

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

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## 26 NOVEMBER 2023 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



"I was hungry and you gave me food;  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink;  
I was a stranger and you made me welcome;  
I was naked and you clothed me;  
I was sick and you visited me;  
I was in prison and you came to see me."

(Matthew 25:35-36)



*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...*

**A warm welcome, once again, to Fr Jim Smith**, kindly celebrating our Masses this weekend, (while Fr Jock is away on his annual retreat - at Ladywell Convent, near Godalming in Surrey, the mother house of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.

**The annual collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place this Sunday.**

**St Andrew's Night Concert – in aid of SCIAF's Israeli-Palestine Appeal and the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity**

*with Raffle Prizes - This Thursday - 30 November 2023 – 7.00pm - St John's Church*

**A message from the Justice & Peace Group:** 'Come and enjoy a music-packed evening in St John's Church featuring the stars of last year's concert, the **St John's Primary School Choir** along with the **Feast of Life Choir** and some brilliant musicians from our own parishes. There will be music to suit all tastes as well as an opportunity to exercise your own lungs. All this and a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval – and it's all free! There will of course be a raffle with lots of wonderful prizes and an opportunity to donate to the two charities we are supporting – the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity and the SCIAF appeal for Israel-Gaza.

We have so many wonderful prizes in the raffle that it felt it would be unfair on those who are not able to attend on Thursday evening to be deprived of the chance to enter! Therefore, **members of the Justice & Peace Group will be selling raffle tickets after each of the weekend Masses.** This is a list of just some of the prizes:

- 3-course Christmas meal for two at the Foresters Guild
- Meal for 2 at the Scottie
- Lunch for 2 at La Grotta
- £50 voucher for Malvarosa
- 2 tickets for Cinderella in Portobello Town Hall
- A beautifully presented food hamper
- Presentation basket of Apothecary therapies (worth £50)

as well as, among other things, bottles of whisky, brandy and wine, vouchers for local shops, stuff to make you smell nice and a beautiful hand-knitted Santa - something your kids will treasure.

In fact, so many prizes, it will be hard to avoid winning something! **Tickets only £1 each.**

A fantastic evening was had by all last year and this year's concert is shaping up to be as good so don't miss out! Thank you'.

## **St John's Church Hall – Closure – 20 November to 29 November**

**Chris Vinestock writes:** 'We are renovating/updating our kitchen facilities in St John's church hall, the first work on it since it was built 50 years ago.

Work commenced last Monday 20 November and will continue until Wednesday 29 November, when we hope the kitchen and the new boiler will be fitted and ready for use.

At a later date, the entire hall (including toilets and corridor) will be painted, and a new floor covering will be fitted. During this time, we thank everyone for their patience and understanding.'

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'On Tuesday 28 November, the members of the Legion of Mary will be going to Mount Vernon Cemetery to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy and other prayers around the graves. We will leave St John's at 12 noon. If you wish to join us please be at the Church or phone me on 07981333219. Thank you.'

**The St John's Primary School CHRISTMAS FAIR** takes place next **Saturday, 2 December** from **10.00am to 2.00pm** - 18 Duddingston Road, EH15 1NE **Free Entry -All Welcome.**  
(Santa meets – Home baked treats – Tombola and lots more...)

### **NEXT SUNDAY 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*

#### **Prayer at Night**

*Starting on the First Sunday of Advent*

We will be starting online Prayer at Night to coincide with the beginning of Advent on 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:*

*Meeting ID: 810 1762 0180 Passcode: prayer*  
*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](#).

**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 two or three 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...’

*NB 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.*

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).

**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.**

**Two messages from the J&P Group.**

*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)

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

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 sell Real Gifts at the back of both churches at the beginning of December.** A summary of the gifts is included can be downloaded [HERE](#) or at the back of both churches.

**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.’

## THIS WEEK

**Saturday 25 November** - 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

**Sunday 26 November** – **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

9.30am - St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed

**Monday 27 November**

10.00am – St John's - **Mass** - livestreamed

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/40PppQS> in your browser

**Tuesday 28 November**

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed

7.30pm – Parish House – **RCIA Mass and Celebration for the end of the Enquiry Stage**

**Wednesday 29 November**

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed - **with Primary 5 of St John's Primary School.**

**Thursday 30 November** – **FEAST OF ST ANDREW**

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Evelyn Buckley** – livestreamed

7.00pm – St John's Church – **St Andrew's Night Concert**, in aid of the SCIAF Appeal in response to the Israeli/Palestinian crisis and the Edinburgh Children Hospital's charity

**Friday 1 December**

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

**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>

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



## IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 4 December – 7pm (and Saturday 9 December - 11am) - St John's Hall – **An Evening/Morning to Welcome New Parishioners**

