

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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## 3 DECEMBER 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to his disciples, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake....

So, stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep'.

(Matthew 13:33-37)

*We continue to hold in our hearts those who are suffering - and all those who have lost their lives - in Gaza and Israel and in the war in Ukraine, and indeed in all wars...*

### TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*NB Advent this year is the shortest it can be (three weeks and a day) - since Christmas is on a Monday*

Since early October, the RCIA (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) group has been meeting each Tuesday in the parish house, led by our catechists, Colette Dempsey and Bronagh Power, with Fr Jock, and other parishioners present as sponsors/supporters. This year we have been blessed with five 'enquirers' who, having completed the Enquiry Stage, **will at the 9.30am Mass today enter the second of the four stages in the RCIA process, the Catechumenate** (period of instruction) ... – **Anushka Kulatunya** will become a catechumen, **Rachel Berry, Gillian Harvey, Rob Holden and Mary Renwick**, candidates – catechumens are those who haven't been baptised, candidates are those baptised into another Christian denomination, or Catholics who have yet to receive all the sacraments of initiation – baptism, confirmation and eucharist. Please pray for them and all in the RCIA group, including the 'returning Catholics.'

**This Monday, 5 December, Fr Jim and Fr Jock will be celebrating the monthly Healing Mass – with the Sacrament of the Sick – at St John's at 2.30pm.**

*Joy does not simply happen to us.  
We have to choose joy and keep  
choosing every day.*

(Henri Nouwen)

**A WELCOMING INITIATIVE - Monday 4 December – 7.00pm (and Saturday 9 December – 11.00am) - St John’s Hall – An Evening/Morning to Welcome New Parishioners.**

**Fr Jock writes:** ‘We have felt for some time that we should organize a get-together for new (or reasonably new) parishioners and are now trying to do so. **These two gatherings – come to whichever suits you best (or both!) are for parishioners new to St John’s in the last three or four years.** They should last for about an hour and tea/coffee/juice and home baking will be available. We have tried to send out invitations to those who have registered in that time, but there will be several who haven’t – please make yourself known and feel equally invited, and please come along...’

**NB A warm welcome, too, to any parishioner who’s willing to be present to welcome our new parishioners at either gathering...**

*(We hope to organise a similar gathering for new St Mary Magdalene’s parishioners on Saturday 20 January (Date tbc) at 11.00am in St Mary Magdalene’s Hall.)*

**Monthly Holy Hour/Adoration – Wednesday 7.00pm – St John’s**

**Deacon Eddie writes:** ‘A slightly different approach this month... a chance for private adoration in St John’s before the blessed sacrament from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in gentle candlelight.

Do come along as we prepare ourselves in this holy season - pop in for 10 mins or for the full hour, spending time in silence before the Lord. And do let us know if you find evening Adoration helpful...’

## OUR ADVENT INITIATIVES



The popular magazine put together by the Redemptorists, ‘**Advent Extra**’, will be available after each Mass. We have ordered 200 copies, and if people each donate **£2.00** for it, we will cover our costs.

### Prayer at Night

*Starting today, First Sunday of Advent*

We will be starting online Prayer at Night to coincide with the beginning of Advent **this Sunday 3 December**. This will be on Zoom each night until Christmas Eve.

**The prayer starts at 9.15pm each evening** and lasts for around 10 minutes. This is an initiative of our two parishes, St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s. However, because it is online, it is accessible from anywhere. All are very welcome. Do invite people.

The Zoom meeting ID is the same each evening:

*Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>*

The Zoom room opens at 9.00 pm. Please come before 9:13 pm. Only those leading the prayer are visible or can be heard. We will include the link in the parish newsletter each week and it will also be on the [parish website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



### ADVENT CLUSTER RETREAT WITH LYNDA WRIGHT

There is a list at the back of both churches for you to sign up for annual Advent Cluster Retreat – on **Saturday 16 December** at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - from 10am to 1pm – **led by Deaconess Lynda Wright**, an experienced and very creative retreat giver, much appreciated at the two previous retreats she’s given our five cluster parishes of St Mary’s, St Mary Magdalene’s, St Theresa’s, St John’s and St Ninian’s. (Free – but donations welcome at then to cover our costs).

CAROL SINGING AROUND PORTOBELLO - WITH THE OTHER PORTOBELLO CHURCHES... will take place on **Saturday 16 December at 4.00pm** – more details next week.

**RECONCILIATION SUNDAY** will take place on **Saturday/Sunday 16/17 December** at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses...between three and five priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. An ‘examination of conscience’ to help us prepare will be given out with next week’s newsletter.

