

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE  
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**5th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 10 May 2020**

**WELCOME**...If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most welcome in our sister parishes – even if, sadly, for the moment we can't welcome you to our churches. 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.



*'The wound is the place where the light enters you.'* (Rumi)

An update from Gary Zoltie, the co-ordinator of our Pastoral Care Group: **'163 PIPs (Possibly Isolated Parishioners...)** are supported by **52 FOLKs (Friends offering Logistical Kindness...)** who are delivering **120 newsletters, 17 Mass DVDs and 7 CDs each week...'**)

### **Morning Prayer Online From the Portobello Churches**

**Fr Jock writes:** 'During lockdown, the ministers and priests from the local Portobello-based Churches have been meeting online via Zoom every Tuesday morning at 10am to support each other and 'compare notes'....out of this weekly 'Holy Huddle' has come an initiative – a 5 minute **Morning Prayer at 9am each morning** - with a rota: on Monday you get Glenn Innes from Portobello Baptist Church, Tuesday, Sophia Marriage from St Mark's Episcopal Church, Wednesday, Lourens De Jager from Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (Church of Scotland), Thursday, Stewart Weaver, also from PJPC, and Friday, myself.

The prayer comes online at 9am on each of our Facebook Pages – and remains accessible there.'

**SUNDAY MASS THIS SUNDAY ONLINE AT 11am –  
live-streamed from the Prayer Room in the Parish House.**

The web address will appear as the top post on our Facebook page -

[www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAndStMaryMagdalenes)

*and also as the top post on*

[www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news](http://www.stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes.com/news)

**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 the back of the Sunday Plus.*

**On Friday** between 9.20 and 9.55am there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (livestreamed)

### **Children's Liturgy**

**Arlene Lauder writes:** 'Please join us this Sunday 10 May for a Zoom children's liturgy session which will be starting around 11:15 am. To join in please send your email address to me at [Lauder.82@btinternet.com](mailto:Lauder.82@btinternet.com) **by 6pm on Saturday 9 May**. 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.\*\***

### **After Mass Teas and Coffees on Sunday During Lockdown**

While many of us have managed – in a sense, at least - to keep connected with other parishioners of both parishes during the lockdown through the live-streaming of Mass, more than a few will admit to missing the chatting and sharing informally with everyone that tea and coffee after Mass offers.

At our first attempt, 14 people joined together...So if you are interested in joining in one of these calls (even if you've never experienced Zoom before) and to have a tea/coffee and a chat with whoever else wishes to join us, please email

[stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) or send a private message to facebook.

.....and if anyone is willing to host a Zoom session please contact Deacon Eddie White

[ewhite@outlook.com](mailto:ewhite@outlook.com)

**NEWSLETTERS are available from the Parish House at any time – they sit in the porch and will be given to you if you ring the bell.....**

## **THE PARISHES IN A TIME OF CRISIS - Caring for Each Other**

### **Parish Finances and Coronavirus**

#### **A New Way to Give**

If you are still in a position to give to our parishes during this time, you can set up a Standing Order by online banking, pop an envelope through the joint parish house (state which Parish it is for) or you can use one of the links below using your debit or credit card (and you can add gift aid even if you are not registered to donate through the parishes.)

**For St John's, please donate here:**

[https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDJOE&amount=](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDJOE&amount=)

**For St Mary Magdalene's, please donate here:**

[https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDMAG&amount=](https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=EDMAG&amount=)

Please do not feel under any pressure but we are offering this initiative in response to those who have asked for an alternative online method of payment.

If you wish to set up a standing order, The Parishes' account details are:

#### ***St Mary Magdalene's:***

*Sort Code: 80-18-31*

*Account Number: 00277159*

*Account name – See below*

*Please include your name as the payment reference*

#### ***St John's:***

*Sort Code: 80 – 46 - 53*

*Account Number: 10765768*

*Account name – St John the Evangelist*

There has been some confusion as regards setting up standing orders for St Mary Magdalene's. This has been investigated – Jean McNally writes: 'it looks like the format of "Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh St Mary Magdalene Church" should be used if one is completing a form and posting or handing

in to the bank, while if a money transfer or Standing Order is being set up electronically, the recognised format is "Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh03". Let us hope that this works!'

### ***A Message from our Parishes' St Vincent de Paul Conference***

'Have you been financially hammered by the Covid 19 crisis? Have you lost your job or your business and have no financial reserves left? Are you unable to feed your family? The SVP might be able to help. Please **either text 07752 682 213** or **email** the parish house office on [stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) with your **phone number, name and address** and a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul will get back to you within 48 hrs.'

