

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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Pentecost Sunday - Sunday 31 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.



This Sunday is the great Feast of PENTECOST, sometimes called the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles, the women followers, and Mary and the family of Jesus, giving them courage to go out and witness to their faith.

(and normally, but sadly not this year one of our two 'Nametag Sundays' in the year...why not text greetings to someone in our community who might be surprised and even delighted to hear from you?)

*'The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God
....the Spirit impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim
and bear witness to the Good News of the Gospel.'*

(Pope Francis)



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN: It would be lovely to decorate the doors of our churches again to celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Could you draw or paint a picture for Pentecost?

If you can, it could be left on the doorstep of the Parish House (if you are passing by on your daily exercise) or you could send Fr Jock a digital copy (to stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com). Then the pictures could go on the church doors or on Facebook?. If you hand in your entry to the parish house, you will receive a **chocolate egg** as a reward for participation.'

Special Collection: Day for Life (31 May)

'The theme for this year's Day for Life is "Choose Life". During the coronavirus crisis calls from pregnant women are still being received so your donations will be well used by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office to help them. You can donate online: https://donor.secure-operations.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=LIFE.

Or cheques can be sent to Pro-Life Office, Archdiocesan Offices, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Please make cheques payable to Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Thank you for your support at this time!'

The Conclusion of 9am Morning Prayer Online from the Portobello Churchesand the Search for Alternative Options

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' came an initiative – a 5 minute Morning Prayer at 9am each morning with a rota of the different ministers and priests. We originally agreed to offer it till Pentecost, and decided this week that we will now look at different ways to work together (which we all agreed had been a very positive experience) and to offer something online)...so we ask your prayers as we look at different possibilities – such as discussions and dialogues about various matters...suggestions welcome!'

SUNDAY

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

and also as the top post on

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 (on the hard copy) the back of the *Sunday Plus*.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

Arlene Lauder writes: 'Please join us this Sunday 31 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 Arlene at Lauder.82@btinternet.com by 6pm on Saturday 30 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 @ both St John's and St Mary Magdalene's - on Sunday During Lockdown via Zoom

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 access the link** on the Masses for Pentecost Sunday.

Benediction from St John's Church - Wednesday 3 June - 7pm

A new/old way for us to join together

Deacon Eddie writes: 'There will be Benediction in St John's at 7pm on Wednesday <https://youtu.be/4fB-wwIK3BA> - it will also be on Facebook Live.'

On Friday between 9.20 and 9.55am there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** (livestreamed) and at 11am there will be a **Rosary Meeting** on Zoom. If you would like to join the latter, please contact Maria Igoe (0798 1333219). 'For those who do not have the internet, we can phone them at that time and they can pray with us that way.'

Francis' Friday's Fugues - or alternatively - St John's in June, Gently Friday 5 June - 2.30pm

Frances McDevitt's, organist at St John's, offers us a journey round Europe's most gifted composers without leaving your home.....

THIS WEEK AND IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 1 June

5pm – Parish House/Zoom – **Parishes Emergency Planning (PEP!) Group Meeting**

6.30pm - **Vocations Mass**

Archbishop Cushley writes: 'the monthly Mass for Vocations will be streamed on the Facebook page of St David's Parish, Dalkeith ([@stdavidisdalkeith](https://www.facebook.com/stdavidisdalkeith)) at 6.30pm. You can also watch it live on the Archdiocesan Facebook page ([@EdinburghRCdiocese](https://www.facebook.com/EdinburghRCdiocese)). Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.'

Tuesday 2 June - 7.30pm – 'The Pope in Lockdown: How Francis is guiding humanity through the Corona wilderness' with author **Austen Ivereigh**.

(Lockdowns from Lauriston Jesuit Centre - A series of talks exploring the impact of the coronavirus on our faith and society. 'We are delighted and excited to announce our upcoming speakers.

Join us on Zoom every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Login using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> or Meeting ID: 236 509 2814

We will also be livestreaming to our Facebook page!)

For more information please contact Andrew Cassidy at lauristonjesuitcentre@jesuit.org.uk')

Wednesday 3 June – 7pm – St John’s/Youtube/Facebook – Benediction

Thursday, 4 June – 7-8pm - Mary’s Meals Family Hour – Where:

Mary’s Meals UK YouTube channel

‘This virtual event is a first for Mary’s Meals and a new way for our family to stay in touch during this unprecedented time. We will share information on how we are reaching children through the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as an update direct from Kenya, inspirational stories from supporters here in the UK, and an exclusive preview of our new film featuring Hollywood star Gerard Butler! Our Executive Director Daniel Adams will host the event and also answer questions about our mission.’



