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Sixth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 14 February 2021



“Be clean”. At once the leprosy left the man and he was cured.

This Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, which marks the beginning of Lent**there will be two livestreamed Masses** – one at 10am in St John’s, the other at 7pm in the Prayer Room, at both of which ashes will be blessed....**if you would like to receive ashes, please come to the Parish House** any time between 10.45am and 6.50pm – and 7.50pm till 9.30pm, and ring the doorbell!

Ash Wednesday is, with Good Friday, one of only two days of **Fasting and Abstinence** in the Church’s Year. Abstinence (for everyone of age 14 and over) ‘*involves abstaining from eating meat*’: fasting (for those from age 18 to 59) involves ‘*consuming only one full meal in the day, though two small meals that don’t together add up to a full meal are allowed.*’

A Prayer in Preparation for Lent (and remember, ‘Lent’ means ‘Springtime’)

*Lord Jesus during this coming Lenten season,
you invite us to restore and deepen our friendship with you.*

*May you renew in us a spirit of prayer and gratitude,
a spirit of sacrifice and generosity,
a spirit of perseverance and fidelity,
so that following the way of the cross
we may celebrate with joy
the new life you bring at Easter.*

(Mairi Clunas)

Fr Jock writes: ‘Lent can sometimes take us by surprise – and especially when it comes rather early as it does this year. Obviously, with Lockdown still with us, it’s going to be a different kind of Lent to normal (remember what ‘normal’ was?), not least because many of us are now much more used to interacting online.

In this newsletter, you can read of various initiatives within the parish and beyond – Eg **Nightly Compline, a group reflecting on mental health, a series of talks** at the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre entitled ‘**What would Pope Francis do?**’ (see handout next week), and **Retreats** offered by the Scottish Laity Network, the (Glasgow based) Ignatian Study Centre, the Scottish Redemptorist priest, Fr Denis McBride and the Global Catholic Climate Movement – as well as of appeals and charities well worth supporting.

Among other initiatives are **weekly podcasts/videos (and the option of a Monday night 7pm sharing group) on the Psalms**, and particularly the psalms of night prayer, which I hope to offer, beginning on Monday 22 February at 7pm ; **weekly Benediction**, celebrated by Deacon Eddie (see below); and material which will transform a person’s daily Walk (if so desired) into a Prayer Walk (do send in suitable material).

The diocese is also offering various aids to deepen our faith in Lent – see below in Archbishop Leo’s Ad Clerum. One off events/celebrations include this Friday’s **Day of Prayer for those who have Suffered Abuse** - please pray for all those affected by abuse in the church and across society. Mass on Friday will focus on this important theme. (Do feel free to use the ‘prayers at home’ document put together by the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland: www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19)

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 5 March, and the **SCIAF Stations of the Cross** on Friday 12 March.’

Benediction during Lent

Deacon Eddie writes: “During Lent, we would like to invite you to join us for twenty minutes or so each Thursday at 7pm for a weekly Benediction service.

A time for some reflection, gentle music and silence as we spend some time in prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The link is available below and will also be live on Facebook too.”

<https://youtu.be/3ZwNv1Ynj78>

Compline during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday 17 February 2021

Our sister parishes recently started an online Compline on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **During Lent Compline will be said every night at 9.15 online on Zoom.**

The prayers take 10 minutes, and you are invited to join in silence 5 minutes before and stay for 5 minutes at the end, if you wish.

The details for getting into Compline online:

Passcode: compline

Link to Join Compline on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83916544352?pwd=VGIVSnZ5dDhwMGICMEU0eUJscTd1Zz09>

or

Meeting ID: 839 1654 4352 Passcode: compline

If you need help to get online - then please contact the Parish House (669 5447)

We can give help with using Zoom. If you need help to get a device - pad or computer or to get on the internet we can also help.

Compline is the final church service of the day - the word comes from Old French meaning “to complete”. It offers a contemplative time with prayers that emphasizes spiritual peace and holds both what was good and what was hard in that day and in life generally.

Our online Compline contains: an introduction; an examination of conscience – giving thanks and asking forgiveness; psalms with accompanying antiphons; a short scripture reading; the responsory; the Canticle of Simeon – Nunc Dimittis; concluding prayer and a blessing; it closes with the antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary, ‘Salve Regina’.

