



THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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28th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 11 October 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.*



With this newsletter, there are not one but two Pastoral Letters! One is from Archbishop Leo Cushley, the second shorter one from the Bishops of Scotland as a group.

Next Sunday is MISSION SUNDAY/WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MISSIONS – Fr Vincent Lockhart writes: ‘World Mission Sunday marks a tradition which goes all the way back to the earliest days of the Church where one community helps a Church community in need somewhere else....I is the one Sunday in the year when Pope Francis asks the whole church to help mission parishes and to reach out with Jesus’ message of love and hope.’ There will be a second collection.

Weekend Masses – and How/If to Book

To help us to manage the numbers, if you wish to come to one of the ‘live’ Saturday and Sunday Masses, please contact the parish house

by phone (0131 669 5618 – a special number) only on

Wednesday 10am to 1pm

Thursday 10am to 1pm

Friday 11am to 1pm

Or by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) until Friday 1pm.



We are continuing to livestream some of our **Weekday Masses from the Prayer Room** in the Parish House - **this week on Monday and Friday at 10am, and Tuesday at 7pm** (This is partly because after every Mass in one of our Churches, ‘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 – **and always open to new volunteers.**)

Please also be aware that you will need to utilize hand sanitisers as you come into and leave the church, and masks must be worn throughout the service.



Due to the COVID regulations we have limited seatings available and therefore we advise early booking. We are grateful for your patience and understanding in these difficult times.

Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass

Arlene Lauder writes:



'Zoom Children's Liturgy sessions are continuing. Why not join us this Sunday 11 October 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 10 October. 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'.**

THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 October

11.30am – St John's – **Baptism of Cartner Turnbull**
2pm – St John's – **Wedding of Rebecca Zoltie and Reggie McMahon**

Monday 12 October

10.00am - Prayer Room – **Mass**
4.30pm – Skype – **PEP Meeting**

Our Monday Gospel Sharing by Zoom will recommence Monday 19 October.

Tuesday 13 October

7.00pm - Prayer Room – **Mass**
7.35pm – Zoom – **St John's Pastoral Council Meeting**
7:30pm - on Zoom/Lauriston Jesuit Centre - **'The Amazon Synod 1 Year On - Progress & Procrastination' with Maurice Lopez.**

Zoom Login Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> Or Meeting ID: 236 509 2814

View on Facebook live by typing Lauriston Jesuit Centre into Facebook.

For more information contact lauristonjesuitcentre@jesuit.org.

Wednesday 14 October

9.20am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00am – St John's - **Mass** (No booking required)

Thursday 15 October

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass** (No booking required)

Friday 16 October

9.20am – Prayer Room – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00 am – Prayer Room – **Mass**

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

Saturday 17 October

6.30pm – St John's - **Vigil Mass** (booking required)

Sunday 18 October

9.30am – St John's - **Mass** (booking required)

11.00am – **Full length Sunday Mass** (streamed on Youtube, pre-recorded from the Prayer Room)

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass** (booking required) **with the Reception, Confirmation and First Communion of Yvonne Speedman.**

.....AND IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 19 October – 7pm - Getting to Know St Mark - A Zoom event on the gospels of St Mark for Year B with **Fr Andrew Garden**. Details on registration for this free event will be shared soon on the Archdiocese's Facebook page and website: archedinburgh.org/new-events.

Tuesday 20 October – 10am – St John's - Requiem Mass for Catherine Graham

Saturday 24 October – 10am – St John's - The first of our 6 First Communion Masses

NOTICEBOARD

From October 9 to 15, Baby Loss Awareness Week

*will see thousands of bereaved parents
remembering their lost babies,
raising awareness about pregnancy
and baby death in the UK.*

*The event culminates with simultaneous lighting of candles
- a global Wave of Light -
at 7pm on October 15.*

*People taking part are asked
to light a candle and leave it burning
for at least one hour to remember
all babies who have died too soon
and post a photo of their candle
to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
using #WaveOfLight.*

**Baby Loss Awareness Week
is organised by
the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance,
led by the stillbirth and neonatal death charity, Sands**

40 Days for Life is back for Autumn.

Paul Atkins, the Diocesan Pro-Life co-Ordinator writes: 'I am delighted to say that 40 Days for Life are running an Autumn campaign in Edinburgh from **23 September to 1 November**. It's going to be a full 8am to 8pm campaign.