**Our PEP (Parish Emergency Planning) Group** is meeting regularly to develop and put into practice plans for pastoral, spiritual and liturgical care in these very new circumstances..... **We would be so grateful if people were willing to put forward ideas for us to implement in the weeks ahead**

### **OUR COVID PASTORAL CARE GROUP**

is wondering if you know of anyone inadvertently missed out who would like

*Regular phone contact      Buying and delivering shopping*

*Collection and delivery of medication      Delivery of the weekly newsletter*

**If so, please do not hesitate to pass their details** to Father Jock or to our co-ordinator, Gary Zoltie (email: [garyzoltie@hotmail.com](mailto:garyzoltie@hotmail.com) or phone 07768647923).

## **Prayers for the Pandemic: for a household in lockdown**

God of the indoors,  
who knew the confines of domestic space  
at a time of little comfort,  
help us in this time of confinement,  
help us to see it as an act of love, in solidarity  
with those who care for us and put their own lives  
on the line for the sake of others.

Help us to 'make room' for each other, even if room is scarce,  
help us to find reserves of patience we never knew we had,  
to take offence less easily, to find in our hearts  
an easy apology when we're petulant.  
Help us to be attentive, careful, and thoughtful.  
May we draw deeply from the well  
of our most loving times.

***Raymond Friel***

### ***DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WISHES TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE?***



*Over the past few weeks many of our parishioners from St John's and St Mary Magdalene's have been receiving the newsletter electronically.*

*If you know someone who would like to receive a copy each week (please check with them first!) let us know and we can add them onto our distribution list during this time. If you do not wish to receive an electronic version and are being sent one at the moment, please let us know.*

**Keep up  
to date**

## THIS WEEK AND IN THE COMING WEEKS

### Sunday 10 May - 7pm - Weekly Ecumenical Call to Prayer

‘Thirteen Christian churches and organisations are taking part for the fifth consecutive week, with people urged to place a candle in their window at that time. We will publish details for this Sunday’s prayer on our social media and website when we receive it.

Please see <https://archedinburgh.org/churches-join-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening/>

### Tuesday 12 May

**1.30pm – Warriston Crematorium – Funeral Service for Bill Cheyne**

**@ 7.30pm – Lockdowns from Lauriston:**

‘Join us on Zoom as we continue our online series exploring the impact of the coronavirus on society and also our perception of the Church. This week our guest speaker is **Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ**

**Women and the Church following Lockdown:  
Will Anything Change?’**

For more information, click <https://mailchi.mp/30496a0df034/9c0y2rm5ih-2722596?e=6cd65d5606>

### Saturday 16 May - 10.30am - 12.30pm - Laudato Si Retreat at St Ninian’s, Restalrig -

Rab Burnett writes: ‘Laudato Si’ Week, 16 - 24 May, invites us to help reshape the world that will arise after the pandemic has passed. The present crisis is an opportunity to start anew, and to make sure that the world that arises after this crisis has passed is sustainable and just.

Laudato Si’ tells us that “everything is connected” and tragically, this health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe.

Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly.

Both are experienced most deeply by the poor and vulnerable, and both expose the deep injustices in our societies.

Both will be solved only through a united effort that calls on the best of the values we share.

As Eco-Congregations in the Cluster, you are invited to participate in an online retreat hosted by St Ninian's and delivered by **David Coleman, Chaplain - Eco-Congregation Scotland**. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me, Rab Burnett [stniniantriduanal@gmail.com](mailto:stniniantriduanal@gmail.com)

## NOTICEBOARD

### A Request from Bethany

Jim Roarty writes: ‘Bethany recently sent out a very long message about the current set-up for the night shelter now in the Old Waverley Hotel (to enable single room accommodation for the guests) and the extension of the night shelter season to 29 June (originally 3 May). Here are the key points

- the additional nights mean more volunteers to cook and/or serve the meals. (Note: because of an insurance issue, we can't use the kitchens at the hotel so the cooking has to be done at the Diadem at Gorgie and the food conveyed in to the Old Waverley.). We have volunteered to do 3 more nights based on the responses received from you but if anyone else would like to put their name forward, let me know. PPE (masks and gloves) available at both locations.
- Can anyone suggest any restaurants which could help with the catering?
- Some teams are willing to cook but need funded for the food. The J&P group can provide some assistance with this and we have been offered a donation from a parishioner, **but if you wish to make a donation**, please let me know.
- To help keep guests entertained during lockdown, Bethany are looking for donations of foreign language novels (already have a good supply of English ones), single-person board games, a guitar, jigsaws, puzzle books, art supplies. If you have any, again let me know and we can arrange a pick-up
- Volunteers are needed to help with housekeeping on a Saturday or Sunday. As alternative accommodation is found for guests, the rooms they have been staying in need cleaned but the hotel staff don't work weekends so if anyone could spare a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday to get rooms ready for new guests, that would be helpful.



