

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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17th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 26 July 2020

WELCOME....If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes. If you are new to the parish or area, please make yourself known to Fr Jock by email or on the phone and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.



Opening St John's and St Mary Magdalene's for Mass this weekend

Resumption of Sunday Masses

Fr Jock writes: 'We are now able to have Mass in both our churches again, which started last weekend. BUT, and it is a big but, whilst our country is still combatting the covid-19 pandemic, the rules about social distancing continue to apply, with the result that the capacity of our churches is greatly reduced and we will therefore have to control the numbers attending each Mass (42 at St John's, 28 at St Mary Magdalene's).

Inevitably, we will be learning as we go along, and quite possibly be revising our programme as we go along too, but for this weekend, we are continuing with our normal weekend Mass schedule, which is:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm at St John's

Sunday 9.30am at St John's (which will be live-streamed)

Sunday 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene's

Each of these Masses will only be 30 minutes long - with a reduced number of readings and a shortened homily.

As well as these Masses, there is a **pre-recorded streamed full-length Mass (from the Prayer Room) available on-line at 11am on Sunday** (and continuing to be so afterwards) as an alternative for those who cannot attend the live Masses. **Children's Liturgy** will continue on Zoom at 11.15am as part of this Mass.

This week, we will be celebrating - with great sadness - Willie Montgomery's Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene's at 10.15am on Thursday (before his cremation at Mortonhall at 11.30am). At the moment, only twenty people are allowed to attend the Mass – and there are likely to be ten places available for parishioners. The Mass will be live-streamed. For those attending, the normal conditions apply (ie masks etc....)

We will also be celebrating the 10am weekday Mass on Wednesday at St John's in the Church. No prior booking is required.

For our Sunday Masses, people still wanting a place for this weekend need to **ring the main parish phone (669 5447) to see if a place is still available and someone will get back to you.**

For next weekend, like this weekend, to help us to manage the numbers, **if you wish to come to one of the live Masses, please contact the parish house by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) or**

by phone (0131 669 5618 – a special number) to book your place. If phoning, please do so between 10am and 2pm Wednesday to Friday when there will be someone there to take your call. We **will not take any bookings by email or phone before 10am on Wednesday.** (We will be asking for – and keeping – your name and telephone number for ‘track and trace’ requirements).

Bookings will be on the basis of ‘first come, first served’ but we will make sure that all those who wish to attend Mass in either Church will have their turn the following week, if a place is not available this week.

Please be aware also that you will need to utilize hand sanitisers as you come into and leave the church, and masks must be worn throughout the service. You will also need to be escorted to your seat which you will not be able to choose.

For the moment, we will be continuing to livestream most of our **Weekday Masses** from the Prayer Room in the Parish House, rather than celebrating in the Church with a congregation. (This is partly because after every Mass, ‘deep cleaning’ has to take place – something that takes a considerable length of time and effort. We are so very grateful to our welcomers, stewards and cleaners who are making it possible for us to have our churches open.)

I’m sorry that the long awaited resumption of Mass in our churches is so hedged about with these restrictions but for the moment let’s focus on thanking God for this first step on the lengthy road towards full community celebration of parish Masses in the future.

With continuing prayer and looking forward very much to seeing a fair number of you this weekend...’



St John’s is also Open for Prayer

This Sunday, 26 July, and next Sunday, 2 August, both our Churches will be open for Mass but not for private prayer.

During the week St John’s will only be open on Friday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm and Saturday morning from 11am to 12am (with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.)

When you come into the church, you will be greeted by one of our volunteers who will guide you to your seat.

- Please wear a face covering (it’s advisable to bring your own but we have a small supply).
- Please also sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church. Sanitiser will be available at the entrance/exit.

SUNDAY — As well as the normal Masses in the churches, a pre-recorded full Sunday Mass will be posted this Sunday online at 11am - from the Prayer Room in the Parish House. The web address is

<http://stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news/sundaymass/> (pre-recorded)

The Mass will then appear as a recording on both websites and on our Facebook page.