A LENTEN GROUP ON ZOOM REFLECTING ON MENTAL HEALTH


Geoff and Sheelagh Dobson write: ‘One of the options being offered during Lent this year is the chance to discuss the easily accessible book , *Mental Health for all, Community Wellbeing and the Church*, by the Rev. Lorna Murray, a former Psychiatric Hospital Chaplain. One short chapter per week will be discussed starting the week beginning Monday 22 February. Sheelagh Dobson will facilitate a small group – now full - ([on Zoom](#)) on Mondays at 2pm.

If anyone would like participate in a second group (and if anyone is willing to host on Zoom and/or Lead another group, please contact Fr. Jock. Sheelagh will order the relevant number of books which cost £6 each. The relevant chapter should be read the week before the discussion day.

This book is about mental health and well-being. It looks at how our faith can encourage us as we help one another live mentally healthy lives and journey towards the fullness of life that is God's promise for us all. Through accessible real-life stories, it enables us to be more aware of how to support each other going through times of poor mental health. By working with each other, with others in our communities and in our churches, we can become involved in the creation of a community of greater well-being.

To enable us to order the books in time please let Fr Jock know if you are keen to take part no later than Wednesday 17February. Thank you.'

This Lent, why not...



*Fast from judging others: feast on the dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on difference: feast on the unity of life.
Fast from anger: feast on patience
Fast from pessimism: feast on optimism.
Fast from worry: feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining: feast on appreciation.
Fast from hostility: feast on non-violence.
Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern: feast on compassion on others.
Fast from personal anxiety: feast on eternal truth.
Fast from idle gossip: feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from lethargy: feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from discouragement: feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress: feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from shadows of sorrow: feast on sunlight of serenity.
Fast from apparent darkness: feast on the reality of light.*

(Taken from **Peter Millar**'s book "CANDLE IN THE WINDOW,- reflections to encourage us in tough times")

THIS WEEK

(NB It is only possible to attend Mass online)

NB Children's liturgy by Zoom continues for the young people of our parishes. To join us on a Sunday morning at 11:15, please send your contact email address to lauder.82@btinternet.com along with your name, the children you are including and which Mass you would normally attend. **If you are aware of any families who may like to join us but may not see this notice, do please share with them that they are very welcome.** If you have any questions about Zoom children's liturgy please call Arlene Lauder on 07950880833.

Saturday 13 February - 6.30pm – St John's – Vigil Mass (livestreamed)

Sunday 14 February

11.00am – **Mass** (livestreamed from the Prayer Room)

12.15pm – Zoom meeting – **'Tea and Coffee after Mass' – Open to all**

To join in over Zoom, go to

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74830389487?pwd=ekExUDFmanUxc2pBdEV4b0hmcUIzUT09>

Meeting ID: 748 3038 9487

Passcode: p6DEu3

Monday 15 February

10.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass** (livestreamed)

4.30pm – Skype -

7-8.15pm – Zoom Meeting – **Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All**

To join in over Zoom, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85098128450?pwd=TWM3SU9SampwQzZKwTA2YXdlVHgzdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 9812 8450 Passcode: 828202

Tuesday 16 February

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** (livestreamed)

Wednesday 17 February – ASH WEDNESDAY

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

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** (livestreamed)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Thursday 18 February

9.45am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Molly Lugton** (livestreamed)

7pm – **Benediction** (livestreamed)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Friday 19 February - Day of Prayer

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

11am - **Rosary Group** – 'Anyone can join, especially if you have Facebook Messenger, but also on WhatsApp or just on the phone. Sometimes it takes time for us all to join in, but we always manage. Please join us.

Message Maria Igoe on 07981333219 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk'

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Saturday 20 February

6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** (livestreamed)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

21 February

11.00am – **Mass** (livestreamed from the Prayer Room)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

.... and in the Coming Weeks - Wednesday 24 February – 10am - St John's – Requiem Mass for Rita Roberts

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly Ad Clerum

Day of Prayer for those who have Suffered Abuse

This takes place on **Friday, 19 February**. Please pray for all those affected by abuse in the church and across society

Faith in the Time of Covid - Archbishop Cushley invites you to join a **series of Sunday talks from distinguished speakers** who will offer their thoughts and approach to the pandemic. Each event is free and lasts 30 mins | Professor John Haldane, 5pm 14 Feb. Register: bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane | Rt Hon Gordon Brown, 5pm, 21 Feb.

Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown. All events will be broadcast on YouTube at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

INSPIRE - Lent Talks - Register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE talk series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. All talks on Zoom, 7-8pm.