PRAYING FOR LIFE:

You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact edinburgh40days@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

The Post Pandemic Church - Business as Usual? Online Zoom Meetings – organised by ACTA

Wednesday 21 October 2020 - Dr Philip McCarthy (Chief Executive, Caritas Social Action Network) –
Hearing the Cry of the Poor and Disadvantaged

Wednesday 4 November 2020 - Dr Clare Watkins (Reader, Roehampton Institute) - **A Vision for the
Church of the Future**

Registration is essential and the form is available at : <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>

Click on the session you want to register for and complete Individual Registration

If you need further assistance contact Alex Walker on 07947 675405 or Frank Callus on 07956 005459.

Once you have registered you will receive joining instructions for the Zoom session on the Sunday evening preceding the talk: The Zoom ID and Pass Code will be unique to each event



Rosary Whirlwind British Isles
OCTOBER 2020
- FOR FAITH, LIFE AND PEACE -

JOIN US FOR DAILY ONLINE ROSARY AT 8PM

13TH OCTOBER - Rosary Whirlwind British Isles,
Sign up your parish or location at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

31ST OCTOBER - National Rosary Relay Rally (9am - 9pm)

1ST NOVEMBER - Online Rosary led by Bishop John Keenan at 8pm

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.ROSARYONTHECOAST.CO.UK
OR EMAIL ADMIN@ROSARYONTHECOAST.CO.UK

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY
PRAY ALONG WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE ONLINE AT 1PM ON SATURDAY 31 OCT

"I want you to know that in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Rosary" - St Dominic

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A Reflection for these Difficult Days

*My grandmother once gave me a tip:
In difficult times, you move forward in small steps
Do what you have to do, but little by little
Don't think about the future, or what may happen tomorrow*

Wash the dishes

Remove the dust

Write a letter

Make a soup

You see?

You are advancing step by step

Take a step and stop

Rest a little

Praise yourself

Take another step

Then another

*You won't notice, but your steps will grow more and more
And the time will come when you can think about the future without crying*

(Elena Mikhalkova)

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

☎0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Hugh Purcell, David Kershaw and Catherine Graham

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Ian White, Bridget Hanley, Billie Turnbull, Juliann Roarty, Canon Jack Ward, Mgr Jim Rae, Joan Howie, Mgr Tom Connelly, Michael Connolly, Bill Oldershaw, and Fr Jimmy Henry.

St John's

Oct.11:- Juliann Roarty (1994); Thomas Bassi (1982); Canon John Ward (1977); **Oct 12:-** Elizabeth Craigie (1988); Lucy Boyd; **Oct.13:-** Anthony & Leonard Reading (2003); Elizabeth Berry (1978); David Hyde (1978); Denis McKay; **Oct.14:-** Fay Brown (2014); Mary M Smith (1999); Agnes Docherty (1994); Jean Deighan (1990); Norman Ritchie (1973); Hugh Stone (1962); Joseph Bradley; **Oct.15:-** Joan Howie (2018); Monsignor James Rae (2015); George Gilhooley (1997); Robert Nelson (1959); Collins Family; **Oct.16:-** Catherine Jeffrey (1986); Elizabeth Burns; **Oct.17:-** Michael Connelly (2018); Cathie Bloomfield (2008); Mina Hanlon (1987);

St Mary Magdalene's

Oct.13:- James Harvey (2018); **Oct.14 :-** Marisa Kerr (2000); **Oct.16 :-** Daniel Sweeney (2004); Fr. Jimmy Henry (1987);

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Molly Lugton, Sheila 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, Anna Butler, Mary Phair, Sara Alkahankni, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Giulio Crolla, Alf Macnamara, Stan McKay, Maureen Lawrie, Mary Grady, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Agnes Harvey, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, 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, 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: Baby Kinsley McMillan, baby Francesca Horwood, Peter Von Schenk, Anthony Finnerty, Helen Liddell, John Walsh, Linda McKean, Moira McConville, Kathleen Kay, John Kellagher, Albi Stanley, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, Hazel Yeoman, John Williams, 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, Savannah McDonald, Pat Dignan, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, Rokhsana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr May Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jordan and young Ray Donovan Syme,

Warm birthday greetings to Vincent Knowles, 80 on Saturday 10 October.



Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
4 October 2020	£76.00 (including Gift Aid of £75.00) ie £151.00	£229.90 (including Gift Aid of £172.40) and £625.00 Direct Debits – ie £1027.30
Special Collection		
Aged and Infirm Clergy		£10.00
SCIAF		£30.00

Anne Karlin of SCIAF writes: 'A special thanks from SCIAF to the community of your two parishes who raised a total amount of £941.45 for the SCIAF Lebanon Appeal after the explosion at the port of the capital city of Beirut on 4 August 2020, causing at least 200 deaths, 6500 injuries and leaving 300.000 people homeless. Your donations will go towards helping those in need as soon as possible.

Rita Rhayem, director of Caritas Lebanon, said that hospital and primary care centres are still overwhelmed, and food to support the affected population is still not enough. Donations received from the people here in Scotland will go to help with first aid equipment, medicines, hot meals for those who have nothing and additional PPE. We send not only this money but our prayers for those who have died and those who need our help.'

Missio - October is the month of Missions. Parishioners can donate at [missioscotland.com/donate](https://www.missioscotland.com/donate). The Archdiocese is posting a Missio story each week throughout October on its website and social media to raise awareness. Here's the link to the first story: <https://www.missioscotland.com/single-post/we-have-to-make-mission-count>.

To pray and actually mean
'Thy Kingdom Come'
we must also be able to say
'my kingdoms go.'
(Richard Rohr OFM)

Bethany Care Shelter upgraded to Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre

Bethany Christian Trust has operated a Care Shelter in Edinburgh every winter since 1996, providing emergency shelter and care to people who would otherwise be sleeping rough.

Spurred on by the success of operating the Care Shelter in a hotel during lockdown, and in recognition that for a number of years the provision has far outstripped the traditional shelter model, Bethany's Care Shelter has been modified to become the new Rapid Re-Accommodation Welcome Centre from 5 October 2020 until 3 May 2021.

We are taking all the very best from what we have learned from operating the Care Shelter over the last 24 years into this new service; the professional staff team, the expert visiting agencies and organisations, the hundreds of church volunteers providing excellent food and the care, love and dignity given to each and every person attending, but the context and set up is new and exciting.

We are going to be operating in our new base for 30 weeks, the Haymarket Hub Hotel in Edinburgh. This allows everyone to get their own, Covid-Safe ensuite bedroom as we are not operating in a congregate sleeping space.

We will also be open 24 hours, removing the need for people to vacate the premises during the day. In the daylight hours we will have staffing support from the City of Edinburgh Council continuing the excellent partnership at the Old Waverley Hotel during lockdown. The day time aspect also allows for even more effective referrals to housing and interventions from health and other visiting partners as offices are open more during the day. The Scottish Government are also supporting the initiative as part of the new programme for government.

The Welcome Centre has been designed to have maximum positive impact for each person requiring support and is in line with the recommendations from the Route Map created by Bethany and others in the Everyone Home Collective.

Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive at Bethany Christian Trust, said: *"We have a vision of ending homelessness in Scotland and over the years we have supported and prevented thousands of people from sleeping rough in Edinburgh with multi-agency support, health interventions, accommodation options and practical support, whilst also providing overnight shelter. 'Shelter' no longer adequately describes all that we provide through this service, so we have proactively modified plans in order to launch the new Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre for a 30 week duration. Our hope is that this life saving safety net will in time no longer be necessary. The service will continue to rapidly re-accommodate people safely from the streets with multi-disciplinary interventions on-site, and we will still provide bed spaces for anyone that cannot access any alternative that night and for whom the Welcome Centre is a last resort."*

(Our parishes have volunteered to provide the evening meal for Welcome Centre users on 12 occasions during this winter season. Anyone wishing to become part of our volunteer team should contact Jim Roarty - jimroarty4@gmail.com)

A REFLECTION BY BERNARD TRAYNOR ON THE READINGS OF THE 28TH SUNDAY

Matthew 22: 1-14 – Invite everyone you can to the wedding

“What would it mean if you were to win....?” This question is often aimed at participants in television quiz shows, talent competitions and the like. Britain’s Got Talent and the X Factor are the serial offenders. The answers proffered by the contestants are as bland as the question posed by the host. “Oh, it would be life-changing!” or “It would mean the world to me!” All things are relative, I suppose, but are money and fame the only things that can be ‘life-changing’ or equivalent to ‘the world’? Call me an old romantic but finding the one who will be your life-long partner IS life changing and the birth of your child would surely mean the world – whatever that particular idiom implies.