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.**

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

## 'SAINT' OF THE WEEK

**Dorothy Day (1897-1980) - Co-Founder of the Catholic Worker - November 29**

*"Whatever I had read as a child about the saints had thrilled me. I could see the nobility of giving one's life for the sick, the maimed, the leper... But there was another question in my mind. Why was so much done in remedying the evil instead of avoiding it in the first place?... Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to the slaves, but to do away with slavery?"*

When Dorothy Day died in 1980 at the age of eighty-three it was observed that she was *"the most influential, interesting, and significant figure"* in the history of American Catholicism. This was an extraordinary statement on behalf of someone who occupied no official position in the church - indeed, someone whose ideas were almost universally rejected throughout most of her life. *The Catholic Worker*, a lay movement she founded in 1933 and oversaw for nearly fifty years, was an effort to show that the radical gospel

commandment of love could be lived. She understood this challenge not just in the personal form of charity (the works of mercy) but in a political form as well, confronting and resisting the social forces which gave rise to such a need for charity. She represented a new type of political holiness - a way of serving Christ not only through prayer and sacrifice but through solidarity with the poor and in struggle along the path of justice and peace.

As a result, some people called her a communist. She was shot at, jailed, and investigated repeatedly by the F.B.I. She was not seriously disturbed by criticism. "*The servant is not greater than his master,*" she liked to quote. On the other hand, there were many who liked to call her saint. That was another matter. "*When they call you a saint,*" she often said, "*it means basically that you're not to be taken seriously.*" She regarded it as way of dismissing her challenge: "*Dorothy can do that; she's a saint!*" The implication was that hard decisions must have come easily for her. Actually, no one knew as well as she how dearly she had paid for her vocation: "*Neither revolutions nor faith is won without keen suffering. For me Christ was not to be bought for thirty pieces of silver but with my heart's blood. We buy not cheap in this market.*"

Day was born in Brooklyn in 1897. Though she was baptized as an Episcopalian she had little exposure to religion. By the time she was in college she had rejected Christianity in favour of the radical cause. She dropped out of school and worked as a journalist in New York with a variety of radical papers and took part in the popular protests of her day. Her friends were communists, anarchists, and an assortment of New York artists and intellectuals, most of the opinion that religion was the "*opium of the people.*"

A turning point in her life came in 1926 when she was living on Staten Island with a man she deeply loved. She became pregnant, an event that sparked a mysterious conversion. The experience of what she called "*natural happiness,*" combined with a sense of the aimlessness of her Bohemian existence, turned her heart to God. She decided she would have her child baptized as a Roman Catholic, a step she herself followed in 1927. The immediate impact of this was the painful end of her common-law marriage. The man she loved had no use for marriage. But she also suffered from the sense that her conversion represented a betrayal of the cause of the poor. The church, though in many ways the home of the poor, seemed otherwise to identify with the status quo. So, she spent some lonely years in the wilderness, raising her child alone, while praying for some way of reconciling her faith and her commitment to social justice.

The answer came in 1932 with a providential meeting. Peter Maurin, an itinerant philosopher and agitator, encouraged her to begin a newspaper that would offer solidarity with the workers and a critique of the social system from the radical perspective of the Gospels. *The Catholic Worker* was launched on May 1, 1933. Like a true prophet, Maurin was concerned not simply to denounce injustice but to announce a new social order, based on the recognition of Christ in one's neighbours. In an effort to practice what they preached, Day converted the office of the *Catholic Worker* into a "*house of hospitality*"- the first of many offering food for the hungry and shelter for the tired masses uprooted by the Depression.

But Day's message did not end with the works of mercy. For her the logic of the Sermon on the Mount also led to an uncompromising commitment to nonviolence. Despite widespread criticism she maintained a pacifist position throughout World War II and later took part in numerous civil disobedience campaigns against the spirit of the Cold War and the peril of nuclear war. Later, in the 1960s, when social protest became almost commonplace, Day's peacemaking witness - rooted in her daily life among the poor and sustained by the discipline of liturgy and prayer - retained a particular credibility and challenge. The enigma of Dorothy Day was her ability to reconcile her radical social positions (she called herself an anarchist as well as a pacifist) with a traditional and even conservative piety. Her commitment to poverty, obedience, and chastity was as firm as any nun's. But she remained thoroughly immersed in the secular world with all the "precarity" and disorder that came with life among the poor.

Her favourite saint was Therese of Lisieux, the young Carmelite nun whose "*little way*" indicated the path to holiness within all our daily occupations. From Therese Day drew the insight that any act of love might contribute to the balance of love in the world, any suffering endured in love might ease the burden of others; such was the mysterious bond within the Body of Christ.