TALK 1: *Becoming Saints Today: Unlocking the Present Moment*, with Sr Anna Marie McGuan. 7pm, Tue 16 Feb.

Register: bit.ly/LentMcGuan.

TALK 2: *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours*, with Brother Joseph Carron. 7pm, Tue 02 Mar.

Register: bit.ly/LentCarron.

TALK 3: *Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*, with Sr Sally Rollo. 7pm, Tue 16 March.

Register: bit.ly/LentRollo

TALK 4: *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. 7pm, Tue 23 March.

Register: bit.ly/LentCushley

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. You can register now on

Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

Lent resources - The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>. The Bishops Conference of Scotland

has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

Job Opportunity - SPUC Scotland (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has an opportunity for a full-time Communications Officer (Content Production). The role sits in the Public Affairs Department and helps SPUC to gather and tell stories that captivate, inspire and compel action. For more information and details on how to apply please email michael@spucscotland.org

NOTICEBOARD

We are thrilled to announce an anonymous donation of £10,000 for the St John's Tower Fund from a parish household...

SCIAF WEE BOX CAMPAIGN - LENT 2021 *(including a double-your-money offer)*



'Last week, we told you about SCIAF's 2021 Wee Box Campaign focusing not only on South Sudan, one of the poorest countries in the world but on people suffering from disabilities there – the neglected and rejected of this poor country. Here is the story of Vaida and how SCIAF's partner agency there, with your money, can bring help and support

Vaida was 14-years old when she started to experience a numbness in her legs. "I was okay until I turned 14 years old. It started with a headache one day. My limbs started to go numb. There was no proper medication available. I was paralysed. I couldn't walk. I could only sit in one spot until someone moved me."

There were no services for children with disabilities in the village where Vaida and her family lived in South Sudan. There was no way of diagnosing what had caused her paralysis and no way of treating it.

After years of war and conflict, South Sudan has little infrastructure to provide even emergency medical treatment for children with disabilities, let alone the long-term care required for a child like Vaida to live a healthy, happy life.

Thankfully there was hope. Our partner in South Sudan provided Vaida with the healthcare she urgently needed. We started by teaching her exercises, so she could start to slowly recover movement in her limbs.

Vaida can now walk on crutches and has a tricycle she rides around her village and uses to travel to school. Vaida thought she would never walk again, but thanks to the support, she can now take a few steps unaided.

Vaida has experienced first-hand what it means to be disabled and too poor to access proper healthcare and support services. She risked losing her health and education. But thanks to the support, she can stay in school and has the support she needs to move freely around her village, spend time with her friends and help her mother with household chores. Vaida lost so much, but can now look forward to a future full of hope.

To donate online, go to www.sciaf.org.uk/donate; alternatively, hand in your donation to the parish house or to any member of the Justice & Peace Group.

And remember, this year the UK government will double any contribution you make to the Wee Box campaign

If you would like to pick up a WEE BOX from the Parish House, please do so....if that would be very difficult for you, please make contact and we will send one out to you.

The Redemptorist magazine – Lent Extra – is also available at the Parish House.

FOUR POSSIBLE LENTEN RETREATS IN WHICH TO PARTICIPATE

The retreat from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre for 2021 is from Ash Wednesday, 17 February, to the First Sunday of Easter, 11 April.

'Full details of how to register are at <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent2021.html>

Weekly topics include: Jesus, his prayer and the Father - Jesus' Family and Friends - Jesus' Teachings - Jesus reaches out to the needy - The emotional Jesus - Jesus under Attack - The Resurrected Jesus

Time for Prayer: Ideally you should be able to find a time to pray with the Scripture or other material daily; anything from 15 minutes to an hour a day, whatever you find helps you.

Weekly Meeting: The idea of this retreat is that groups of people support each other. Each person prays daily individually, and then various groups meet weekly together to see how the prayer has been going. This will support you in your prayer

and help you see where God is in your prayer and in your life. It will also introduce you to different ways of praying with Scripture.

Prayer Materials: Choose what is most convenient for you: we provide the materials online for a computer or smartphone. Every day there is one passage from Scripture plus 'A Thought for Today', a piece of music and a picture to ponder.

We also give a few suggestions on how to pray with the day's materials.

Reflecting on Prayer; We suggest that after each day's prayer you jot down in a journal a few notes on how the prayer has gone. This will help your sharing in the group if you have one. It will also be interesting to reflect on how things are moving during Lent and see whether you discern any patterns in the way God is dealing with you.