The Mass will then be available as a recording on both addresses and on the St Mary Magdalene’s website. For details and livestream links for all our Masses, please see (on the hard copy) the back of the *Sunday Plus*. DVDs and CDs are also available upon request – just ring the parish house.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

Arlene Lauder writes:

Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



'It may be the end of the school term but Zoom **Children's Liturgy sessions are continuing**. Why not join us this Sunday 26 July where we will be starting around 11:15 am? To be included, please send your email address to Arlene at Lauder.82@btinternet.com by 4pm on Saturday 25 July. Please tell us your full name, your child/children's names and which mass you would normally attend, this information is for our register to keep all involved safe. ****Please note that we will automatically send the Zoom link by email to everyone who has joined us before****.

With Deacon Eddie's return from holiday, **livestreamed Benediction will recommence – at 7pm this Wednesday in St John's**. The link is <https://youtu.be/Ym2eO3vK76g>

THIS WEEK

Monday 27 July

5pm – Zoom – **PEP meeting**

7pm - **GOSPEL SHARING BY ZOOM**

Join us for reflection and sharing on this week's readings in your own home. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82892163727?pwd=MVJpalVxekNlamlzTWdMem9GSHArUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 9216 3727 Passcode: 462035

The format is very simple – the readings...the Sunday homily...a time of sharing...and ending with prayer. For those who are shy of speaking out, there'll be a chance to type a thought instead...ALL WELCOME

7.30pm-8.30pm - **Let's talk about the Climate Emergency**

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/event/lets-talk-2/>

'As Scotland comes into the spotlight hosting COP 26 in November 2021, it becomes imperative that our churches take action on the Climate Emergency. One of the most powerful ways we can encourage change is in talking, listening and telling our stories. **Eco-Congregation Scotland has produced Let's talk about the Climate Emergency** - a pack of resources to help congregations begin a series of awareness raising conversations and encourage everyone to act. If you missed our launch event earlier this month, or would like to continue the discussion with volunteers from across the country, please join us on Zoom to find out more about the resources and how you might choose to use them. To register please follow the link. Our theme for July has been "Breathe: Fresh Air for All". Exodus 9:8-9 helps show how long we have understood the need for clean air for the good of all life. With direct links to ill health and exacerbating conditions such as asthma, this session will focus on reducing air pollution.'

Wednesday 29 July

10am – St John's – **Mass**

7pm – St John's – **Benediction (live-streamed)**

Thursday 30 July – 10.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Requiem Mass for Willie Montgomery

Friday 31 July

9am – Seafeld Crematorium – **Funeral Service for William Whyte**

9.20am – Youtube - **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

11am – **Rosary** - Facebook Messenger and WhatsApp and also on the phone (contact Maria Igoe – 07981 333219).

.....and Next Week

Thursday 6 August - 7pm - Pax Christi Scotland Vigil to mark the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

'We look forward to seeing you online and hope some of you might share a short prayer with us that evening. You are invited to a Zoom meeting. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcumtpjMsGta1_gvLQEOYSy5jZV2vRT-J

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.'

NOTICEBOARD

*THIS SUNDAY - 26 JULY - IS GRANDPARENTS' DAY –
THE FEAST OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE, JESUS' GRANDPARENTS*

Fr Jeremy Milne, Vicar Episcopal, Diocesan Marriage and Family Life writes: 'This year the feast falls on a Sunday. While it is not possible to celebrate the feast liturgically, this day is a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of grandparents to their families and to our parishes. The recent coronavirus lockdown has hit grandparents hard in separating them from their families for an extended period. Some of the most poignant images of this time have been those of young children and their grandparents greeting each other by joining hands on either side of a glass door or window. It highlighted the special relationship that exists between the generations. As we slowly emerge from the lockdown restrictions it seems particularly fitting to give thanks and to commend all grandparents in prayer and affection to almighty God on the Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus. Later in the year the Marriage & Family Commission will be hosting a special celebration for grandparents to include Mass with the Archbishop and a presentation by the Catholic Grandparents Association at which we hope to launch the CGA in our Archdiocese....'

