

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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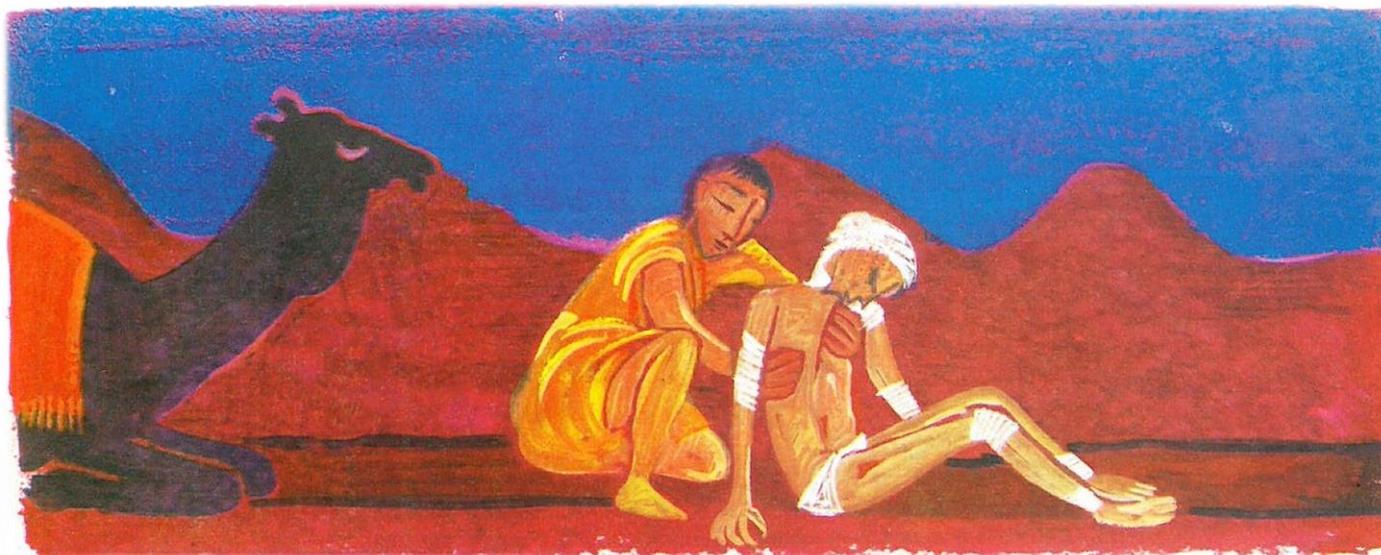
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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year *10 July 2022*



From today's Gospel of the Good Samaritan:

"A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them." (Luke 10:30-34)

We Continue to pray for Peace – 'Dear Lord, please grant the people of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Reconciliation, Your Forgiveness, Your Love. Amen.'

Today is Sea Sunday. Given that our parishes are by or near the sea, there is a Leaving Collection (not a second collection – ie baskets just left at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute)

This Sunday's 9.30am Mass is a Children's Mass. On Monday, after the 10am Mass at St John's, there is a Coffee Morning with donations going to Let the Children Live, a Christian charity of last resort for children from the streets and shanty towns of Colombia.

Next Sunday is the annual Mission Appeal – given by Fr Kyran Murphy of the St Patrick's Missionary Society (also known the Kiltegan Fathers). A second collection will be taken at all Masses.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 9 July – Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Maebh Roarty**

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

Sunday 10 July – 15th Sunday of the Year

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

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

Monday 11 July – FEAST OF ST BENEDICT

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

10.40am – St John's Hall – **Coffee Morning** (proceeds to **Let the Children Live**).

7.00pm – Parish House – **St John's Fabric Committee Meeting**

7.00pm-8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing**, a gentle reflection on this Sunday's Readings

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Tuesday 12 July – 10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Maureen Lawrie** - livestreamed

Wednesday 13 July - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Thursday 14 July - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** - livestreamed

Friday 15 July

9.15am-9.45am – St John's - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Saturday 16 July- 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 17 July – 16th Sunday of the Year

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

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

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal - As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

Free2Pray - The Scottish Parliament is considering a Bill which would ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics. Catholics concerned for freedom of speech and right of assembly are asked to respond to this proposed Bill. The Archdiocese is hosting an online session to help you do this. Free2Pray takes place on Zoom and lasts 30 mins. Register for one of the following dates: Monday 18 July 7:45pm – Register at bit.ly/freetoprayerjuly; Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm. Register at bit.ly/freetoprayeraugust

Relics of St Bernadette - Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from 24 September until 2 October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2 October. Carfin Grotto is situated in the Parish of St Francis Xavier's in the village of Carfin, near Motherwell, and is Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. Visit <https://www.carfingrotto.org/>

MA in Applied Catholic Theology - The MA in Applied Catholic Theology is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the key skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

Youth Pilgrimage - The National Pilgrimage for young people 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and Holy Mass. A bus will leave from the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh at 9:30am (£10). To book your place email yi@staned.org.uk.

