

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 24 November 2019

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 Reflection by Mairi Clunas for the Feast of Christ the King.

'Today's Gospel passage invites us to reflect on our allegiance to Jesus as our King. Do I have the simplicity and faith of the Good Thief? He addresses Jesus by name certain that he has the power, even now, to save him. Entrust your cares to him and turn your gaze towards him. Jesus remember me.'

This is one of our two 'Nametag Sundays' in the year. There is a Pastoral Letter from the Scottish Bishops about the General Election enclosed with this newsletter.

Sunday also marks the end of Catholic Education Week – there is a leaflet marking the week available in both churches (...and there will be a Second Collection in aid of Catholic Education.)

After the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's, there is the **Prayer Partner 'Meet & Greet'**: Arlene Lauder writes: 'This Sunday there will be an opportunity to meet the children whom you are praying for as a Parish Prayer Partner. After Mass the children will be with the Sacramental team and their families in the Hall and it would be lovely if you as a Prayer Partner were able to join us and meet your young person whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a sticky bun.' Any questions or enquiries, please contact me on 07950880833 or email lauder.82@btinternet.com

THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES TO GODKNOWS MASEKO, founder - with his wife Helen - of the STEKA Children's Home in Blantyre, Malawi, from where first Sandra, then Gift and Abigail have joined our community, who will speak at all our Masses this weekend.

As well as 'running' the Home with Helen, (and being Father to the 73 children there!) Godknows is supervising the construction of the parishes' buildings - funded by us as our outreach project for the last year - which will form an important part of the STEKA Centre for Vocational Skills and Community Enterprise He has had a jam packed itinerary for his 10 day visit including presenting at a TEDx event at Queen Margaret University on Friday but is making visiting our parishes a priority.

Godknows is much looking forward to meeting everyone – he will share a meal with the 11 parishioners going to Malawi in January in the Parish House on Sunday evening – and **he will be repeating his TEDx talk in St John's Church hall on Monday 25 November at 7.30 pm in addition to making time after that for an informal question and answer session with all who are there.** Everyone is very welcome to attend.

The East Edinburgh Singing Group for People with Dementia and their Carers is moving to St Mary Magdalene's on Monday 25 November

Jennifer Morris writes: ‘The Group meets every second and fourth Monday each month from **14.15pm until 16.15pm**. It provides an opportunity for people with dementia and their Carers to socialise and sing, with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment. There is a chance to chat over a hot cuppa or soft drink and biscuits before singing well known songs.’



...and don't forget every Monday between 10.30am and 12 midday at St Mary Magdalene's - the new Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat) – all most welcome.

On Wednesday 27 November at St John's at 7pm the second of our two November Bereavement Masses will take place.

These are gentle and beautiful candlelit Masses in which we remember our dead - and have the opportunity to light a candle for them... Forms are available from the back of both churches for you to complete with the names of those you would like remembered and read out. (To ensure the Mass doesn't take too long the suggestion is that we limit each person to 6 names – the last of which might be – ‘the Deceased Members and Relatives of the ___ family’. The completed forms should be placed in the boxes provided.)

Next Sunday – 1 December - at 5pm at Portobello Baptist Church there is the annual **PACT (Portobello and Area Christians Together) ADVENT SERVICE** – with a special collection for Christian Aid – ALL MOST WELCOME.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING COURSES FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS WITH PVG - 7pm – Tuesday 3 December – Gillis Centre

Peter Gillam and Alison Connelly write: ‘All volunteers in the parish who have obtained protection of vulnerable group (PVG) certification are required by the Archdiocese to attend a course which lasts about 90 minutes. This course is designed to help volunteers recognise and deal with any concerns that might arise whilst being involved with vulnerable persons. The vast majority of volunteers with PVG have attended such a course. However, there are a few who have not yet done so. **We would urge anyone who has not yet attended such a course to do so without delay.** To facilitate this requirement a course has been arranged as follows: Tuesday 3 December at 7 pm at Gillis Centre (Arran Room), 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh (parking available on site). If you do intend to attend, could you please contact Peter Gillam on 07771982177 (St. John's), or Alison Connelly (St Mary Magdalene's) so that we can let Scott Mackenzie, who is conducting the course, know the number and identity of those persons who will be attending.’