## Mass Times for 23-25 December:

Saturday 23 December – 6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Sunday 24 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene’s - **Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

6.00pm – St John’s – **Christmas Children’s Vigil Mass**

8.30pm – St John’s – **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Monday 25 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Christmas Day Children’s Mass.**

## SCIAF REAL GIFTS – Your Christmas shopping made easy!

**The Justice and Peace group write:** The SCIAF Real Gift Catalogue is out – go to [shop.sciaf.org.uk](http://shop.sciaf.org.uk) to see the full range. Why strain your brain thinking of a clever present when you can get some Cheeky Chicks or Goat-Worthy Goats from SCIAF! As always, the choice includes so many wonderful ideas to make life better for those for whom it is a daily struggle. Who knew the benefits a pig can bring? What about the “Feed a Family” bundle – super seeds, a vegetable garden and a little green stove? The choices are many and varied, with prices to suit all pockets.

To make things easier, **the J&P Group will be selling Real Gifts at the back of both churches the the first two weeks of Advent. All major debit/credit cards accepted!**

A summary of the gifts is included can be downloaded [HERE](#) or at the back of both churches.

### *Water for a Village*

Water is the most basic and vital need of all, but it’s scarce and unpredictable in many of the world’s poorest communities. Families without clean water are trapped in a deadly cycle of poverty, poor health and premature death.

For the last two years, our two parishes, with top-up funding from our Justice & Peace Group, have contributed to the SCIAF Real Gift of Water for a Village – clean water for drinking and water to provide irrigation for crops and animals to avoid the threat of famine – and we would like to offer you the chance again to make a Christmas present of clean water to members of our human family deprived of it.

The cost of the Real Gift is £1200, *and you can make your donations to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any member of the Justice & Peace Group or hand them into the Parish House.* For more info, contact Jim Roarty ([jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com) Tel 07719952472)

**STEKA Skills** will also have a stall at the back of our churches - on the second and third Sundays of Advent...

## A message from Bethany Christian Trust

*Buy a Bed - Helping people sleeping rough this Winter.*

‘Every night there are people sleeping rough on the streets of Edinburgh.

A **£21.00 Buy a Bed gift card** helps provide someone with access to 24-hour emergency accommodation, food, warmth and tailored support that will help them move on to a new start through the Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre. We hope to raise a total of £140,000 through this campaign, to meet the increasing need we are already seeing on the ground. Please consider joining us to help provide this vital service this winter.

By purchasing or receiving a Buy a Bed gift card, you help provide access to Bethany’s Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre in Edinburgh, for those who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets this winter. Your gift will help someone this winter by providing access to:

· *A warm, safe, private room with en-suite facilities* · *24-hour care & support from professional, supportive and loving staff* · *Three meals a day including a freshly prepared, hot two course dinner* · *A wide range of on-site support services* · *Assistance to move rapidly out of the crisis of homelessness*

Get your Buy a Bed gift card at [bethanychristiantrust.com/buy-a-bed](http://bethanychristiantrust.com/buy-a-bed) or alternatively, ask Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any other member of the Justice & Peace Group.

Bethany's charity shops in Edinburgh and East Lothian also stock Buy a Bed gift cards. Thank you’.

**Maria Igoe writes:** ‘The **November Charity Coffee Morning** supporting **Aid to the Church in Need** raised **£150.00**. Many thanks to all who attended.

The next Coffee Morning will be held in St John's Parish Hall on **Monday 18 December** and donations will be given to *Operation Smile*, which treats children with cleft conditions and changes their lives. Two new cleft centres are being built in the Philippines, which will have the capacity to treat about 3,000 patients every year. Please come along to help children with cleft conditions have a better life.’

# THIS WEEK

## Saturday 2 December

9.30am-1.30pm – St John's Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**  
10.00-2.00pm – St John's Primary School – **Christmas Fair**  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

## Sunday 3 December – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am - St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed – **with entrance to the Catechumenate for the RCIA candidates and catechumens-to-be**  
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Monday 4 December

9.15am – St John's Primary School – **Advent Service**  
2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass** - livestreamed  
7.00pm - St John's Hall – **An Evening to Welcome New Parishioners**  
8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3Rjrw8> in your browser  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Tuesday 5 December

10.00am – Our Lady of Loretto Musselburgh – **Requiem Mass for Joan Brooks** (Fr Basil and Fr Jock)  
7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – livestreamed  
7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA – Catechumenate 1**  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Wednesday 6 December

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed  
7.00pm-8.00pm – St John's - **Holy Hour/Adoration** - livestreamed  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Thursday 7 December

