

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday 12 January 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.



The monthly Mass of Healing will be this Monday 13 January at 2.30pm. 'The Rosary will be said at 2.15pm and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Please join us in the Hall afterwards for tea and home-baking.'

Early Tuesday Morning, 14 January, a group of parishioners/pilgrims set off for a two and a half week visit to Africa – to Tanzania and Malawi.

Tracy Burgess writes about the **Tanzania and Malawi Pilgrimage...**

'A **pilgrimage** 'is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about the self, others, nature, or a higher good, through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life.'

Legho, Kilimanjaro:

The pilgrimage has its origin in the formation three years ago of the Legho Renewal Group. When we originally came together, our remit was to assess the relationship between St John's parish (and also St Mary Magdalene's because of the link through St John's Primary School) and to look at ways to strengthen existing relationships and build new friendships nearly forty years on from the first links between our two communities – and in response, sadly, to the deaths of most of those in the original partnership. Now, three years on, the intention of the eight of us pilgrims - from both our parishes: Michael Camilleri, myself, Fr Jock, Phyllis McLeay, Bernadette Campbell, Jeremy Devlin-Thorp, Catrina McGillvray and Colette Dempsey) - is to spend time with the people of Legho, giving us the opportunity to get to know each other. Legho has a vibrant young Christian community who are very keen to meet and talk with our group and learn about our young people. And Fr Sangawe is the relatively new parish priest – and of a relatively new parish! He and Fr Jock are looking forward to meeting each other and sharing their love of the liturgy... (Fr Jock will no doubt be taking notes on the length of the services... he has been asked to concelebrate four Masses in Swahili - two hours each - next Sunday, beginning at 6am - ending at 2pm. The rest of us will have a lighter load – just one Mass...)

And we hope not just to observe but, aided by the programme Mike Knox has kindly arranged for us, to insert ourselves into Legho life: to take time, to sit and talk, to laugh and to make friends.

Then, after three days downtime in Zanzibar, we fly on to...

Blantyre, Malawi:

When we decided definitely to go to Tanzania, it was just after we had begun fundraising for the STEKA Skills Centres: we looked at a map and realised Malawi was not too far from Tanzania, and that it would be a wonderful opportunity to visit STEKA too. Encouraged by Godknows, Emma Wood and Gift (and Abigail since she joined us) we found out that it would be possible...and so we are going to be joined there by two other parishioners, Catherine McAnenny and Derek de Freitas – and by Gift too.

What a privilege it has been to walk along side by side with the STEKA family (even for a short time). The skill centres that we were invited to finance will undoubtedly have a positive affect for the older children as they transition from school to a working life.

We are looking forward to spending time with Godknows, Helen and their family. Talking with the family and playing with the children (all 73 of them!)

Gift is also coming over with us and will be our guide while we visit.

Fr Jock has been invited to celebrate Mass on Sunday morning in the local parish.

This, for most of us will be a journey to an unknown foreign land. Hopefully we will get a chance to expand our understanding of ourselves, of others, of nature and of the 'higher good' that is our God within this experience. And perhaps a personal transformation... Please pray for us, and for the two communities which we will visit, that the pilgrimage will be a blessing for us all.'

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 January

9.30am – St John's - **P3 Children's Mass**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **P4 Do This in Memory Mass**

Monday 13 January –

2.15-4.15pm - St Mary Magdalene's - The East Edinburgh Singing Group for People with Dementia and their Carers recommences. 'The Group meets every second and fourth Monday each month at this time. 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.;

2.30pm – St John's - **Mass** with the Sacrament of the Sick

7.00pm – Parish House – **Justice and Peace Group Meeting** (All Welcome)

Tuesday 14 January

Departure of Group of Parishioners to Legho, Tanzania, and Steka, Blantyre, Malawi

7.30-9.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ – '**Early Christian Women' - a talk by Professor Helen Bond**, Professor of Christian Origins, Head of the School of Divinity, Edinburgh University – the first meeting of the **Edinburgh Newman Society** in 2020 - 'all are warmly invited to attend.'

Saturday 18 January - 4.00pm - Old St Paul's Church, 63 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DH - Scottish Churches Housing Association 25th Anniversary Service

18-25 January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Daily short service at 12 noon (c15 mins), followed by a simple lunch - **All welcome**

Monday 20th - St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High Street

Tuesday 21st - St John's Church, Brighton Place

Wednesday 22nd - St Martin's Church, 4 Magdalene Drive

Thursday 23rd - Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street

Friday 24th - Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, 1 Brunstane Road N

Wednesday 22 January - 7.30pm - City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square Edinburgh EH8 9BX - 'Edinburgh Churches Together invite you to join an Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Guest speaker: Rt Rev John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh (SEC). The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome!'