The Cluster Advent Retreat will take place on Saturday 7 December between 10am and 1pm at St Ninian's – the theme is

*The light shines in the darkness -
a time to pause and wait in hope during this Advent season.*

It will be led by the highly respected retreat giver **Lynda Wright**. **Please sign up** on the list at the back of both churches.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 23 November

10am Mass in St John's - and 10.45am in the Parish House – **Legion of Mary 40th Anniversary**
10.45am-12.30pm - St John's Hall – **A Celebration Morning for all P4 DTIM Children and Parents/Carers**

Sunday 24 November - Feast of Christ the King

Second Collection in aid of Catholic Education - Name Tag Sunday

9.30am - St John's - **Children's Mass + P3 Signing of the Cross**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass with P4 Do This In Memory of Me Children - Prayer Partner Meet and Greet**

1.00pm – 7.30pm – **Trip to Nunraw Cistercian Monastery** (see St John's section)

6pm – St Mark's – **Inter-Church Youth Group**

7.45pm – **Parish House - Meal for January Malawi Pilgrims with Godknows Maseko**

Monday 25 November –

10.30am to midday - St Mary Magdalene's Hall - **Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat) – all most welcome.**

2.15pm-4.15pm - St Mary Magdalene's Hall - **The East Edinburgh Singing Group for People with Dementia and their Carers**

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **An Evening with Godknows Maseko.**

Tuesday 26 November

1pm – St Theresa's, Craigmillar – **Meeting and Lunch for Cluster Priests**

7.30pm – Parish House – **RCIA Enquiry Meeting**

7.30pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Landings Group Meeting**

Wednesday 27 November

10am-4pm - St John's – **Visit of Radio Scotland to record 4 Sunday Morning Services with Fr Jock**

7pm - St John's – **Bereavement Mass**

Thursday 28 November

10.45am – Parish House – **Meeting of Prayer Co-ordinating Group**

12 midday – 2.30pm – Scottish Parliament – **Event to mark Islamophobia Month** – with Fr Jock speaking.

Friday 29 November – 10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Simon Curran.**

Saturday 30 November - 7-9pm - Duddingston Kirk Hall – **'Come to the Cabaret'** – 'Tricia, Jeremy and friends will entertain you to an evening of music and song benefitting "Music for You", a charity which takes music into the homes of the frail elderly or housebound.' 'Entrance £10 - Includes soft drinks and finger food. You are welcome to bring your own wine.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Sunday 1 December – First Sunday of Advent

10.00am-2.00pm – Bellfield – **Portobello Christmas Fair**

The organiser Carmen Chalmers writes: 'STEKA will be taking part as one of the stalls holders. There are also 4 local choirs attending too! The link for the event is <https://www.facebook.com/events/575534232943396/?ti=icl> - for further information please contact me on 07957521470 Email - portobellochristmasfair@gmail.com

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass with RCIA Rite of Entry to the Catechumenate**

3pm – Top of the Mound, Mound Place – **Edinburgh's Christmas Nativity Carol Concert**

'Everyone is welcome to come along and sing Christmas Carols and join the Origin Scotland Choir, supported by St Columba's Choir, Blackhall, St Andrews and St Georges West Choir, Salvation Army Band and Wester Hailes Education Centre at the annual Nativity Carol Concert. Bishop John Armes will give the Christmas message, and Rev Angus Mathieson brings prayers for the city while Archbishop Leo Cushley blesses the Nativity Scene. The collection this year will be for the Cape Town Gospel Choir.'