The BBC Radio 4 Daily Service will be taking up the themes of this week. So this will be an additional way to immerse yourself in this retreat.

Scottish Laity Network: Lenten Journey 2021

Discipleship for Artisans of our own Destiny ~ Preparing the Future

Each week we will have a presentation by one of our companions who will address a particular area within the context of Hope.

Next Thursday – 18 February - we begin this Lenten journey... Discerning how we respond to the Climate Emergency requires us to fully understand the nature of the challenge and we are therefore delighted to have as our first companion

Professor Jim Skea - What is the Hope of COP 26?

Jim, who hails from Dundee, is internationally recognised as a leading climate scientist and is the Co-chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), leading their work on climate change mitigation. The IPCC is the world's highest authority on climate change science - advising governments on all scientific information related to climate change, its impacts, and its mitigation so they can develop effective climate policy. In September 2018 the Scottish Government appointed him Chair of the Just Transition Commission.

If you have not already registered we warmly invite you to do so - please contact slaitynetwork@gmail.com

Lenten Retreat with Fr Denis McBride

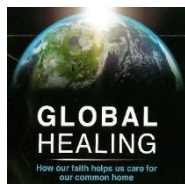
Father Denis McBride will be leading a FREE online retreat this Lent, based on his two books *Reflecting with Paintings* Vol 1 and Vol 2. The retreat will launch on the Redemptorist Publications website on **Wednesday 24**

February - Praying the Rosary – Old Woman Praying the Rosary by Paul Cézanne

Fr Denis writes: *One of the things that has always intrigued me about Jesus is how so much of his teaching he chose to do through the medium of fiction. All his parables are fiction: each could begin 'Once upon a time.' Jesus asked his hearers to leave their own world and come with him into an imaginary world, and then return to their world to have an inner conversation of how they see things in the light of the parable. Jesus' parable world is a world of great variety. You meet all sorts of people: difficult judges, committed burglars, broken families, wounded beggars, awkward neighbours, selfish priests, eccentric employers, desperate hosts, surprised guests, wise and foolish virgins.*

Paintings, too, have their own language, from pictorial to representative, to coded, to abstract, to you-name-it – communicating another world to the onlooker, another slant on looking at people and things, or simply to provoke unspoken communication between the artist's emotions and the viewer's. For this Lenten retreat I invite you to look at selected paintings, to imagine another world, and then to return to your own story in the hope that some inner conversation might be provoked through the strange encounters.

GLOBAL HEALING - How our faith helps us care for our common home



This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to "Global Healing" in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home!

WHEN? Six Thursdays from 18 February to 25 March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm

WHAT? The Global Healing Film Session with reflection, guest speakers & discussion.

HOW to join? To register, just click [here](#) or send an email to jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

☎0800 027 1234

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently: Philippa Fraser, Oliver Diggle, Brian Atkinson, Nikola Koska, Hughie Rodgers, Linda Hanson and Sr M. Matthew Kinsella OSM

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Peter Hanlon, James J Stone, Margaret Cheyne, Jimmy Sangster, Mary Maclean and Margaret Scott

St John's Feb.13:- William Lawrie (1973); John Duffy; Annie Nicholson; **Feb.14:-** Jimmy Sangster (2020); Margaret Scott (2018); Mary Kathleen McConville (2002); Bernard Halpenny (1985); William Hughes (1978); Patrick Gilroy (1966); **Feb.15:-** Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll (1997); **Feb.16:-** Charles Malcolm (1993); Betty McGuire (1987); John Denning (1959); **Feb.17:-** Patrick Hughes (2011); May Lacey (1941); **Feb.18:-** Molly Carr (1997); Sarah Taylor (1965); James J Stone (1954); Gordon Bartek; **Feb.19:-** James Hughes (1998); Theresa Bannon (1991);
St Mary Magdalene's Feb.15:- John O'Keefe (1982); **Feb.16:-** Ellen Conway (1972); **Feb.17:-** David Walker (2005); **Feb.18:-** Alex. Cummings (2003); Barbara Rourke (1991); **Feb.19:-** Margaret Cheyne (2014);