Friday 5 June

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

11am – Zoom – **Rosary**

Seafeld Crematorium – **Funeral Service of Fr Tommy Greenan**

2.30pm – Facebook/Youtube - **St John’s in June Gently – Frances McDevitt plays the organ for us**

When this is all over

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted:

A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre ...
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine check-up
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

(Worth checking out: <https://laurakellyfanucci.com/books/>)

NOTICEBOARD

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2020 – A THANK YOU

Grant Sellar writes: ‘Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid for this year's Appeal. Together with the £1,035 raised through the Portobello & Area Churches Just Giving page, with an additional Gift Aid of £241.25, and a further £412 raised through the Portobello & Joppa Parish Church Facebook fundraiser, a total of **£1,688.25** was raised locally for Christian Aid’s life-saving work, especially at this critical time for some of world’s poorest people. Thank you again to everyone who donated for your generosity.’

The Christian Aid Week Appeal remains open for donations, so it’s never too late if you wish to donate:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/portobello-ca-group-or245799>



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.’



SCIAF - Covid Emergency Appeal

'The Covid crisis falls into that awkward category of emergencies, like many food crises, which build up slowly and where there is no single catastrophic event that triggers an appeal. Also, rather than being an emergency in another, developing country, this one affects us at home too. Indeed, the vast majority of cases are in Europe and the United States, and it is not clear yet whether the virus will affect tropical countries as much as those with temperate climates like our own.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't be responding with partners already. We are but we are concentrating on public health preventative measure, and food and livelihoods assistance. These will help prevent and restrict the pandemic, and enable people to be able to feed and provide for their families and loved ones during the restrictions that have been imposed in their countries.

What it does mean, however, is that there are relatively few cases in the developing world at the moment while people at home are having to cope with the acute peak of the crisis. Within this people are, very naturally, more focused on the health, safety and wellbeing of their families and friends and there is very little bandwidth in the media to cover the response to the pandemic in the developing news. With little evidence of acute need overseas, little media attention or scope for it, and people preoccupied with the situation here at home, it is our judgement that now is not the right time for a full emergency appeal.

To donate, and for more information, go online to sciaf.org.uk

Pentecost Sunday – 9am to 9pm - UK Rosary Relay Rally across Scotland, Wales, England

Antonia Moffatt writes: 'All the Scottish Bishops have given their blessing for this Pentecost Rosary relay Rally. **The allocated hour for the Diocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh is 1pm.**

Let there rise up across the UK and beyond a great ROAR in prayer before the Throne of God for conversion, help, Pope Francis has been encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. This is to be led in the form of a Rosary relay Rally where the Dioceses designated in their Rosary Hour encourage the peoples across their Diocese to pray the Rosary either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led online by their parish priests and Bishop.

It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed.

Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm.

At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley which you can access online via Bishop John Keenan facebook page.

Co-hosted by Rosary on the Coast, London Rosary Shrine, Carfin Grotto, Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham & Diocese of Menevia Divine Mercy Shrine.

Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth,

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.'

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

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 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**

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

0800 027 1234

Our Covid Pastoral Care Group

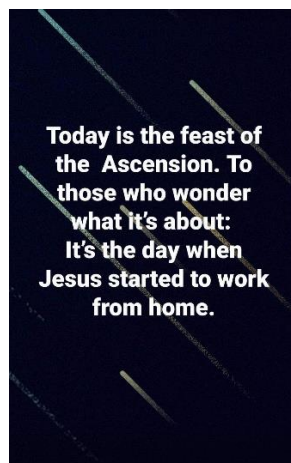
is wondering if you know of anyone inadvertently missed out who would like

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 or phone 07768647923).

Something we meant to put in last week's newsletter....Covid 19 humour for the Feast of the Ascension



Prayers for the Pandemic: for those who miss going to church

God of the Last Supper,
who knew real presence: a beloved one
reclining into you, holding dusty feet as you poured water
over them, the tug at the hem of your garment,
touch us now, unable to receive
your risen body in church, unable
to gather as your body;

touch us with your word,
handed on from your mouth, from memory,
written down, broken and shared over centuries
from the pulpit, the kitchen table; touch us
with the glimpses we can see of spring,
of our vulnerable brothers and sisters,
of your presence within.

(Raymond Friel)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Michael McCullagh, Andrew Roddam, Margaret Mary Barrins, Mary and Andrew Smart, Bob and Alison Holligan and Maria Crolla

St John's

June 1 :- Margaret McCluskey (2008); Thomas M Henderson (1985); Carmine Demarco(1977); Catherine McCann (1972);

June 2 :- Maria Domenica Crolla (2015); Alexander McFarlane (1997); Mary Boyle (1993); Andrew Smart (1988); Thomas Brennan (1964); Andrew Durkin (1953); **June 3 :-** Bob Holligan (2016); Georgina Meldrum (2008); Thomas Burke (1970);

June 4 :- Margaret Barrins (2012); Jennie Cox (2012); John Cooney (1980); Mr & Mrs Brennan (1969); **June 5 :-** Stuart Aitken (1993); Mrs Quinn (1976); Rose Brown (1976); **June 6 :-** Patrick Taylor jun.(1971)

St Mary Magdalene's

June 1 :- Mary Dickson (1974); **June 5** :- Katie Banks (1988)

