

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 7 June 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.



Pentecost Sunday Artwork by some of our children – see both Church Doors.....with thanks to all contributors for their generosity and skill.



*The Conclusion of 9am Morning Prayer Online from the Portobello Churches
.....and 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. This was presented till Pentecost and we are now looking at different ways of offering something together ...suggestions welcome!

Meanwhile can we recommend – and available on our Facebook page each morning from 8.30am.

PRAY AS YOU GO

'Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, lasting between ten and thirteen minutes and combining music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

It's designed to go with us wherever we go, to help us pray whenever we find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc – or when under lockdown!

A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week – with one session for the weekend. **It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for our own prayer.**

The aim is to help us to:

- become more aware of God's presence in our life
- listen to and reflect on God's word
- grow in our relationship with God

(The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality. It is produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives, with material written by a number of Jesuits, both in Britain and further afield, and other experts in the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Although the content is different every day, it keeps to the same basic format.)'

A NEW WEBSITE FOR ST JOHN'S

Maggie Murphy writes: 'St John's website has had a revamp! And hopefully you will find it slicker and more functional than before - especially during this lockdown period when we can't gather together physically as a community. You will now find information about our live-streamed Masses, activities at St John's, and other resources on the website. All feedback and suggestions welcomed, and we look forward to growing our online community together!
VISIT: <https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk>

Fr Jock writes – 'Thanks so much to Maggie for her hard work and creativity in designing this new website from scratch during Lockdown – and to Deacon Eddie for his support and encouragement of her. Many thanks, too, to **Jean Douglas** for her continuing development of the St Mary Magdalene website – do visit it as well:

www.stmarymagdalenes.co.uk

Bishops Finalise Plans To Reopen Churches



The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) has finalised its proposed infection control standards which will govern the reopening of parishes and confirmed that they have sent their guidelines to the Scottish Government.

Commenting on the progress being made towards parish reopening, BCOS President Bishop Hugh Gilbert said: "A great deal of work has been done to provide guidance and support to clergy as they prepare for the phased reopening of our parishes.

"The guidelines have been prepared to reflect advice given in the Scottish Government's Route Map on the gradual removal of restrictions. The Bishops' Conference continue to engage with the Scottish Government and have on Wednesday 3 June sent a copy of the guidance document to them."

'Coming week'

Bishop Gilbert added: "We would hope to be able to issue our infection control and liturgical guidelines within the coming week.

They will highlight the fact that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice and everyone is asked to consider carefully whether or not they should return in the early phases.

We are mindful of our duty of care to elderly clergy and lay people, which together with social distancing reductions in capacity will mean that the availability of Mass may reduce in some areas."

He added: "We are asked, in the words of Pope Francis to show 'wisdom, foresight, and common commitment, so that all the efforts and sacrifices made so far will not be in vain. In the hope that this pandemic will 'stimulate our creativity, our ingenuity, and our ability to respond' in a way that helps us "on the path of praise of the Lord and service to our brothers and sisters'."

LOCKDOWN PHASE 2 – Private Prayer in the Church

Chris Vinestock and Jennifer Morris write: 'When we reach Phase 2, subject to Government Guidance and Guidance from the Bishops of Scotland, we may be able to open our churches for private prayer. **To do so we will need volunteers to steward, cleanse and sanitise the areas for use.**



Appropriate guidance training and equipment will be provided. Previously we have benefitted from the services of older parishioners to help keep our churches clean.

Due to COVID-19 **we have to restrict volunteers to those under 65.**

We appreciate this will be frustrating for many people willing to help but your health and safety must come first!

If you are under 65 and available and willing to assist please contact the Parish House.'

With this newsletter is a handout with a series of reflections, written by Fr Tommy Greenan (RIP) while working in rural El Salvador in 1989.

A New Initiative - Saturday morning 'Zoom' Mass

Deacon Eddie writes: 'Please do join us on YouTube as usual for Mass on a Saturday morning. However, it would be nice to hear more voices joining in the responses and the prayers. Would you be able to join us by zoom? **We are trialling using Zoom alongside YouTube so that you can join us in the Mass, say hello and even have a little chat and goodbye at the end** like would normally happen at the back of the Church on the way out. It would also be a pleasant change for Fr Jock and myself used only to in the last few months to the company of the webcam....

The meeting code is 71276 71276 and the password is coffee.

Or, if you prefer a link to press and not have to remember any of access codes, email me on ewhite@outlook.com and I will help.'

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 7 June 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 6 June. 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 Trinity Sunday.

Benediction from St Mary Magdalene's Church - Wednesday 10 June - 7pm

A new/old way for us to join together

Link for this is <https://youtu.be/ALE5GCi0YBg>

It will also be on Facebook Live.'

On Friday 12 June 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.'