In combining the practice of charity and the call to justice Day represented a type of holiness not easily domesticated, but perhaps of special relevance to our times. She called on the church to recover its identity as an offense and mystery in the eyes of the world. Her life was a living parable, focused on what she called the mystery of the poor: "*that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do to Him.*"

She died on November 29, 1980.

# From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

**Petition for Peace** - Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at [caid.org.uk/CallForPeace](http://caid.org.uk/CallForPeace)

**COP28** - The annual climate summit takes place in the United Arab Emirates from Thursday 30 November. Archbishop Bill Nolan (Glasgow Archdiocese), president of Justice & Peace for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, has issued a statement that can be read in the news-events section at [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org).

**Mass with African community** - The monthly Mass with the African & Caribbean Community takes place at 2pm 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.

## NOTICEBOARD

Date		*** St John's Eucharistic Ministers rota ***		
November	25	Tracy Burgess	Christina Vinestock	John Lawler
	26		Arlene Lauder	Colette Dempsey

**On Monday 27 November at 2pm** Christian Aid has helped to organise a meeting with a speaker from B'Tselem, the International Centre for Human Rights in the Palestinian Occupied Territories. This is at Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge.

### THE RELIGIOUS SENSE NIGHT – 5pm – Saturday 9 December – 5pm

*Exploring the essence of being human: A Fireside Conversation on 'The Religious Sense' by Fr Luigi Giussani – at the Italian Cultural Institute, 82 Nicolson Street Newington EH8 9EW*

**Stella Pezzilli writes:** 'In the most tender moments of love, in front of piercing beauty or of war and grief, sometimes even at the end of a rather normal day, we all perceive that life "cannot be just this". "Is such a longing for truth, goodness and justice reasonable?", asked the founder of Communion & Liberation movement Luigi Giussani in his book "The religious sense" (New Revised Edition, McGill-Queen's University Press 2023). In a recent interview on the Israel-Gaza war, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Pierbattista Pizzaballa said "Here, the question is not so much "where is God", but let's go back to what was said even 70 years ago in Europe during the Holocaust: where is man?".

**Leo Cushley**, Roman Catholic Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, **Linsay Taylor**, Head of Community Development and Engagement at Muslim Engagement and Development and Chair of Interfaith Scotland, and **Daniele Faccio**, Professor of Quantum Technology at University of Glasgow, will reflect together in a cultural panel with the responses to these questions. Save the date and register for the free event on Eventbrite ( The Religious Sense Night, Sat 9th December at 5 pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-religious-sense-night-tickets-753699313937>). *The event is organised by Communion & Liberation with the kind support of the Italian Institute of Culture and the Italian Consulate.*

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

My on/off knee surgery is back on! It was 'on' and then it was 'off', likewise my shielding/isolation expectations. No or minimal contact was allowed – but then the operation was off, and normality could return. I received the latest go-ahead on Tuesday of this week. After my appointment I was in the cafeteria of the Wansbeck General, desperately seeking a seat where I could feast on my Tuna Tikka Mayo Torpedo! (When it comes to fine dining, I know how to live!) I ended up asking an old man if I could join him. We sat and exchanged stories. He was facing a stoma reversal following a successful battle with cancer. He was waiting for his wife, and he offered some of his KitKat. 'I'm OK thanks, I've got a brownie here.' 'Yes, but you haven't opened it, and anyhow four fingers of KitKat are too much for me.' So, we shared his KitKat and each other's company. His wife returned. 'Have you eaten all that KitKat?' the accusation in her voice suspended like a guillotine blade. Will the real Inspector Morse please stand up!? 'You know you're not to eat too much chocolate.' 'No! I did not eat it all.' He pointed in my direction. 'I gave him two fingers' – a statement dripping with varying connotations. I was involved, guilty as charged. I awaited my sentence. 'Go and get me a tea, love', her voice now sweetness and charm. Off he went. I searched for some words, anxious not to implicate myself further in the mystery of the missing KitKat. 'It's really cold in here, isn't it?' anxious to find safe ground. The accusatory tone returned. 'It's her', she nodded towards the girl behind the counter. She is going through the change and has the air-con turned to max. She's OK, but as a result, we have to shiver!' 'You seem to know the set-up here.', I commented. 'He has been on chemo for six months. We're season ticket holders. Sometimes, it would have been easier to bring our bed.'

