to start thinking about their journey to university.
- The Advanced Higher Drama pupils attended a performance of ‘The Prisoner’ directed by Peter Brook at The Lyceum as part of The Herald Young Critics programme. The challenge to provide a review of it for The Herald within 12 hours was embraced by the pupils and we are very proud to say that Eleanor Campanile’s review was selected and published alongside professional reviews in The Herald on Saturday 25 August. Congratulations to Eleanor who has been nominated for the prestigious Wee Cherub Award.
- Four of our S6 pupils (Bilaal Azhar, Trisha Espallardo, Lewis Moorhead and Sandra Sam) successfully enrolled in the highly prestigious Nuffield Research Placements. This year, there were over 400 applicants and only 75 pupils gained a placement, so for FOUR of our pupils to be chosen is a huge achievement. The pupils were given the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists over their summer holiday – we are very proud of their achievements.’

Please tell your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh’

Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception? – 8 December

Adrian Duffy writes: ‘Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception from Edinburgh - departs 05th December, £495 per person sharing, £595 in a single room, staying at the 4* Hotel Padoue, last 16 places available, call Northern Star Travel 0161 773 2115 for further information.’ There is also a poster at the back of each church with further details which does include the itinerary.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary Theresa Byrne

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerry Wynne, Daphne de Freitas, Anne McGeachie

St John’s:

- Josef Kraska (1991); David Docherty (1943);
- Sept.9 :- Mary Gilchrist (2005); Thomas Molloy (1996); Jeannette Kempton (1993);
- Sept.10 :- George Malcolm (1997); Kenneth G Bevan (1996); Alexander Baird (1986); Sept.11 :- Jimmy Maughan (2016); James McGrory (1997);
- Sept.12 :- Alec Gilroy (2016); William and Theresa Morrison (1991); Bridget Service (1979); John McCann (1976);
- Sept.13 :- Neil Griffin (1991); Annie Moutat (1991); Margaret Huntly (1988); Margaret Hartnett (1949); Thomas McDonough; Sept.14 :- John Smith (2009); Janet Gilroy (1956); Agnes Devlin;
- St. Mary Magdalene’s:

- Sept.8 :- Anne McGeachie (2016); Sept.8 :- Samuel Hay (2001)

Please pray for the sick of our sister parishes, including

Sick Parishioners - St. John’s: Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Eddie Clark, Carolann Cranston, Sara Alkahankni, Lena Mancini, Kate Walsh, Anna Butler, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Mary Glancy, Jean McCraw, Joan Howie, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Kitty Dykes, Ermie Moran, Norman Telfer, Philip Janieson, Maimie Richards, Patricia Lawler, Aodhan Dempsey, Helen Hanlon, Pat Hunter, David Thom snr, Patricia Crawford, Giulio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Patrick McCafferty, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Sheila Alexander, Marie Angela Crolla, Dolores Jones, Ann Ward, Lorraine Syne.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Nora Hanratty, Sr Veronica Marshall, Lochie Scougall, Patrick Fitzsimmons, James Clerk, Fr Stephen Muir, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Joseph Jordan, Allan Crombie, Fred and Diana Hibbert, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Jean Nelson, Joseph Daly, Vic Legrix, Vera Hegarty, Hew Dalrymple, James Sangster Irene Baillie, Eileen Daly, Geraldine McGreavy, Joanne Cooper, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Eleanor Brennan, Ann King, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Phylis Sutherland; Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jonty Savage, Julia Jared, Anne-Marie Bevan, Ellen Green, Mario Chianto, Caroline Narrie, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden (aged 19), George Collins, Margaret Robb, Sr Anne Doherty SND, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, Austen Tod, Peter Kent, Isabel Bolus, Isabel McInrue, Christopher Browne, Marie Crolla, Margaret Rose, Vera Hawkes, Conor Kerrigan, young Ray Donovan Syme, Patricia Davies

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Thank you for your generosity

Parishes Autumn Fayre – Saturday 6 October 2018 - 10am – 2pm

Admission Tickets are now available to purchase: Adult - £1.50 - Child 50p includes tea/coffee or juice with goodie bag for child.

JOIN IN THE FUN

☺ to volunteer to help on the day please add your name to the lists which are at the back of both churches;
☺ donations would be greatly appreciated – books, bottles, jewellery, scarves, jams & chutney, kids toys and homebaking (nearer the time);
☺ NO BRIC A BRAC please
☺ Donations may be left at the back of both churches or handed into the Parish House at 3 Sandford Gardens.

All proceeds from the fayre will go to Bethany Night Shelters and STEKA (Step Kids Awareness in Malawi)

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The next St Mary Magdalene’s Pastoral Council meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 19 September – All Welcome

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

| Saturday 15 September | G Sellar, O Brooks, B Tansey | Sunday 16 September | L Moran, M Slight, M Iannarelli, P Maclellan Hawkes, P Glancy |

An item was left behind in the hall last week after the Pamoja fashion sale. If you or you may know someone who has lost something after the sale please get in touch with Karen in the Parish Office on 669 5447.

Elizabeth McClory writes: ‘The Pamoja fashion sale raised £167.50 last weekend - many thanks once again for your continuing support.’

Maria Igoe writes: ‘The next trip to Nunraw will be on Sunday 16th September, leaving St John's at 1pm. If you wish to go, please contact me - 669 0247. To give an update on the status of Nunraw, I would confirm that the Guest House, now called Nunraw Tower, was bought by an American Lady, who intends to use it for her own personal use. Many improvements have been made to the building and the grounds and work continues to create a beautiful family residence. Meanwhile at the Abbey, new guest rooms have been constructed to provide accommodation for up to 24 visitors. It should soon be possible to stay at Nunraw again, but in the New Abbey.’
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