Last Week we announced that there was a **Special Collection for the Day for Life (31 May)** **The diocese has alerted us that it** has set up an online giving page and 'that cheques can be sent to the 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!'

A POEM FOR TRINITY SUNDAY BY CANON ANDREW MONAGHAN

Trinity in Lockdown

The Christian celebration of God as three in one,
of Father, Son and Spirit,
proclaims in God an inner life
which we can only glimpse and sense.
The Father takes us to creation
and a love described in human terms
as fatherly and motherly,
embracing each of us as who we are
with all our individual gifts and faults.
The Son embodies in our human frailty
that love of God which gives and shares and understands.
The Spirit helps us be what we can be
when we allow the love of God
to touch our lives and hearts and inner being.

The time of lockdown brings now to each of us
a deprivation of the normal props
which help us cope each day.
The pattern of our days is utterly destroyed
and we are forced to face the trinity
of who we are, of what we have to face
and how we find new ways to love and care.
The isolation means we cannot touch
or feel the ones we love
and thus we lose the reassurance
of being valued as we are.
We need to build new bridges
to those we took for granted.
We need to find new ways
to offer affirmation to all of those around
who may be searching for that reassurance
which God has trusted us to pass in turn to others.

Who we are, by God's indwelling love,
becomes the mirror of God's own inner life
when we reach out to others
and ensure that neither illness nor the lockdown
will prevent our inner transformation,
and that interactive love and care
which makes our life worth living,
and thus creates a human family
which mirrors that inner life of God,
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and makes it not only glimpsed
but lived out day by day.

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**

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).

THIS WEEK

Monday 8 June

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

Tuesday 9 June – 1pm– ‘Refugees in a Time of Crisis’ with Sarah Teather, former MP, now Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service (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. 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 10 June

7pm – St Mary Magdalene’s/Youtube/Facebook – **Benediction**

7.30pm – St John’s Pastoral Council Meeting (by Zoom)

Thursday 11 June – 12am – Mortonhall Crematorium – Funeral Service of Charlie Boyle (followed by burial at 1.30/1.45pm at Portobello Cemetery).

Friday 13 June

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

11am – Zoom – **Rosary**

NOTICEBOARD

MOUNT VERNON - COVID-19 CEMETERY RESTRICTIONS

Anna Elżbieta Kulwicka, Manager, Mount Vernon Cemetery, writes: ‘This cemetery is open to the public at weekends until further notice

- **Friday** 4pm-8pm
- **Saturday** 8am-8pm
- **Sunday** 8am-8pm

Access is for pedestrians only (please enter through the side gate). Weekday access is restricted to funeral services only. The cemetery office and public toilets are closed until further notice. These temporary conditions are to ensure a safe working environment for our staff and to conduct burials safely and respectfully. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.’ For queries/requests please contact the cemetery manager on 0131 623 8906. Updates are available from: archedinburgh.org/news-events

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

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.'

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GOES ONLINE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

'Alcoholics Anonymous members are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic by taking their meetings online.

IN EDINBURGH & MIDLOTHIAN THERE ARE CURRENTLY 45 ONLINE AA MEETINGS. THESE CAN BE ACCESSED VIA OUR LOCAL WEBSITE AT: <https://aa-edinburgh.org.uk/online-meetings/>
For help contact www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk or call our 24 hour helpline on 0800 9177 650.'

An Invitation From The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office to the 13 June March for Life in London

'This London event is getting bigger every year. In 2019 Scotland sent a bus, this year you can go without leaving home. The organisers have repurposed the event to 'LifeStream 20' with the world's best pro-life speakers, live Q&A's, workshops, testimonies, children's activities, book readings, music, prayer and much more. Register online here

*An Online Retreat in English with George Durner at La Ferme – the retreat centre at the founding L'Arche community of Trosly-Breuil in France
Saturday 5 to Saturday 11 July.*

'Dear friends, In order to stay close to you, beyond the current international travel restrictions, we have transformed our summer retreat "**The Sacrament of the Encounter**" into an online retreat.

This will be the first online retreat by La Ferme, ever! Do not miss this opportunity to connect with the unique experience and spirituality of L'Arche from wherever you are around the globe.

This retreat will take place in July 2020, from Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th. The retreat will comprise five inspirational talks by **George Durner** by video link, two prayer-sheets with introduction by video clip to guide you, and two group sharing with other retreatants in your time zone, for a time of reflection and exchange. For more information go to <https://www.lafermedetrosly.fr/en/session/sacrament-encounter>

To register to this retreat, send us a mail on accueil@lafermedetrosly.com

We are looking forward to 'connecting' with you on this special occasion! Team La Ferme.'