5pm – Portobello Baptist Church – **PACT ADVENT SERVICE**

Monday 2 December

10.30am – midday - St Mary Magdalene's Hall - New Community Café Drop-in

10.45am – St John's Hall - **Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Mary's Meals.**

11.15am – Parish House – Christian-Moslem Scripture Reasoning

6.00pm-7.00pm – Parish House – **St John's Eco Group Meeting** – All Welcome

6.30pm – St Columba's, Upper Gray St – Monthly Vocation Mass – followed by Tea and Coffee.

7.30pm-9.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday 3 December - 7 pm - Gillis Centre – **Safeguarding Training Courses for all Parish Volunteers with PVG** (see noticeboard)

Wednesday 4 December - 6.30pm – Parish House – **St John's Fabric Committee Meeting**

Thursday 5 December –

10.00am – St John's - **Requiem Mass for William Turnbull**

1pm-4pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club Annual Dinner** (see St John's section)

Friday 6 December - 5.30pm-7.30pm – (starting at the) Usher Hall - “Vigil” for Climate Justice to coincide with COP 25: Mike Mineter writes: ‘The idea is to have some music from 5.30pm and a speaker or two, then at 6pm start walking down Lothian Rd and along Princes Street as far as the Art Gallery. Initiators are Friends of the Earth but they are keen to make this a multi-organisation affair to illustrate the range of support for Climate Justice. Their Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/737986893342928/>’

Saturday 7 December – 10am (Mass)-1pm – St Ninian's - Cluster Advent Retreat with Lynda Wright,

Monday 9 December - 2.30pm - St Mary Magdalene's - Healing Mass – ‘The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass. Everyone is invited to the Hall for tea and cakes afterwards.

Tuesday 10 December – 7.30pm – Mayfield Church – Edinburgh Newman Society Faith Sharing Evening – ‘small group sharing on a range of topics facilitated by a Committee Member. This will be followed by a glass of wine and mince pies.’

Sunday 15 December

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with P4 Do This in Memory of Me children**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Children's Mass + P3 – Rite of Illumination Candles**

NOTICEBOARD

IN PRISON FOR THEIR PRINCIPLES – AN INVITATION TO WRITE A LETTER THIS CHRISTMAS IN SUPPORT OF A CHRISTIAN VICTIM OF TORTURE

A message from the Justice & Peace Group: ‘In a handout accompanying next week's newsletter, you will see descriptions of prisoners in jail for their religious beliefs, for defending civil rights and rights for women. These have been supplied to us by Action by Christians Against Torture. If you would like to express your support and solidarity with these victims of persecution, we have a supply of cards at the back of the church. Simply write your message and the name of the person(s) to whom you are sending it and we will arrange for them to be sent to the prisons where they are held. Please note that for those in the notorious Evin prison in Iran, there should be no mention of Christmas or Christianity.’

SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE AND SCIAF AT CHRISTMAS

Pauline MacInnes writes: ‘St John's and St Mary Magdalene's Justice & Peace Group plan to have a Fairtrade Stall and SCIAF Real Gift Vouchers for sale at St John's next weekend - 30 November and 1 December - and also on the following weekend - 7&8 December. We hope you will be able to support Fairtrade and SCIAF.’



An Invitation to Help with Research into ‘Smart’ Technology options for our buildings

Frances McDevitt writes: ‘The Music Co-ordinators of our sister parishes have recently been discussing options around our use of hymn books and hymn sheets. These discussions have overlapped with Eco awareness conversations. Some church buildings (for example, PJPC - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church) make use of ‘smart’ technology during services, projecting hymns and readings onto screens while also ensuring that some printed copies are available for those who prefer.

It is proposed that our sister parishes carry out research into ‘smart’ technology options for our buildings, gathering information and costings so that informed decisions can be taken about the best ways forward for our parishes. If this is an area of development in which you have interest or expertise, please speak to Fr Jock or myself.’