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed  
11.30pm – St Mary's Cathedral – **Meeting, Mass and Lunch for the Cathedral Canons**  
1.00pm-3.45pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club Christmas Dinner**  
6.00pm – St John's – **Wedding Rehearsal for Richard Laverick and Fiona Grant**  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Friday 8 December – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed  
6.00pm–9.00pm – St John's Hall – **Festive Fashion Sale (in aid of Smart Works Scotland)**  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Saturday 9 December

11.00am - St John's Hall – **A Morning to Welcome New Parishioners**  
3.00pm – St John's – **Wedding of Fiona Grant and Richard Laverick**  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Sunday 10 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am - St John's – **Children's Mass with P4 'Do This in Memory of Me'** - livestreamed  
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **P3 and Children's Mass**  
**with Rite of Illumination** – livestreamed  
7.00pm – St John's – **Mansfield School of Music**  
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

View the **links for the Masses** by visiting our webpage: <https://bit.ly/StJStMM>





## IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 11 December – 10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Anna Butler**

Saturday 16 December – 10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary’s, Leith – **Cluster Parishes’ Retreat  
with Deaconess Lynda Wright**  
4.00pm – **Carol Singing with the Portobello Churches**

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 December – **Reconciliation Sunday**

## NOTICEBOARD

*Do any of our parishioners feel drawn to work with young people .... or even as a youth leader...if you do, or even if you think you might just wish to investigate the possibility, please contact Fr Jock...*

### **A Message from the J&P Group re the St Andrew’s Night Concert**

‘Despite the cold, a packed audience enjoyed a wonderful evening’s entertainment, starring the superb St John’s School Choir, the “talented and versatile” (to quote Frances, our MC) Feast of Light Choir along with Jeremy Thorp (piano), David Simpson (clarinet) and the vocal talents of Geraldine Mackie supported by Donald Scott and David Nettleship.

A big thank you to all who contributed raffle prizes. We received so many that it would not have been possible to include them all on the night so we will save half of them for a fundraising raffle in the New Year.

And finally (and importantly), we raised **£1588.00** for the two charities we were supporting, **the SCIAF Israel-Gaza appeal nominated by the J&P Group and the Edinburgh Children’s Hospital Charity, nominated by St John’s Primary School.** The J&P Group will round this money up to £1000 for each of the two charities. Thank you again for all the support.’

NB The SCIAF donation sum will increase thanks to a donation to the SCIAF Gaza-Israel appeal from the Mansfield School of Music as a thank you for their using the Church for their Christmas Concert next Sunday.’

**FESTIVE FASHION SALE – this Friday, 8 December – 6.00-9.00pm - St John’s Church Hall**  
**Bronagh Power writes:** ‘Proceeds in aid of Smart Works Scotland who help women into employment by providing interview coaching and clothing. Lots of bargains and gift ideas. We’d love to see you there!’

**Bethany Care Van – Jim Roarty writes:** ‘Our volunteers who staff the Bethany Care Van are getting frequent requests from people on the streets for warm hats, gloves and socks. If you can donate, please leave your items at the back of the church, labelled “Care Van”.

**Phyllis McLeay writes:** ‘A request for washable nappies, baby and toddler clothes – in aid for a local maternity hospital in Africa. Donations can be handed in to the Parish House. Thank you.’

### **The Mansfield School of Music Christmas Concert - St John’s – 7.00pm - Sunday 10 December**

Mansfield School of Music are delighted to announce that this year’s Christmas concert will be held at St John’s the Evangelist Church in Portobello! This will be a wonderful evening of festive music and carols, featuring solo and group performances from students, teachers and friends of Mansfield.

Tickets are available via this link which can also be found on Mansfield’s Facebook and Instagram pages, but you can also pay on the door: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/msm>

*Tickets - £16 - Concessions - £13 - MSM students - FREE*

NB The Mansfield School of Music will be ‘topping up’ the Justice and Peace Group Donation (from Thursday’s Concert) to the SCIAF Gaza-Israel appeal as a thank you for their using the Church for the Concert.’

**Lorraine Hughes, MISSIO SCOTLAND Administrative Assistant, writes:** ‘Many thanks for the recent donation of **£570.50** from St John the Evangelist’s and St Mary Magdalene’s Churches in relation to Mission Sunday. It is very much appreciated, especially during these difficult times.  
...and thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.’



Date		*** St John's Eucharistic Ministers rota ***		
December	2	Jim Roarty	Patrick Shannon	Pat White
	3		Gillian Ramage	Pat Robertson

## From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

**Mass with African community** - The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean Community takes place at 2.00pm on **Sunday 3 December** at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT.