Her husband returned, tea in one hand, another KitKat in the other. We shared the latter – two fingers for her and one each for me and her husband. This was now turning into quite a party. I had watched a programme earlier on BBC1 about the history of Cadbury's chocolate, part of which covered the 'Bar Six'. 'Do you remember when the KitKat was five fingers?' I ventured. 'Oh, yes! – and front door keys hanging on a string on the back of the front-door'. We had memories to share and, it turned out that the old man I had joined 40 minutes earlier was the same age as me. A Glaswegian coalminer who came to Ashington – not because he loved the Charlton Brothers but because, if he were to spend his working day in the bowels of the earth, he wanted to spend the remaining hours walking by the coast, sea fret or sunshine, easterly gale, or balmy evenings. The episode reminded me of the ease we enjoy in practicing love, sharing, encouragement and acceptance. Chances are, we would never meet again, but the love we shared would be eternal in significance.

Jock came to stay last Sunday. It's ages since we have seen him physically – though we regularly have telephone contact. On these occasions, Adrian is happy for me to take control. I made everything from scratch: roasted cauliflower, garlic and macadamia nut houmous, homemade crusty bread, Penne Putanesca, lemon and blueberry cheesecake – and for Jock a couple of glasses of Cabernet Sauvignon. We shared food, fellowship, and mutual respect. We have a simple pine table, a century old and more. Like yours, it's the focal point of so much shared life. It is a table that demands to be caressed and stroked. Jock did not disappoint, and you could almost hear the table purr!. Through our mutual respect and sharing, the table became our altar, for there was a fourth person present. The food had been prepared as if for this extra attendee. He promised that whenever people were to gather in his name, he would be there amid proceedings. He was present with Mr and Mrs of the reversed colostomy and disappearing KitKat. He is there when we let the car at the junction join the traffic queue ahead of us, when we help the harassed mother struggling with shopping bags, uncooperative toddler, and unyielding foldable pushchair. He is there whenever we put ourselves out for others, when we share what we have, for he is Jesus Christ, Universal King of the whole of creation.

The Gospel this weekend lets us see, our final exam paper. Years of study behind us, we enter the exam hall armed only with pen and pencil – and not an eraser in sight, and certainly not a pocket calculator. The exam is quite straightforward. All questions to be attempted. It asks about slices of bread, flagons of water, warm clothing, and visits to those in hospital and in prison. We won't be tested on memorising ingredients or method for making a sourdough loaf, we will be asked how much of our bread we shared when we saw others in need; we won't be required to draw up plans for the construction of a dam but we will be asked were we willing to go without so that the traveller might slake his thirst, washing the dust from his lips and throat.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Many congratulations to Tolu Ariba and Mathew Gbadebo, married in Nigeria this Saturday, 25 November*

*Warm birthday greetings to Pauli Walker, 50 last Sunday, 19 November  
...and to Catherine McAnenny, 50 this Saturday, 25 November*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

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

*Enid - Jean Bonar - Ernie Moran  
Basil Juska - Willie Robertson  
Cathy McKean - Charlie McLaughlan  
Catherine Stanton - Sr Peggy -  
Winifred Maughan - Denise O'Donnell  
Helen Reid - Elizabeth Elton*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

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

Mike and Patricia Lawler, Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Anne Thomson, 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 Vizer, 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, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

## *Offertory 19 November 2023*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £221.08 total**, including  
£137.08 Offertory and £84.00 Gift Aid.

**St John's, £1316.40 total**, including £285.20 Offertory,  
£142.40 Gift Aid and £770.00 online donations.

***Special Collection for the World Day for the Poor***  
£590.55 (both parishes)

### *Anniversaries:*

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

**Nov. 25:** Winifred Maughan (2017); Denise O'Donnell (2017); Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connelly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945); **Nov. 26:** Michael McFadyen (1995); Charles Conlon (1989); Norah Lawler (1968); Maria Teresa D'Arcy; **Nov. 27:** Jean Bonar (2022); Helen Reid (2016); Jean Melrose (1993); Francis Bell (1991); Joseph Mullan (1978); Margaret Brennan (1948); **Nov. 28:** William McGill (1990); Margaret Knowles (1960); Michael Murphy (1945); Angelo J Scott (1937); Winifred Greenan; **Nov. 29:** Margaret M Freeman (2012); Catherine [Rena] Begg (2010); Margaret Philips (1989); James Magee (1976); Henry McKenna; **Nov. 30:** Grace Knowles (1990); Helen McKinnon (1989); Alfred Reading (1957); Connelly Family; **Dec.1:** Elizabeth Elton (2017); Patrick McClory (1992); Catherine Gannon (1991); Margaret Davie; Frank Rafferty; Joseph & Catherine Smith; Robert Watson;

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

**Nov. 25:** Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982); **Nov. 28:** Iris Beattie (1980); **Nov. 30:** Basil Juska (2015); **Dec.1:** William Robertson (2016);

### *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, Desire Bascon, Janet Haring, 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, John Miller, 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.