28th EDINBURGH NORTH EAST SCOUT GROUP IN SEARCH OF A GROUP SCOUT LEADER



‘The 28th Edinburgh North East Scout Group meet in St John's Primary School, they have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. It's a strong group with good leaders. They also have a Parents Group. But they really need a Group Scout Leader. This role involves managing & coordinating the Sections & as a liaison between the Group & District. No scouting experience necessary, training will be provided. If

you would be interested in this role please contact: The District Commissioner, Rob Whitelaw, would be happy to discuss this and answer any questions.' His email address is rob.whitelaw10@gmail.com '

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 10-17 JULY 2020

Dr Ken Ritchie, Chairman Archdiocesan Lourdes Committee writes: 'The annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place 10 – 17 July 2020. Why not come on a spiritual trip of a lifetime while helping pilgrims in wheelchairs? Please visit Edinburgh-lourdes.com for details. An early expression of interest is necessary to allow Safeguarding requirements to be completed. For those aged 16 and over. If you are interested please contact Dr Ritchie direct on 01383 413508 or email drkritchie@aol.com'

Holy Rood RC High News

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

- We celebrated **Catholic Education Week** by focussing on our School Mission Statement in RE, identifying the Gospel Values and giving examples of how we act these out in school. A group of pupils met and discussed with staff what makes Holy Rood such an inclusive school community.
- The **Higher French Class** and their teachers returned from a **3 day trip to Paris** talking enthusiastically en français about La Tour Eiffel, les bateaux mouches, le centre Pompidou, le Cinema Rex, Montmartre, Sacré-Cœur et le Musée d'Orsay. Paris - c'est magnifique!
- 32 pupils and 4 staff slept out in the centre of Edinburgh overnight, they fundraised to support the work of the host charity, **The Rock Trust**, who focus their efforts on preventing **Youth Homelessness** amongst young people between the ages of 16 and 25.
- A group of S1 girls were invited to the **Scottish Parliament** as part of a select group to participate in a "**Hackathon**" to coincide with launch of STEM report. They toured the parliament, debating chamber and worked in groups with a mentor using coding programs to create a promotional leaflet. Well done to all!
- Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the **S5/6 Parents' Meeting**. It was a privilege to share such detailed dialogues about learning and next steps, and work in partnership with you to support our young people reach their potential.
- **Dates for your diary:- Christmas Concert & The Drama Club perform in "The Grinch"** – 6pm, 3 December, £2 (children free). All welcome

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: Anne Moore, Felicita Pelosi, Sam Holland Brown, William Turnbull and Louise Williamson

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Josephine Connelly, Winifred Maughan, Basil Juska, Josephine Connolly, Willie Robertson, Lucia Farrell and Robert Watson

St John's

Nov. 24:- Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair; Nov. 25:- Winifred Maughan (2017); Denise O'Donnell (2017); Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connelly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945); Nov. 26:- Michael McFadyen (1995); Charles Conlon (1989); Norah Lawler (1968); Maria Teresa D'Arcy; Nov. 27:- Jean Melrose (1993); Francis Bell (1991); Joseph Mullan (1978); Margaret Brennan (1948); Nov. 28:- William McGill (1990); Margaret Knowles (1960); Michael Murphy (1945); Angelo J Scott (1937); Winifred Greenan; Nov. 29:- Margaret M Freeman (2012); Catherine [Rena] Begg (2010); Margaret Philips (1989); James Magee (1976); Henry McKenna; Nov. 30:- Grace Knowles (1990); Helen McKinnon (1989); Alfred Reading (1957); Connelly Family;

St Mary Magdalene's

Nov. 25:- Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982); Nov. 28:- Iris Beattie (1980); Nov. 30:- Basil Juska (2015)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Betty Dougal, Alison Thomson, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Pat Tansey, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Dolores Jones, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Jean McCraw, Mary Glancy, Marie White, Cathy Walls, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Alan Lugton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Guilio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Hugh Shannon, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathy Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla, Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Ella Ayers, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Elizabeth Mackail, John Prior, Sheila Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhilipps, 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, Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: Maureen Callaghan, Margaret Lee, Seamus Hughes, 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, Alice Doherty, Martin Doherty, John Clark, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksana Moczulstra, Wendy Lochhead, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull,