NOTICEBOARD

Fr Jock sets off on Wednesday on his annual visit to Lourdes (except that as a result of the pandemic it's the first time since 2019!) as one of the chaplains on a large working pilgrimage, returning on the 23rd of July. **If anyone would like a petition left at the Grotto, or anyone or any intention particularly prayed for, please make contact with him....Fr Jim Smith** will kindly be celebrating the Weekday Masses while he is away, **while next weekend we welcome Kiltegan Father, Fr Kyran Murphy, for the annual Mission Appeal.**

The next Baptism Course will be on Thursday 18 August and Thursday 25 August at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If you would like to have a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

The winner of the **June Tower Tombola** is Vera Quinn (£247.50) on ticket number 88, something that she says is going to make her grandchildren very happy!

Pamoja Fashion raised £305. 00 last Saturday; many thanks to all those who support this charity.

The **June Charity Coffee Morning** raised £240 for The Benedictine Monastery at Largs. The nuns need money to repair their leaking roof and pray for their benefactors. Thank you for your generosity.

The Scottish Catholic magazine's July issue has arrived with news, opinions and features on Catholic life in Scotland. A new edition is printed every two weeks. *The Scottish Catholic* is one of the few publications dedicated to Scotland's 600,000 Catholics. For just £2 pick up your copy at the back of either church. For more information visit <https://www.scottishcatholic.com>

*Oh, teach me in each moment
of every Now to know that*

*You are the Here in all my
wandering and the Yes in*

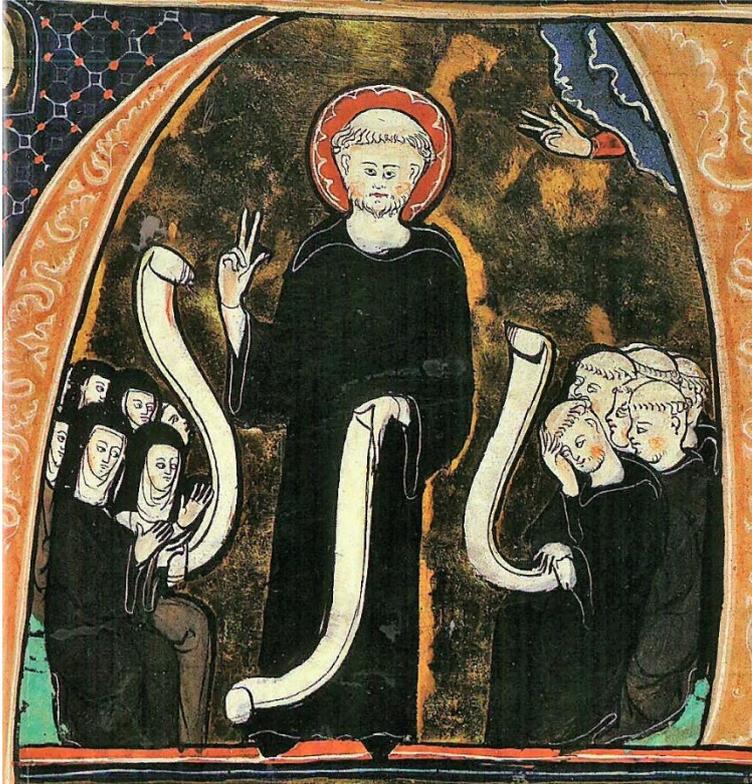
*all my wondering and the Love
in nothing less than everything*

from Meister Eckhart's Book of the Heart
(Meister Eckhart: 1260 – 1328)

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST BENEDICT - Monk (480-550)

Feast Day - Monday 11 July

"We are about to open a school for God's service. in which we hope nothing harsh or oppressive will be directed."



Few saints have left such a palpable impact on the world as St. Benedict, the monk whose Rule set a standard for the Western monastic tradition. And yet the sources for his biography are limited. Virtually all that is known is contained in the brief account of his life written by Pope Gregory the Great almost fifty years after his death.

St. Gregory records that Benedict was born in Nursia of a distinguished family and was later educated in Rome. Disgusted by the moral squalor of his fellow students he abandoned his studies, gave up his inheritance, and devoted himself to the quest for God. At first this took the form of penitential solitude in a cave at Subiaco. But gradually he attracted the attention of other spiritual seekers. He was induced, much against his will, to assume the leadership of a nearby monastic community. But apparently the monks bridled under his discipline and even tried to poison his wine. By miraculous means (a typical

recourse of the narrative) Benedict foiled the plot and henceforth returned to his preferred solitude.

Still, disciples continued to seek him out. Eventually he agreed to organize them into a group of monasteries, each with its own presiding abbot. He himself assumed the leadership of one of these communities. After some time he established the famous monastery at Monte Cassino, later renowned as the birthplace of the Benedictine order. There, at some point, he wrote his monastic Rule. And there, in time, he died and was buried, beside the grave of his beloved sister, St. Scholastica.