**Blessing of Nativity Scene** - Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene for Edinburgh at the annual outdoor Carol Concert for Edinburgh at 3:30pm on **Sunday 3 December** at Mound Place.

**Advent Rosary** - The annual Advent Pro-Life Rosary takes place **each Monday** in Advent (**4, 11, 18 December**) at 7:45pm. Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflections from guest speakers, including Archbishop Cushley on 4 December. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

**Vocations Mass** - The monthly Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life takes place at 6:30pm on **Monday 4 December** at St Columba's in Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN.

**Candlelit Concert** - St Mary's Cathedral's Schola Cantorum hosts a special candlelit concert on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **Friday 8 December** at 8:00pm, in the warmth and intimacy of St Andrew's Church in Ravelston. The group will sing a one-hour programme of Advent and Christmas music. Tickets are £6 standard (£12 family) and are available from Eventbrite or on the door. Book at <https://bit.ly/ScholaAdvent2023>

**Lourdes Hospitalité Carol Service** - The Lourdes Hospitalité Committee is hosting a Carol Service at 3.00pm on **Sunday 10 December** at St Margaret's Church, Main Street, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD. All are welcome to come along and join the festivities. Refreshments in church hall afterwards.



## Possibly Simple - A Reflection on Synodality by Colin Davey

In biological systems, it's the simplest solution that often prevails. Things certainly appear to get more complex over geological time, but (human teenager excepted) nature's hand has learned to get the job done with the least fuss. Embarrassing early mistakes and over-elaborations are confined to the fossil record, skeletons in Earth's cupboard.

I wonder whether this long-honed, baggage-free approach has something to teach us about the synodal process. In her wisdom, nature imparts and distils underlying unities, applying common pathways across very different contexts towards the shared aims of survival and flourishing. In all of nature's immense diversity, from micro-organisms to us humans, from the venomous to the fluffy, you don't need to dig far to find common ground (as witnessed by taxonomy) and, moreover, an intricate web of functional relationships and interdependences to which every member, at every level, makes a crucial contribution. Upset this balance and we're in trouble; look after the lions and ignore the algae at our peril.

Enough allegory. Suffice to say that forging a multilevel network of productive camaraderie, with width as well as height, drawing on underlying shared values, is crucial to tackling the challenges that face our church within contemporary society. I'm reminded that both wisdom and nature are feminine, both nature and synodality guided by the Holy Spirit.

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Mark 13: 33-7

*(The author of this reflection is a friend of Fr Jock who lives in Northumberland)*

I'm writing these few words on Wednesday evening. Tomorrow, I am due to receive a full knee replacement. I have waited 3½ years to reach the top of the waiting list, and of late, walking has been really painful. I am ready. Despite my state of readiness, almost eagerness, I still have some preparations to make. My usual cocktail of medications has been adjusted – some tablets stopped three days ago, some two, and several more again, tomorrow. There is a nasal gel to apply to minimize the risk of infection, ointments to apply to the skin over my knee-cap, there are rules about light breakfast, cut-off times for tea and coffee, sips of water and the rather strange admonition: *Please make sure you shower or bathe before coming into hospital.* I once asked a nurse friend if such a request was necessary. Her reply: *You'd be surprised by the state of some patients who present for surgery!* It reminded me of my late mother who, whenever I was going 'out' on a weekend would instruct – 'Make sure you're wearing clean underwear, in case you are knocked over and taken to hospital!'. I assumed there was an unwritten rule for ambulance drivers – no emergency admissions if the casualty is not wearing pristine underwear!

Preparation is so much a part of life. We prepare for job interviews, new school academic years, going away for the first time to university, we buy or rent our first home where we can be truly independent: soft furnishings are bought, crockery and cutlery, the paraphernalia of modern life. The arrival of a new baby requires particularly careful preparation - a carefully packed suitcase by the front door for the trip to the maternity unit. The baby is coming. He or she hasn't time to wait for you to pack what you need. So, a suitcase is prepared, in readiness.