Sick Parishioners - St. John's: Raymond Gandy, Ruth Visor, Gena Gallagher, Isabel Murie, Alex Telford, Mary Grady, Susan Cammach, Pauli Walker, Dolores Jones, Bill Laidlaw, Ian Thompson, Nora Bruce, Evelyn Oldershaw, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Chloe Sutherland, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Sheila Tansey, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Ernie Moran, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Alan Blyth, Mary Slight, Mary Phair, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Alf MacNamara, Stan McKay, Maureen Lawrie, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

Sick Parishioners - St. Mary Magdalene's: Jim Gallagher, Chris and Louise English, Jacqueline Marinello, Sheila and George Service, Ray Donnelly, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Denis Davidson, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Prior, John Newell, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, 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: June Ross, Bridie Hanlon, Sharon Henderson, Rachel Kennedy, Leo Stone, Diego Dinis, Gavin Findlay, Peter Bickmore, baby Baxter Sweeney, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Billy McPhillips, Anthony Finnerty, Angela McGuigan, Jean Nelson, Margaret Anne Marton, Anne Harty, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Fr Christy Fox, Joe Greenan, Martin Carr, Michael Igoe, baby Josh Simpson, Katie McAnenny, Robert Shaw, baby Kinsley McMillan, baby Francesca Horwood, John Walsh, Linda McKean, Moira McConville, Kathleen Kay, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, Hazel Yeoman, John Williams, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Jan Meise, Seval Kazimoglu, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Carla Zanetti, Peter Hanley, Jennifer Kay, Janie Low, Ranier Carpo, William Young, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Frank Palmer, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Audrey Burgess, Kathleen Cawley, Margo Law, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Edward Caulfield, Mike Enfield, Sharon Anderson, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Roksana Moczulstra, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, Jake Jorden and young Ray Donovan Syme



Offertory Collections – 7 February 2021

St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£250.00 total including Offertory of £90.00 and Gift Aid of £160.00	£1177.00 total including Offertory of £145.00, Gift Aid of £85.00 and £947.00 Online Donations

BIBLE QUIZ: Enrico, our Administrator, is keen to encourage us all to become more used to opening our Bibles – so each week he intends to offer a multiple choice quiz – the correct answers will be given in the following week's newsletter – and the first person emailing in all five right answers will receive a copy of the Gospel of Mark...

<p>Here you find the answers to last week's quiz:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- "Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" 2- Joseph from Arimathea's tomb 3- 8 days old (the time to circumcise the child) 4- 10 plagues 5- Gospel according to John <p>Q: What was the covenant between God and Noah? (Genesis 9:11)</p> <p>A: 1 – Never to flood earth again 2 – Never to destroy all living creatures again 3 – A Promise to make of Noah a fruitful nation 4 – Noah would have lots of children</p> <p>Q: On what day did the apostles receive the Holy Spirit? (Act 2:1-4)</p> <p>A: 1 – The Day of Pentecost 2 – The Day of Atonement 3 – The Passover 4 – The Sabbath</p>	<p>Q: Which is the fifth book of the New Testament?</p> <p>A: 1 – The Letter to the Hebrews 2 – Acts of the Apostles 3 – St Paul's Letter to the Romans 4 – The Book of Revelation</p> <p>Q: What was the original sin in the Bible? (Genesis 2:16-17)</p> <p>A: 1 – Adultery 2 – Eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil 3 – Murder 4 – Lying</p> <p>Q: How was Joseph warned that someone wanted to kill baby Jesus? (Matthew 2:13)</p> <p>A: 1 – by a messenger 2 – in a dream by an angel 3 – by a star appearing in the sky 4 – by an angel coming to earth to visit him</p>
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A devoted mum and granny - Cathy Walls

Cathy Walls (née Coffils), a long-time resident of Dunkeld diocese, died on August 24 at her home in Portobello.

Fr Jim Walls writes - Mum originally hailed from Glasgow where she was born in 1928; and her 92 years saw her leave her mark in the city, Dundee, New York, Monifieth and finally in Portobello.

The eldest of 3 other sisters, Dina, Margaret and May, and of a baby brother John, Cathy, originally baptised into the Church of Scotland, found the Catholic church early in life through her late friend Nora Connor and the Legion of Mary in St Teresa's Possil Park. Her caring side and devotion to others shone early in life as she worked in a hostel (run by the Legion) for, as she described them, fallen women, where she would go out into the streets and pubs of Glasgow in the 1940s and 50s to help bring them to safety through what would now be described as supported accommodation.

Her devotion to the church grew as she moved to Dundee taking up the post of housekeeper at St Vincent's church - it was there her culinary shortcomings were soon recognised - she made great soup but lousy chips according to one member of the clergy.