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Saturday 25 January

11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre - **Bioethics Day: 'What's the Catholic view of assisted suicide and how crucial is palliative care in resisting the culture of death? Dr David Jones, Director of Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, will discuss the major issues surrounding assisted suicide** at The Gillis

Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. He will be joined by **Evelyn Howie**, a retired Senior Palliative Care Nurse, who will reveal the impact of palliative care in combatting the culture of death. To register search 'Bioethics Day' on Eventbrite or visit the events section of the Archdiocesan Facebook Page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.'

Monday 27 January – 6pm – Stockbridge Church, Saxe Coburg EH 5BN - **Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time' (marking Holocaust Memorial Day)** - Jean Johnson – clarinet Aisling O'Dea – violin Clea Friend – cello Alex Taylor – piano www.artisanensemble.com Suggested donation £20 Scottish Refugee Council All welcome

Thursday 30 January – 7.30pm – Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Gemma Simmonds, CJ** (Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge University) - **'Women in the Church'**

Saturday 1 February – 10.00am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club – **Bingham + Magdalene 2020 Community Conference** (see St Mary Magdalene's section)

Wednesday 5 February

7-9pm - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road - **Anti-Human Trafficking - Modern Slavery.** Registration and coffee from 6.30pm. Trainer: Alister Bull - *'The evening will help participants identify signs of trafficking and exploitation and respond appropriately to help victims. Exploitation is happening in the Archdiocese and across Scotland and this is an excellent event to help people take practical steps to tackle it. Register for free from Tuesday 17th December on Eventbrite, the Archdiocesan Facebook, or by calling 0131 623 8900.'*

7.30pm (and Thursday 13 February) - Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course**

NOTICEBOARD

L'ARCHE EPIPHANY MEAL

Mary Iannarelli writes:- 'Thank you to all those volunteers who gave so generously of their time in coming along to help make the Epiphany lunch such a joyful and inclusive celebration.'

OUR NEXT BAPTISMAL COURSE will take place on Wednesday 5 February and Thursday 13 February at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like a child baptised, please contact Fr Jock or Kath Zoltie (kathzoltie@hotmail.co.uk).

Sister Parishes' 'Smart Tech' Meeting

Frances McDevitt writes: 'Thank you to everyone who has expressed support for this initiative. A group of six from our sister parishes met on Monday evening for an initial discussion about investigating alternatives to hymn books and sheets, and developing our capacity to show videos etc. Over the coming months, the group will get advice, suggestions and costings from commercial companies. This information will then be considered by the Fabric Committees, the Finance Councils and the Parish Pastoral Councils of the parishes, and discussed at Open Parish Meetings.'

Scottish Churches Housing Association 25th Anniversary Service - 4.00pm, Saturday 18 January - Old St Paul's Church, 63 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DH

Mirian McHardy writes: 'Scottish Churches Housing Action was launched on 17 January 1995 - 25 years ago - in Glasgow City Chambers. We invite you to our 25th anniversary service next Saturday at Old St Paul's and to join us for refreshments afterwards. Our main speaker at the service will be SCHA Associate Convener, Very Rev Dr Russell Barr, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland. The continuation of homelessness across Scotland is no cause for celebration, but we can celebrate the work of SCHA and church communities in supporting people experiencing homelessness over these years. We have established projects which help prevent homelessness by assisting people in their new tenancies, through the provision of starter pack and befriending projects. We have also developed new affordable homes from church properties, helping to meet Scotland's need of housing for those struggling to find homes they can afford to live in. Scottish Churches Housing Action is a small organisation, but through the work of the church community it supports and achieves outcomes way beyond its size. By growing new locally controlled projects, Churches Housing has managed to reach thousands of people in need. We know this work has made a difference in Scotland during the past 25 years, and we hope you will join us at this

anniversary event. We look forward to welcoming you on the day; feel free to bring along a partner, friend or someone from your congregation. You can register for yourself and any guests you are bringing via Eventbrite using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scottish-churches-housing-action-25th-anniversary-service-tickets-86493046029>; alternatively, if you prefer to register by e-mail, please reply to lauren@churches-housing.org. Please book for any guests you are bringing, so we are aware of numbers for catering.