Stuart Falconer, Ellen Green, Kathleen McConnell, Jake Jorden, George Collins, Ena McCann, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan, young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
17 November 2019	£303.07 (including £135.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £343.07	£773.52 (including £363.40 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £439.50) – overall figure: £1213.02
Special Collection – World Day for the Poor	£268.55	£483.46
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE		
	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
24 November	Children's Mass	
1 December	Emma Dewar & Lexvi Sanchez	Peggy Ferguson
8 December	Eileen Igoe & Ania Rekowska	Jean Douglas

Do please support our new community initiative – from 10.30am to midday (every Monday) in St Mary Magdalene's Hall a **Community Café/Drop-In (Free tea and coffee and friendly chat)** – **all most welcome.**

All those interested in singing the carols/songs on 23 December around Bingham are cordially invited to join the practice each Thursday evening at the Bingham Community Centre at 7pm.



Mary from Mary's Meals phoned to thank both parishes for the collections taken up last weekend. They received 28 bags of clothing and £323.63 through sale of raffle tickets.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST			
Saturday 30 November	Matt Gorrie, Jackie Plews, Jeff Kemp	Sunday 1 December	Linda Moran, Phyllis McLeay, Bernie Gallagher, Theresa Spence, Colette Dempsey



Gena Gallagher writes: 'The Thursday Club will be holding their Annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday 5 December at 1.0pm-4.00pm in St John's Church Hall. Any Senior wishing to join us please get in contact with me on 661 1311. This will be the last get-together this year! The Thursday Club will resume on Thursday, 9 January 2020.'

Warm Birthday Greetings to Michael O'Neill (who serves at the 9.30am Mass each Sunday), who celebrates his **55th birthday**, today Sunday 24 November

Maria Igoe writes:

- 'During Advent, Morning Prayer will be said at Our Lady's altar before Mass or Eucharistic Service from Monday to Thursday. Please come along to join in this prayer.
- The Charity Coffee Morning will be on Monday 2 December after Mass in the Parish Hall. Donations will be given to Mary's Meals. Please come along.
- The Stall has on sale Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles. The cards show the real meaning of Christmas. Please come to the Stall to see what is on offer.'

Eco Group Update - Frances McDevitt writes: **'St John's Eco Group will have its fourth meeting on**

Monday 2 December 2019 from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish House. Everyone is very

welcome to come along. If you prefer, you could contribute comments by e-mail (sfmcdevi@gmail.com). The agenda for this meeting will include Eco issues feedback from the recent Open Parish Meeting as well as looking at resources provided by the

archdiocese in *'The Season of Creation – The Web of Life''*

([https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Portals/0/Articles/Creation%20Time%202019_CJP%20Final16038%20\(6\).pdf](https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Portals/0/Articles/Creation%20Time%202019_CJP%20Final16038%20(6).pdf))



Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23 November	10.00am: – Mass – Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Paddy McCafferty	
Sunday 24 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SOLEMNITY	9.30am:- Mass – People of the Parishes	11.15am:- Mass – Canon Stephen Judge
Monday 25 November	10.00am:- Mass – Winifred Maughan and Josephine Connolly	
Tuesday 26 November	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am :- Mass – Deceased members of the Amadeo Alonzi family
Wednesday 27 November	7.00pm:- Bereavement Mass	
Thursday 28 November	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass – Joe Reilly
Friday 29 November	10am – Requiem Mass for Simon Curran 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 30 November St Andrew -Solemnity	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am: – Mass - People of the Parishes 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – Basil Juska	
Sunday 1 December 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)	9.30am:- Mass – Robert Watson	11.15am:- Mass – Lucia Farrelli & Willie Robertson