- The final request from Bethany is " *Lastly, if you can please pray that all the above needs will be provided for, that we can give the best support needed to our guests and also for the wellbeing of our guests, staff and volunteers.*"

Jim can be contacted on email at [jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com)'

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May 2020



A message from Christian Aid: 'Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. Join us this Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) for a joyful celebration of our potential to change the world through our gifts, prayers and actions.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Christian Aid Week is going to look different in 2020. We are prevented by coronavirus restrictions in organising the traditional door-2-door collections and other fundraising

gatherings or activities. For this year, Christian Aid is encouraging us to continue our generous and much needed support through on-line donations.

To support Christian Aid Week in 2020, the Portobello and Area CA Group has set up a **Just Giving page** for donations to go directly to this year's Appeal. If you are able to support Christian Aid in reaching out to our global community to help supply soap, clean water, medical supplies and other much-needed assistance, please donate through our Just Giving page below. Thank you from the Portobello and Area CA Group. Your generosity is much appreciated.' <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/portobello-ca-group-or245799>

## Message from Pope Francis

'Without Beauty we cannot understand the Gospel'

Pope Francis celebrated Thursday morning Mass, the Fourth Week of Easter, at the Casa Santa Marta with special prayers for artists and an invitation to Christians never to forget they are part of the chosen people of God.

During his introduction he turned his thoughts to artists saying that Wednesday 6 May he received a letter from a group of them thanking him for his prayers:

"I would like to ask the Lord to bless them because through artists we understand beauty, and without beauty we cannot understand the Gospel," he said.

At the end of his General Audience on Wednesday on the theme of prayer, the Pope said, "It is artists who often interpret this silent groan which weighs on every creature and is expressed above all in the heart of men and women, for "A human being is a beggar before God."

## Priest School

A documentary on life at the Pontifical Scots College in Rome was broadcast last Sunday evening. It is now available to view on BBC iPlayer at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hmvf/priest-school>.

## Prayer Resources

There are an increasing number of valuable resources online that are very useful to Catholics during the lockdown. One which you may find worthwhile is on a website called Thy Kingdom Come, which has issued a range of neatly formatted resources, including Morning, Evening and Night prayer as well as a Pentecost Novena. Visit :<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours) :

 0800 027 1234

# PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to **Mary Grady, 85** on Thursday 7 May

*Please pray for those who have died recently: Jamie Clark, Jim Russell, Evi Carmichael, Ena McCann, Janet Mackay, Charlie Nowosielski, Maureen Henderson, Barry James Spring and Frances Wetton (niece of Jane Maguire)*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Brendan Boyle, Bill Hunter, Gordon Campbell, Maureen Collie and Jean Vanier.*

**StJohn's**

**May 10:-** Michael McGovern (2004); William Cunningham (1984); **May 11:-** Veronica Ginnelly (2001); **May 12:-** Ian J Berry (2013); Helen McGuire (1991); Kathleen Ogilvie (1970); Ninian Connolly; **May 13:-** John Bonar (2005); Sr.Marie McAllister (2001); Rena Tow (1992); Edward Black Sen. (1985); **May 14:-** Cecelia McKenzie (2009); John Gordon Kerr (1994); Sr.Mary Tait (1994); James Waugh (1979); Ann (McCann) Murphy (1956); **May 15:-** James Kelly (2004); John O'Brien (1954); **May 16:-** Maureen Collie (2018); Bill Hunter (2017); John Rooney (1984); Vincent Rowley (1981); Sarah Taylor (1981); Mary Anne McGrory (1947); Philip Haslett

**St Mary Magdalene's**

**May 10:-** Samuel Tosney (1999); Patrick Walker (1991); **May 12:-** Dorothy McEwan (1995); **May 16:-** Ian Graham (2003); Joseph Flynn (1974); Catherine Tough (1970)

**Sick Parishioners - St. John's:** Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, Susan O'Hara, 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:** Elizabeth Mackail, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Sam Burns, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, , 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, 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:** Rustom, Ranier, Mikey and Myrna Carpo, Catherine Young, William Young, Marie Baird, Fr Tommy Greenan, Andrew Franklin, Gerry Mulvenna, Frank Palmer, Mairi Wilson, 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, Frances Green, Felicity McCluskey, Stephen Fernie, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Anthony Finnerty, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Peter Hanley, Hazel Marshall, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Joseph Daly, Roksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jorden, George Collins, John Donnelly, Noel Flanagan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
3 May 2020	£120.00 (including Gift Aid of £90.00) and Direct Debits – £170.00 - ie <b>£290.00</b>	£187.40 (including Gift Aid of £132.40) and Direct Debits – £778.25 - ie <b>£ 965.65</b>

**Many many thanks to generous parishioners**, one of whom paid for one of our early Sunday livestreamed Masses when we were still using AV Department Ltd to do so, and another couple of whom made a considerable contribution to the cost of the webcam we now use each day.