She left Dundee to discover the world but after a short spell working in New York as a housekeeper she returned to the city and to a blossoming romance with the man that stoked the boilers at St Vincent's - her soon-to-be husband, Jim Walls (my dad).

Marrying later in life they quickly had their hands full with 3 young boisterous boys and busy jobs in the Post Office and in nursing.

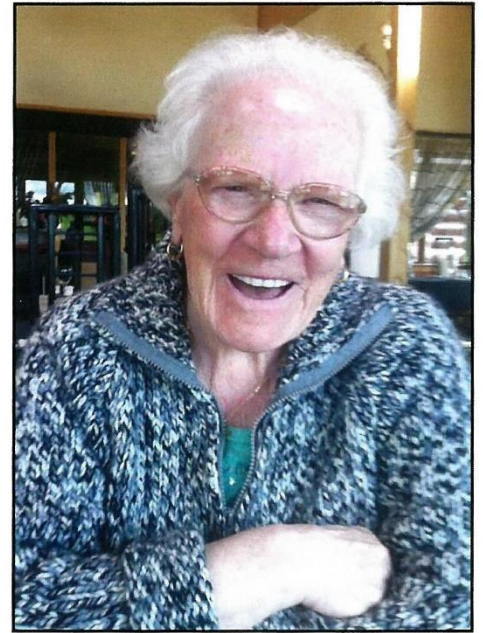
Cathy managed to retire three times - the first from her job of many years as an auxiliary nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital - a place where she had many fond memories and forged many close and lasting friendships. During this time she was an active member of St Matthew's parish in Whitfield helping to run the OAP club and occasionally dressing up as Santa for the Christmas Fayre.

Retiring from the hospital led to jobs cleaning at the Scottish homes offices in Fintry and finally in Asda - always driven, she would often, even as late as this year, say that she wished she could still have a "wee job".

Cathy's greatest endeavour came as she cared for Jim at home for 10 years until he passed away with dementia. Tireless in her care, she taught her three sons, Jim (*later to be Fr Jim Walls*), Gerrard and Stephen, what real compassion and love truly meant.

Following his death, she moved to her beloved Monifieth where she lived for 12 years having been made very welcome in St Bride's parish

Her favourite place on earth was Lourdes. She went on pilgrimage many times and was still talking about perhaps being able to go next year.



Cathy was a devoted mum and granny - survived by her sons, daughter-in-laws Adele and Alison and grandchildren Lucy, Isobel and Euan. She is also survived by her namesake sister-in-law Cathy Walls, and younger sister Dina Preston.

Cathy was a genuine character renowned for speaking her mind, and having a natural wit that made her popular wherever she landed. She is greatly missed by her friends and family leaving a huge hole where her personality used to reside, although we are taking comfort from our faith that mum passed on to us, that she is now living in love with God surrounded by all those she held dear on this earth. Please continue to pray for mum, as she no doubt will be interceding in a powerful manner for us.

(When Fr Jim was appointed Spiritual Director at the Scots College in Rome in September 2018, Cathy moved to Portobello to live with her son, Ged, and daughter-in-law, Adele, in Joppa for the last two years of her life, bringing Jim into our orbit too)

St Mary Magdalene 200 Club Draw – PLEASE SIGN UP FOR 2021

Jean McInally writes: 'As they say, "you've got to be in it to win it"! If you would like to continue your subscription for another year or if you would like to join for the first time, we would be very glad of your support. Every participant has a unique number allocated to them at the very reasonable cost of £1 per month (£12 for the year). This payment entitles you to be included in each draw for prize money. You can own as many numbers as you wish as long as you pay for each - this obviously raises your chance of winning as all

allocated numbers will be included for each draw. We recognise that due to COVID restrictions, even when our church is open, not everybody is able to attend church on a Sunday and therefore may find it difficult to pay their subscription up front. We are happy to consider various options on how we collect the funds so don't be put off from participating. Please contact Madge Moyes on 0131 657 2744 to confirm your continuation for 2021 or to become a new member and agree how payments will be made. You can still commit even if you cannot pay on the day - we trust you to get the funds to us at some point in 2021. To alleviate the pressure of time constraints in launching the 2021 Draw we propose to extend the sign-up period to late February and draw the January and February prizes both at the end of February, so nobody need miss out on being included in the January draw.....

Thanking you all for the support you have shown in the past and looking forward in anticipation of your continued support for the future.'