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

 **0800 027 1234**

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Charlie Boyle and Denis McKay

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jane McDonald, Lizzie Orchard, Mary Cosgrove, David Gaughan and Tommy Fagan

St John's

June 7 :- Kenneth Jones (2010); Margaret Hunt (2002); Thomas Lear (1997); Mary Cosgrove (1988); **June 8 :-** Peggy Neilson (1993); Kate Browne (1978); Douglas Napier; **June 9 :-** Jane McDonald (2017); Dorothy Montgomery (2008); Elizabeth Dyer (1957); Margaret Connor (1954); **June 10 :-** Brian Coll; **June 11 :-** Andrew Carey (2003); Isabella Young (2003); Michael J Kempton (2002); John Reidy (2000); Patricia Pyper (1999); **June 12 :-** Peter McLauchlin (1993); Mrs Young (1939); Catherine Regan; **June 13 :-** Bridget McCole (1997); Beatrice Nimmo (2005); John Govan (2003); Bernard Holligan (1993); Lyndsey Jacob (1991); Christina Mullen (1978); John Brown (1945 killed in action); Sally Eadie

St Mary Magdalene's

June 8 :- Margaret Neilson (1993); Mary Harris (1968); **June 10 :-** William T Ramsay (1967); **June 11 :-** Isabella Gallagher (2001); Jan Ulas (1996); **June 12 :-** David Gaughan (2000); **June 13 :-** Hugh McCarron (2000)

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: Jan Meise, Seran Kazimoglu, Anne Young, Tommy Clarke, 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, Sr Veronica Marshall, Martin Doherty, Maureen Connolly, Diana Hibbert, JRoksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Sr Mary Lewis, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jordan and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory Collections	St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
31 May 2020	Direct Debits – £170.00	£242.40 (including Gift Aid of £62.40) and Direct Debits – £684.40 - ie £926.80

Coffee Morning Donations - May 2019 to March 2020:

Maria Igoe writes: 'Many thanks to those who donated so generously. At certain times some of these donations have been doubled by the Government, making an even greater impact for the charity.'

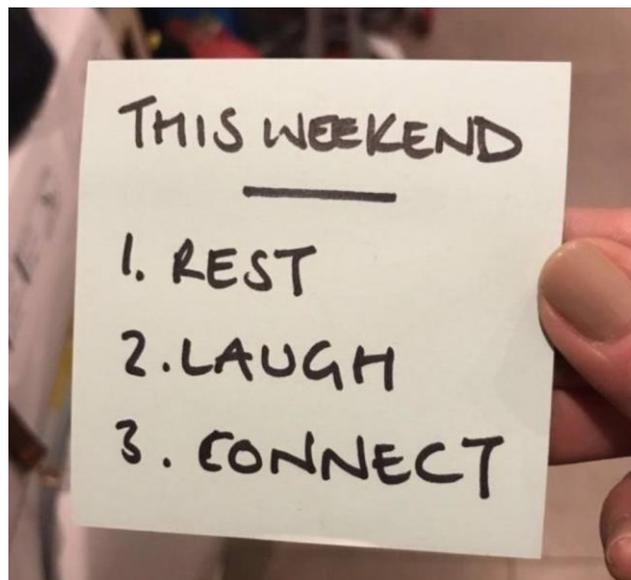
May	Apostleship of the Sea and Lifeboats (£105 each)	=	£210
June	Mary's Meals	=	£170
July	Chance for Childhood	=	£100
August	Wateraid	=	£165
September	Let the Children Live	=	£170
October	Aid to the Church in Need	=	£120
November	Sightsavers	=	£110
December	Mary's Meals	=	£190
January	Edinburgh SPUC Branch	=	£150
February	Chance for Childhood	=	£70
March	Citizen Go (ensures that human life, the family and our freedoms are respected)	=	£100
	TOTAL	=	£1555



AGING GRACEFULLY

You never will be old
With a twinkle in your eye
With the springtime in your heart
As you watch the winter fly.
You never will be old
While you have a smile to share,
While you wonder at mankind
And you have the time to care
While there's magic in your world and a
Special dream to hold,
While you still can
Laugh at life,
You never will be old.
(Iris Hesselden)

Lockdown Learnings



For many of us, life is a series of commitments - social events, family arrangements or work related responsibilities. Lockdown has left our diaries suddenly empty and rather than lamenting the loss of a packed calendar, some people have found that the quieter, slower life imposed by the coronavirus lockdown has offered a much-needed break.

Psychotherapist and author of *The Phone Addiction Workbook*, Hilda Burke, says she sees several clients who feel guilty about doing nothing.

In terms of keeping a healthier balance as we transition back into "normal" life, Hilda advises identifying the things you learned in lockdown that you want to continue with.

"It's about managing people's expectations - share with your friends, family or colleagues what you learned in lockdown and what you want to continue with."

Source: BBC News