Last week, I told you of Mr. and Mrs. KitKat and the mystery of the missing two fingers. I stood, 'guilty as charged'. This week, I met Mr. and Mrs. Eco Warrior. We were at the fish seller counter in Hexham Market. Supermarket fish tends to be farmed and is full of all sorts of additives. Most of these additives are deemed to be legal, but I don't believe any legislation that ends up in the statute books in return for massive political donations. We shun supermarket fish. Mr & Mrs Eco Warrior were of the same opinion. They seemed to be willing to go one step further than me. Well into their 70's (I later found out that Mrs. was 84), they shunned plastic as far as they could. They had made their own string shopping bags and, more impressively, had little stainless containers for their purchases. Margarine tubs were washed and re-used. They had their own container for their fish. Tins with green lids for their vegetable purchases, paper bags for fruit. One bag contained the empty containers, one bag for those that were full. I felt positively ignorant accepting my fish in a plastic bag. We chatted for a while. They were fascinating. They had so much of their experiences to share, no-one appeared to be listening. All of their clothes were from charity shops, they shunned cars and either walked or cycled. I asked if they ever felt they were wasting their time in following their chosen lifestyle. 'Oh! I never really think that. Time is just to be lived and enjoyed. We don't know how much time we have. We just live for now. Nothing else seems all that important.' She looked to her husband for approval. 'I never feel we are wasting our time', he added. 'It's all time well spent. Preparing a meal is as enjoyable as eating it. Preparing is our way of showing God that we are grateful and care for what he has given us.' 'Do you believe in God?' I asked. 'Of course,' he replied, 'don't you?'

We are beginning the Season of Advent. It's a Season of preparation for Christmas. Take your time. Savour these days. We prepare for the second coming of Christ by remembering his first. Jesus will come into our lives. We will meet him even as the last breath leaves our mortal bodies. We may be able to postpone it through healthy living – but we cannot put it off forever. We will leave this earth. We will die. We just don't know when.

Our gospel passage is taken from Mark. Jesus tells us of the landowner who decided to 'travel abroad' leaving his staff in charge. All he asks is they look after the place in his absence. He doesn't know how long he will be away. What will the servants do? Work or Party? Indulge their appetites or diligently repay and return his trust? They have no idea when he is coming back – he didn't tell them how long he would be gone. This is Jesus' advice to us: *Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming: evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep, so stay awake.*

# PARISH REGISTER

*Many Congratulations to Pamela Hanlon, who recently received a 20-year long service award as leader in Girl Guiding*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Janet Haring - Tom Wainwright  
Billy Stanton*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:*

*Evelyn Ostrowska - Helen McRae  
Margaret Risi - Yolanda Volante  
Winnie Casey - Mary Salvona  
Canon Raymond Fitzpatrick  
Bill Brogan - Kathleen Codling  
Denis Davidson*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Eddie Clark, Sheila Tansey, Pat Gilmartin, John Cregan, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Frank Phillips, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Nora Bruce, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Betty Dougal, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

### St Mary Magdalene's:

Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, John McLaughlin, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell,

## *Offertory 26 November 2023*

St Mary Magdalene's, £203.65 total, including £122.65 Offertory and £81.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1215.10 total, including £272.90 Offertory, £172.20 Gift Aid and £770.00 online donations.

*Special Collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service: £280.48 (both parishes)*

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**Dec.2:** John Wallace (2020); Barbara Walker (2012); Elizabeth Ogilvie (2006); Annie Donati (1993); William O'Donnell (1993); **Dec.3:** Jean Tunley (1997); Andrew & Mary Malcolm; **Dec.4:** Ronnie Smith (2017); Sarah Jessiman (2003); Robert Kerr (1999); Hugh Walsh (1994); Ronald Godley (1988); John Lawler (1970); A Duffy (1950); John Scollon; **Dec.5:** Helen Cassidy (2004); Mary Bisset (2001); Bill Brogan (1996); George Forrest (1988); Neil Donoghue (1987); Elizabeth Quinn (1980); Edmund Z Schmelter (1970); Nancy Syme; **Dec.6:** Patrick Butler (2007); Winifred Adamson (2000); Grace Spencer (1980); Mary Meehan; **Dec.7:** Charlie DiCarlo (1997); Thomas Holt (1972); John Tweedie; **Dec.8:** Margaret O'Brien (2001); Robert Taylor (1998); Kathleen M Codling (1977); James Waldie;

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**Dec.2:** Archibald Mawdsley (1969); **Dec.3:** Leonora Hanlon (1990); **Dec.5:** Denis Davidson (2021); **Dec.6:** Maria A Langlands (1997); **Dec.7:** Thomas Burdell (2000);

*Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:*

Jill Harvey, Bernard Traynor, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona and George McDermott, Ilona Brockbank., Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Nessa Campbell, Mike Fox, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Alec Robb, Mike Nelson, Dave Cook, Alison St. Clair Ford, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnell, Mary Madden, John Wiggins, Lucy Pagett, Jim Gray, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe, Caitlin Mair, Robert Clark, Peter Robinson, Stuart Goddard, Win Veitch, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, Mary Wallace, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan., members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 6), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

**THANK YOU!**