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

*Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.*

*Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.*

An Inspirational Nun dies

Maria Igoe writes: ‘On Tuesday 21 July, the day before her 96th birthday, Sister Muriel of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle, passed away peacefully in Medjugorje. Sister Muriel came to Medjugorje from Boston, MA in 1992 during the war there. Her previous life as a Sister had been involved in Retreat work, but at the age of 68, she felt a calling to do mission work. With permission from her order, she arrived in Medjugorje with very little money, but with a desire to ‘feed the poor’. She obtained work as a waitress and proceeded to look for ways to help the poor. She found that many people in the hills around Medjugorje had very little income, if any. They had lost family members in the war and were destitute. They lived in shacks with no facilities.

Despite not knowing the language, Sister worked tirelessly to give help where she could. The pilgrims soon came to her aid, particularly the Irish and some Americans.

In 1999 a retired ‘tax collector’, Mary Walsh, heard an appeal at Mass in America for funds for a nun working with the poor. Mary contacted Sr Muriel and was told that if she wished to help with the work, she would receive no payment and would have to fund herself. This suited Mary perfectly, as she had had a good job and had a pension. She just wanted a project.

So Mary headed for Medjugorje. With her business background, she was able to set up a charity ‘St Joseph the Worker.’ This has resulted in the building of a home for the elderly, housing 51, a hospice for the dying for 30, and the most recent home for children with learning difficulties and other disabilities. With the problems in Bosnia, the government has not been able to provide for the vulnerable and they are left without help.

Sister and Mary have a monthly food delivery service to the poor in the hills around, and some of us have been fortunate to help with this work.

When Fr Raymond, from Nunraw has been with us in May, we have visited one of the Homes and Father has offered Mass in the Chapel. After Mass we have been entertained with tea and cakes and talks from Sister and Mary. Then we meet the residents and enjoy some social time with them.

Sr Muriel lived very simply in a very small flat with a shared kitchen, but she was happy in the life she was called to. Her 28 years in Medjugorje have been filled with service and prayer. She was an inspiration to us and we all loved her very much.

May our Dear Lord give her the reward she so deserves.’

L’Arche, Edinburgh, House Leader Vacancy

‘Do you have a passion to ensure that people with learning disabilities live fulfilled lives, along with excellent communication and leadership skills?

We’re looking for a new Houseleader for David’s House and if this sounds like you, we’d love to hear from you.

Please email L’Arche Edinburgh edinburgh@larche.org.uk for the links for all the details and application form.

The closing date is Friday 31 July at 9am.

St Teresa Craigmillar’s Food Bank – ‘Many thanks from St Teresa’s for the donations of money and food which have helped the Food Bank continue its vital role during lockdown.’

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

 0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Sally O'Connor, Susan O'Hara, Dinah Spence, William Whyte. Kevin Pakenham and Sarah Spence (the late Mary Glancy's sister)

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Rosemary McDevitt, Samuel Willis, Erminia Notarangelo and James McQuade

St John's

July 26 :- Mary Elliott (2002); Michael O'Neill (1999); Alexander Binne 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 :-** James Casey (2019); Fr. Konrad Haller (1976); **July 30 :-** Charlotte Hannavy; **July 31 :-** Madge Freeman (2009); Baby Grace Mills (2003); **Aug.1 :-** Evelyn McPhee (2017); Mary Cooper (2012); Patrick O'Brien (2010); Margaret McCann (1943)

St Mary Magdalene's

July 26 :- Erminia Notarangelo (2015); Richard McIntyre (1996); **July 28 :-** Rae Lang (2010)