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: James Shepherd, Bill Hynd, Carla Zanetti, Peter Hanley, Fr Christopher Delaney, Jennifer Kay, Janie Low, Ranier and Mikey Carpo, William Young, Marie Baird, 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, 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
24 May 2020	£175.00 (including Gift Aid of £155.00) and Direct Debits – £170.00 - ie £245.00	£257.40 (including Gift Aid of £167.40) and Direct Debits – £778.25 - ie £1035.65

Welcome to the world....Cartner William Turnbull, a son for Nadine and David Turnbull, born 19 May in the Royal Infirmary.....and Ps Baby Watterson, Una and Jim Gallagher's granddaughter, whose birth was announced last week, is now baby Orla Elizabeth Watterson.

A PENTECOST BLESSING

May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you
and help you to live a vibrant life.

May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through
your concern and care for all those who need your love.

May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you
to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity and justice.

May the underlying embers of Spirit's faithfulness
support you when you feel spirituality dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope
as you enter into the pain of the world.
May the clear light of Spirit's guidance
be a force of effective discernment and decision-making for you.

May Spirit's patient endurance be yours
while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.
May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you
convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you
and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit
catch afire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.
May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you.
May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.

(Joyce Rupp)

CARDINAL SUENENS - A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Give us, O Lord,
eyes for seeing,
a heart for loving,
breath for living.

Give us eyes for seeing,
give us, we beg, your eyes,
to see through them
the world and all mankind,
to see their history and our own
as you see them.

Grant us to think your thoughts
day by day,
hour by hour.
Help us gradually to become
that for which you created us;
let us adopt your view of things,
your way of seeing things.

Make us responsive to your Word
which can enlighten and transform
the life of each of us.

Give us a heart for loving,
a heart of flesh and not of stone
for loving God and the Human Race.
Give us, we pray, your heart,
that we forget ourselves
in perfect love.
We need to exchange our heart for yours,
our heart so slow
to love all others but ourselves.
Let it be you, O Lord,
who loves through us.

Give us a heart to love Our Father,
to love Mary our Mother
and to love your brothers and sisters
who are also ours;
to love even in this world
those who have gone before us in the next -
to love also those
who walk beside us
here on earth
and who sometimes
are more difficult to love.

Give us the breath of life
that our lungs be constantly filled
with life-saving breath and air
to help us walk towards tomorrow
without a backward look or thought or effort;
to prepare for
all that people, and therefore you,
expect from us;
to draw fresh hope
as if, this morning, life began;
to struggle against winds and tides,
sustained
by your presence and your promise,
carrying as we do in us,
people's hopes and all their fears.

Give us breath to live, your breath
that you send from God the Father;
your Spirit, the Breath
that blows where it will;
in gusts or sudden winds
or that light touch
with which you call us to follow.
Breathe on us,
inspire in us,
that prayer which rises from you within us,
calling for you to come in glory,
reaching out to the fullness of God.

Lord, I need your eyes,
give me a living faith.
I need your heart,
a love to withstand any test.
I need the breath of God,
give your hope
to me and all your Church
that the Church today
bear witness to the world,
that the world may know
all Christians,
by their look of joy and serenity,
a warm and generous heart
and the unfailing optimism
that rises
from that secret,
everlasting spring
of joyful hope.

LOCKDOWN LOWDOWN



The Scottish Government's route map document gives details of a four phase move out of the current state of lockdown. **How does this affect our churches?**

PHASE 1 → PHASE 2 → PHASE 3 → PHASE 4

No public gatherings except for meetings of two households, outdoors and with physical distancing.

(EXPECTED TO BEGIN 28 MAY)

Places of worship open for private prayer under physical distancing rules and hygiene safeguards.

Marriages and other types of ceremonies to take place with minimal number of attendees.

(CHURCHES TO RE-OPEN)

Places of worship open to extended groups subject to physical distancing/hygiene safeguards.

Relaxation of restrictions to attend funerals and marriages beyond close family.

Mass gatherings resume in line with public health advice.

All ceremonies can take place, with improved hygiene and other precautions.

Source: Covid-19 Route Map, page 44 under 'Gatherings and Occasions'
Phase dates to be confirmed and subject to circumstances/data changes.

OUR BISHOPS

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) has set up a group for phased reopening of our churches

COVID-19 WORKING GROUP



Infection Control

Will create an Infection Control Protocol to govern the phased reopening of churches,



Liturgy

Will create new liturgical advice to govern the celebration of Mass and other sacraments

OUR DIOCESE

We will follow the health and safety protocols issued by BCOS in line with Government guidance



PREPARING NOW

We are busy preparing support for our parishes ahead of restrictions being lifted.



INFORMED CLERGY

Archbishop Cushley is keeping our priests updated with guidance from BCOS ahead of Phase 2.



HELP YOUR PARISH

Your parish priest will need volunteers to assist when churches reopen. Please support him!