I often think of this when I read this weekend’s Gospel passage. The simplicity of the tale cannot conceal the seriousness of the message. We are presented with the image of a king who hosts a feast for his son’s wedding. On the day in question, all of the invited guests fail to turn up, declining the invitation, and more importantly his generosity. In his indignation he sends out his servants to invite others to take their place. *Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.* One of these new invitees becomes the villain of the piece. I imagine him as a homeless man who had been minding his own business at the side of the road before receiving his invite to the wedding feast. Perhaps what was on offer was the chance of his first full meal in weeks. His moment had come, could this be an end to his misery? Who wouldn’t leap at the chance of a square meal? Or perhaps he was a small-holder with his own patch of land and small flock of sheep barely enabling him to eke out a meagre living. The chance of a day off and of wining and dining in the company of the king was too good to resist. Would either have had the wherewithal to buy a wedding garment? Did either have time to go off and get cleaned up before changing into different clothes? Surely the urgency of the invite was a compelling call to action. Didn’t the servants say everything was ready and immediacy was the order of the day? Why then, such harsh treatment, at the hands of the king?

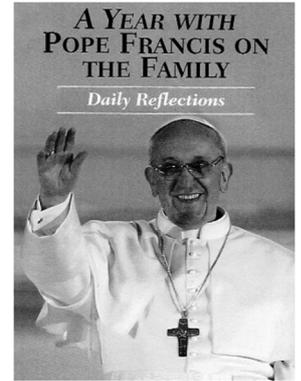
The first thing to note is that we can never assume that just because we carry the name Catholic and Christian that we have done enough, and salvation is assured. The invitation on its own was not enough to win the king’s approval. Effort is required on the part of all who are invited. Think of the times you have carried a small gift to present to your host as you were welcomed into their home to sit at their table. The size of the gift is as nothing compared to the generosity of your host but it speaks with eloquence. And then, there is the ‘thank you’ note afterwards. Each as powerful as the other. They are the equivalent of our wedding garment and lack of Christian courtesy and witness is the same as being at the feast without suitable attire.

The second thing to note is that Matthew tells us quite starkly that when challenged by the king: *(And) the man was silent.* It is this silence that seals his own fate. This part of the parable always brings to mind a time in secondary school when I was strapped for something I hadn’t done. At the end of the beating I stammered: “But it wasn’t me!” The teacher paused and then, perhaps in an effort to save face, replied: “Well, consider that your punishment for not speaking up for yourself!” Hitler missed out on not being able to recruit that particular individual. On a less flippant note, this aspect of the story serves us well for it reminds us that there is no such thing as an anonymous Christian, there is no such thing as a silent Christian. We live in a world where injustices abound. When we remain silent for fear of rocking the boat, not wanting to cause a stir, nor be recognised for our beliefs then it is our silence that becomes our condemnation. And our fate will be the same. A silent Christian is like the one who turns up to the wedding feast as naked as the day they were born – if not exactly a sight to behold, then absolutely certainly an object of scorn and derision.

A Year with Pope Francis on the Family

Quote of the week:

We all make mistakes and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes - I say - plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken: but please, listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me" and then you start over.



For those of you who can't work out social distancing, this is two meters apart.



One kind word can warm
three months
(Japanese proverb)

A good laugh is sunshine in the house
(William Thackery)

Forgiveness is the attribute
of the strong
(Gandhi)

Every great story happened when
someone decided not to give up
(Spryte Loriano)

**MY WIFE SAID THAT IF I DON'T
GET OFF MY COMPUTER AND HELP
WITH THE DISHES, SHE'LL SLAM MY
HEAD ON THE KEYBOARD, BUT I
THINK SHE'S JOKINGSG67SGHI3DHGJ
RE7490DNDWHK3-2J4H37SHDUDKJI
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