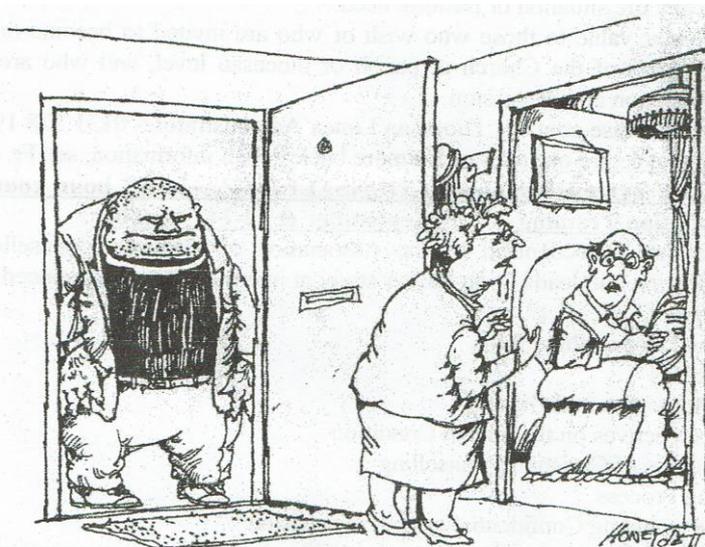
Sick Parishioners - St. John's: John Cregan, Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Sheila and Pat Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Sheila Alexander, Patricia Lawler, Mike 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, 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: Clive Davis, Elizabeth Mackail, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Prior, Sheila and George Service, John Newell, Ray Donnelly, Michael McPhillips, Agnes Harvey, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Chris English, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary & James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of parishioners, including: John Williams, Baby Joseph Beresford, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Catriona MacKinnon, Max Middleton (aged 9), Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Emilia Iheji, Jan Meise, Seval Kazimoglu, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Carla Zanetti, Peter Hanley, Fr Christopher Delaney, Jennifer Kay, Janie Low, Ranier Carpo, William Young, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Gerry Mulvenna, Frank Palmer, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Celine Diniz, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Audrey Burgess, Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Margaret Lee, Joan Bonnar, Mekala Osborne, Jean Nelson, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Roksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jorden and young Ray Donovan Syme.



Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
19 July 2020	£238.000 (including Gift Aid of £113.00 and £124.00 Direct Debits – ie £362.00)	£987.40 (including Gift Aid of £637.40) and £609.00 Direct Debits – ie £1596.40



What do you mean, we have to go to church today?'

THE STORM

'One day, he got into a boat with his disciples and as they sailed he fell asleep. When a squall came down on the lake the boat started taking in water and they found themselves in danger.' (Luke 8 22-23)



Our Lord and his disciples once
Were sailing on a lake.
Our Lord was tired and went to sleep,
But they stayed wide awake.

When suddenly a mighty storm
Blew up and scared them all.
The waves arose and swamped the boat,
Which, by the way, was small.

Our Lord's disciples, filled with fright,
Kept rowing and kept rowing,
But could not get their little boat
To go where it was going.

They saw the lighting flash and flash,
They heard the crash of thunder.
Our Lord's disciples groaned out loud:
'Will we be drowned, I wonder?'

They woke Our Lord and He got up
And calmed the wind and wave.
He whispered to them: 'Peace, be still!'
And told them to behave.

Our Lord's disciples made Him smile,
For they amused Our Lord,
To be afraid they would be drowned
When they had Him aboard.

*Dear Lord, You are so powerful
That winds and rains perform
And gather when You want them to,
And turn into a storm;*

*And when You say the word they stop,
For even storms were meant
To do the Holy Will of God
And be obedient.*

Children's Letters to God



Dear God
I love You,
how are You fine.
Im fine to
My Mother has five girls
and one Boy,
I am one of them.
Nancy 6

Dear God
I don't ever feel
alone since I found
out about you.

Nora

Dear God,

I didn't think orange
went with purple until
I saw the sunset
you made on Tue.
That was Cool.
EUGENE

Dear God,

If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes

Mickey D.

Dear God,
I do not think anybody
could be a better
God. Well I just
want you to know but
I am not just saying
that because you
are God. Charles

God: the bad people
lashed at noah - you
make an ark on dry
land you fool. But
he was smart he stuck
with you. thats what
I would do.

Eddie

Dear God,

I want to be just
like my Daddy when I get
big but not with so much
hair all over.

Sam



Dear God
It is great
the way
you always
get the
stars in
the right
places.

Jeff

Dear God,

I like the story about
Chanuka the best of all
of them.
You really made up some
good ones.

Glenn