*Many thanks, also, to all who have handed in their contributions to the Parish House, or who have arranged for them to be received by direct debit or standing order.*

**SCIAF – WEE BOX, BIG THANKS** - Thank you to everyone in the two parishes for supporting SCIAF's Lenten Appeal. You can return your WEE BOXES to the Parish House anytime (or wait until it is safe to open our Churches again). Thank you once again for your great generosity. This year the SCIAF WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal has received UK Aid Match. This means that all public donations up **until 20 May** to the appeal will be doubled by the UK Government.

**Sponsored Slim - Fr Jock is very grateful** to all those who have supported the Legho Young Christian Communities in Tanzania and the STEKA Children's Home in Malawi through this sponsorship – **the final figure raised was £620, so each will receive £310.....**

## **Mary's Meals - Adapting to Reach Children at Home**

Jim Roarty writes: 'More than one million of the children who usually eat Mary's Meals at school will receive our nutritious food at home, despite the immense challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.'



All around the world, classrooms have closed and homes have become places of learning. As a result, we have had to find new ways to safely reach the hungry children who rely on Mary's Meals.

Our food is already being distributed in villages in Kenya for parents to collect and take home to their children and this approach will soon be mirrored in Malawi and Zambia, while ensuring we continue to adhere to public health policy.

New ways of feeding have also been agreed for India and Haiti, and we are having urgent discussions with governments and community leaders in the other countries where we work to ensure we can safely reach hungry children in these extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Thank you for everything you do to help us keep our promise to the children we feed, particularly at a time when people here in the UK are also facing many challenges. Your donations, prayers and support are appreciated – and needed – now more than ever. Mary's Meals Charity no. is SC022140.'

You can make a donation by contacting

- [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/email-donate-2](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/email-donate-2)
- 2020 Mary's Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll PA33 1AR
- 0800 6981212 01838 200605



For further information you could email Mary's Meals direct [info@marysmeals.org](mailto:info@marysmeals.org)

## **Maria Igoe writes:**

**'Paul Henderson.**

You may have noticed that we have been praying for Paul for several weeks now. He caught the corona virus in early March and developed a severe cough. This resulted in the perforation of an abdominal operation he had previously had, which caused many complications. He had double pneumonia, pleurisy, and the fluid he had in his lungs was difficult to drain. In the Western General Hospital he was in Intensive Care for 40 days. He received one-to-one nursing and had 8 blood transfusions and kidney dialysis. He then had a tracheostomy and was then able to breathe without a ventilator. When he became conscious he was unable to walk but he was very happy to have survived.

He no longer has the virus and is gaining strength slowly. He still has his sense of humour.

All over Scotland many people were praying for Paul. Large Prayer Groups prayed daily for him, as well as several Parishes and individuals. Paul will be 55 this month. He went to St Thomas High School. His brother, Robert (Rab) attended Holy Rood and lives in our Parish. He is older. He may be remembered, as he was a very good footballer. Through WhatsApp Robert kept us informed about Paul's condition and this encouraged people in their prayers. It was a stressful time but Paul has a strong spirit and is planning climbing his next "Munro". Thank you to everyone who prayed for him. He is still in WGH but with your prayers will continue to improve.

## **Feeding the homeless at this difficult time.**

The Missionaries of Charity (founded by St Teresa of Calcutta), are continuing to feed the homeless, supplying them with take-away meals. They operate from Hopetoun Cres and are giving meals to 80- 90 people daily. Helpers, Angela and Rita, go in the morning to peel lots of vegetables. The Sisters are then able to cook whatever meat they have, mince, burgers etc and provide a nourishing meal. They also supply a carton of juice or bottle of water and a small snack.

It is good to know that the Sisters are able to continue their outreach to the homeless.

Our parishioner, Derek, is involved, as he delivers food to Hopetoun Cres. It is great that some things are going on as normal!

*Some Useful Resources:  
from the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre*

We have gathered resources which some of us are finding helpful during this time of isolation and we hope that you will also find them helpful.

**Online retreats** are available from:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/covid-19-isolation-retreat>

There are some good reflections, thoughts and prayers from:

[www.hopegateway.com](http://www.hopegateway.com)

<https://www.corrymeela.org/news/180/prayers-for-community-in-a>

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/features/view/28880/spiritualresources-for-the-covid-19-pandemic>

**In Times of Transformation:**

Several years ago Joan Chittister, the well-known American religious sister, peace activist and writer, wrote words which in today's world have perhaps even more relevance than when Joan wrote them:

*'We are in the midst of a fast-moving transformation across the globe. In times of major transformation such as this, two things occur: a sense of breakdown, but also a sense of possibility, of breakthrough.'*



**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**