Old St Paul's church is behind Waverley Station and car parks can be found at Blackfriar's St, Castle Terrace, St Mary's St and at Waverley: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-spaces/multi-storey-car-parks/1> We hope you can join us for this celebration event, marking the start of our 25th Anniversary Year.'

Listening before Lent - Events at the Lauriston Jesuit centre in January and February:

'In 2020 The Lauriston Jesuit Centre will be hosting a series of talks exploring some of the more 'challenging' issues confronting the Church today. Our first speaker will be Gemma Simmonds, CJ, Director of the Religious Life Institute at Cambridge & regular broadcaster for the BBC, who will discuss the role of women in the Church. Then, David Birchall, SJ Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow will explore LGBTQ+ and Catholic Tradition. Finally Suzie Stark, Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba's Hospice will discuss End of Life Care. **Entry by donation.**

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Thursday 13 February - 7.30pm - Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **Suzie Stark** (Church of Scotland Chaplain at St Columba's Hospice Edinburgh) - **'End of Life Care'**.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE GILLIS CENTRE ORGANISED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Saturday 8 February – 11am-2.30pm – Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh - **'Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** This event takes place on Saturday 8th February at 11am-2:30pm. *'Father Jeremy Milne will be the main speaker and there will be a practical reflection followed by a Q&A session. The day concludes with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions. Register on Eventbrite or on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. Alternatively, call 0131 623 8900.'*

Saturday 15 February - Married couples retreat: *'Together before the Lord - A Valentine's Day idea for married couples that goes beyond the usual dinner and movie.'* The Marriage & Family Commission have invited Fr Bart Parys SVD to Edinburgh and lead an afternoon of prayer and reflection for married couples at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road. Fr Bart is currently a regional moderator for Domestic Church circles in Dublin and is an experienced leader of couples retreats. Register on Eventbrite. No charge.'

Thursday 20 February – 6.30 for 7pm - Closed or Open Doors? *'This event, sponsored by the Caritas-Justice and Peace Commission, explores the refugee/migrant crisis in Europe. It will be presented by John Dalhuisen, a senior fellow at the Berlin-based European Stability Initiative and a leading thinker on human rights and migration policy. There is no simple Christian response. John's reflection, formed by his extensive experience, aims in helping us to think through this complex issue - Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Register on Eventbrite. Entry by donation.*

(John Dalhuisen will be giving a similar talk on Saturday 22 February at 10am – organised by PACT in association with our Justice and Peace Group - at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church – more details to follow).

Friday 28 February and Saturday 29 February - Gender mini-symposium:

'The Marriage & Family Commission has organised a mini-symposium on the issue of gender, entitled 'Male and Female He Created Them'. It will take place at 7-9pm on Friday 28 February at Our Lady & St Ninian's, Bannockburn, and at 2-5pm on Saturday 29 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. The speakers are Dr Adrian Treloar of the Catholic Medical Association and Sr Andrea Fraile of the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. Booking details to follow.'

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Theresa Connaghan, and Des Farmer

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Hugh Gordon, Shaun Henderson and Andrew Neilson

St John's

Jan.12:- Elizabeth Doherty (2009); Maureen Molloy (2002); Canon Hugh Gordon (2001); Arthur J Cockburn (1980); James Marshall; **Jan.13:-** Andrew Neilson (2001); Lizzie Waugh (1997); Veronica Black (1992); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Anne Wood (1963); William Smart (1945); **Jan.14:-** Annie Harris (2016); John McLoughlin (2012); Jean Holligan (2006); Richard Watt (1995); **Jan.15:-** Rita Santangeli (2012); Isabella Thomson (2001); Kitty Durkin (1995); **Jan.16:-** Nancy Hancock (1997); Cyril Gorman; Angus McKinnon; Mary Scollan; **Jan.17:-** James Gilchrist (1995); George Tunley (1933); **Jan.18:-** Elizabeth McGrory (2003); Margaret McGuire (1963)

St Mary Magdalene's

Jan.12:- Maureen Fairnie (2009); Peter Fergus (1997); **Jan.15:-** Luigia D'Inverno (2003); **Jan.16:-** Thomas Farrell (1969); **Jan.17:-** Mary Gilhooley (1982)

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Jamie Clark, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Jimmy Scoular, Mary Glancy, 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, Alan Lugton, 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: 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, Denis Davidson, 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: Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, [Misia Jack](#), Kathleen Paterson, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, 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, 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 and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
5 January 2020	£467.17 (including £267.00 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £40.00) – overall figure: £507.17	£845.88 (including £302.40 gift aid) Direct Debits - (an additional £403.50) – overall figure: £1249.38
Special Collection – Justice & Peace	£195.29	£405.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

ST MARY MAGDALENE

	Readers for Sunday	Bidding Prayers
12 January	Children's Mass	
19 January	Olaf Pusch & Mary Fenwick	Peggy Ferguson

200 Club Draw

**Congratulations to the December winner – no. 9 Frances Ramage who won £25.00
Congratulations to the £200 winner – no. 28 – Marjory Moyes (drawn out by her
five year old grandson Jack!)**

If you are interested in joining this Club, please contact Madge and Rob Moyes direct.

Do please support the new 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.

...and a Request for Help:

Claudia Tisba, Community Support Worker, writes: ‘**Bingham Community Café – in St Mary Magdalene’s Hall** - are looking for **volunteers to help run the café**. Nicoleta is on holiday from 9 January to 16 March, so we're hoping someone would like to take over on Monday mornings in her absence. Community Renewal can provide training and Food and Hygiene Certificate. Even if people can only do some of the days it would still be really helpful. Anyone who's interested can get in touch with Cris at Community Renewal (07733 263 604) or pop by the Community Renewal Office in Bingham Drive.’

**BINGHAM + MAGDALENE 2020 COMMUNITY CONFERENCE –
Saturday 1 February - 10am-1.30pm – Jewel Miners Welfare Club**

‘Local conversations is a People’s Health Trust initiative which involves supporting residents to develop a shared vision for their community and take local action on issues that matter to them. *New funds are available to invest in Bingham and Magdalene for 2020.* How these funds are allocated is decided by local people through two Local Community Forums: **The Bingham Community Forum and The Magdalene Community Forum.** As we enter a new year, the Forums want to re-visit our priorities for the next two years. Now is your chance to get involved, influence these plans and have a say over how the money is spent. The day will be inter-active, engaging and meaningful. Refreshments, lunch and a creche will be provided (if creche facilities are needed, participants must advise number and ages of children). Book your place on facebook at: ‘Bingham + Magdalene 2020 – Community Conference’ or contact: cris.thacker@communityrenewal.org.uk 0131 629 9858.’

The Christmas collection for Legho Village, Tanzania, raised a total of £625.00.

Many thanks to both parishes.

Both ‘**Living Faith**’, with its reflection for each day for the next three months, and **The Archdiocesan Catholic Directory for 2020** (£3) are now available at the back of our churches.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 18 January	Matt Gorrie, Jeff Kemp Jim Roarty	Sunday 19 January	Eliza Veitch, Pat Whyte, Bernie Gallagher, Theresa Spence, Anna Tanzi
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

We are all conscious about climate change and are always looking to improve in ways we can help the environment! Would you consider receiving your weekly newsletter by e-mail? Using e-mail would let us reduce the amount of paper and ink we use and save ‘wear and tear’ of the photocopiers. If you would be happy to receive your newsletter electronically all you have to do is send an e-mail to Karen our Parish Administrator at stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com. The bonus is you receive the newsletter on a Friday afternoon. The newsletter is also available online via our parish websites and Facebook Page.

God comes
to you
disguised
as your life.

Paula D’Arcy

When you connect to the silence
within you, that is when you can
make sense of the disturbance going
on around you.

Stephen Richards

God never tires of
forgiving us; we are
the ones who tire of
seeking his mercy.

Pope Francis

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St John the Evangelist	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 11 January	10.00am:- Mass – SI 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – SI	
Sunday 12 January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – FEAST	9.30am:- Mass – Jennifer Hamilton	11.15am:- Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 13 January ST KENTIGERN – FEAST	2.30pm – Healing Mass - Andrew Neilson	
Tuesday 14 January	10.00am: Eucharistic Service	10.00am: Mass:- – SI (Xmas Intention -White family)
Wednesday 15 January	10.00am:- Mass – SI (Xmas Intention - Gleeson family)	
Thursday 16 January	10.00am: - Eucharistic Service	9.25am–9.55am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – SI (birthday)
Friday 17 January St Anthony - Memorial	9.00am–9.45am: - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am:- Mass – William and John Kelly 3.00pm: - Divine Mercy Devotions	
Saturday 18 January	10.00am:- Mass - George Lugton 10.30am: - Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm:- Mass – People of the Parish	
Sunday 19 January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am:- Mass – Felicita Pelosi	11.15am:- Mass – Paschal McCaul