Gregory's account lays particular emphasis on the fantastic and miraculous, and thus gives little sense of the man behind the Rule. But if there is one personal quality to which the stories bear witness it is Benedict's extraordinary power to read and discern the souls of others. In this respect Gregory's portrait is consistent with the Rule itself, which provides ample evidence of Benedict's rare insight into human nature.

Whereas earlier monastic experiments had stressed rigorous asceticism and often superhuman self-denial, Benedict's Rule was designed for ordinary human beings. The element of discipline was shifted from externals to the interior, from the flesh to the will. His monks were not to be denied adequate food or sleep; they were in fact counselled to avoid any extraordinary or self-imposed mortifications. Their discipline was to lie in humility, obedience, a commitment to stability, and an accommodation to the requirements of community life.

Community was, in fact, the key feature of his monastic vision. Rather than writing for a collection of individuals competing against each other in their solitary quests for perfection, Benedict stressed the value of community life as a school for holiness. The community for Benedict was ideally suited to bring individuals to their highest potential. Salvation, in effect, was thus a team effort, like the performance of an orchestra under the skilled direction of a conductor.

Much depended in this scheme on the wisdom and holiness of the abbot. He must be stern, yet kind and flexible, adapting his methods to the needs of each monk and the good of all. He was eternally accountable for the salvation of his monks and he must regard them as his sons and brothers. If this sounded like a dictatorship, there were softening features. For one thing the monastery was a place of equality; social hierarchy and distinctions between freedmen and serfs did not obtain. And in serious matters, so Benedict stressed, the whole community must be consulted - even the youngest brother.

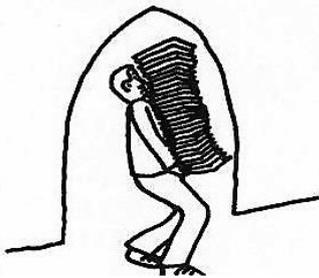
Benedict's balance of work and prayer, his validation of community life, and his regulation of monastic discipline eventually set the pattern for Western monasticism as a whole. In part this was aided by the official sponsorship of church authorities like Pope Gregory - a monk himself, who may have had direct experience of Benedict's Rule. But a significant factor in the Benedictine success was the intrinsic attraction of the Rule itself and its underlying balance, moderation, and humanity.

Apart from its effect on the history of monasticism, Benedictine spirituality had an even wider influence on medieval society. For centuries the Benedictine monasteries presented the challenge of an alternative world, governed by the spirit of Christ. At a time of extreme social hierarchy, they presented an ideal of equality. At a time when manual labour was derided, they affirmed the spiritual value of work. During a time of cultural disintegration, they maintained islands of learning and civilization. In a time when violence was commonplace, they lived by the motto of Peace. The Benedictine monasteries represented a vision of health, wholeness, and ecology in a world badly out of kilter. To the extent that that world remains *our* world, the vision of St. Benedict retains its relevance and attraction.

See: Gregory the Great, Dialogues, Book II: Saint Benedict, trans. Myra L. Uhlfelder (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Educational Publishing, 1967); Joan Chittister, The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages (New York: Crossroad 1993).

'My Pew, Things I've seen from it', by Anglican cartoonist Dave Walker

THE WELCOME PACK



Visitors are given a welcome pack



This contains the rules and regulations



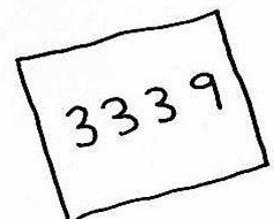
The Standing Order and the Gift Aid form



The "volunteering" form



The small print and the Ts & Cs



.. and the code for the toilet

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Colossians 1: 15-20 and Luke 10: 25-37

I think I was about 8 or 9 years old when I first looked for a 'best friend'. Prior to that age I was happy to be friends with everyone. Perhaps it coincided with increased feelings of insecurity. The more my view of the world grew, the less certain I became. School was growing increasingly competitive and, though I couldn't articulate what was happening inside my head, I now realise that my anxiety levels were on the increase. I reasoned that a 'best friend' would be there to look out for me – and me for him. Francis T filled that role. He was good at sport, brilliant at art and just a really nice person. He lived in a posh house in an affluent area, and I lived in a council house, but this mattered not a jot to either of us. A smart car sat on their driveway, and I could recite bus timetables with all of the ease of my thirteen times table. Secondary school saw us drifting apart but I will always remember his influence and kindness. I'm older now and have learned the spiritual value of a best friend, a special relationship, the person who gives depth and meaning to my life. A special friendship is not essential to a fulfilled life. Centuries of commitment to celibacy in the religious life stand as witness to the ability to function and thrive without a need for particular friendships. However, we're not all able to live or called to live a life of consecrated celibacy, and that's probably as well, since we do need to procreate. So, what is the purpose or intrinsic meaning of a particular 'special' relationship or friendship?

The person, and those we commit to in life, can help us to deepen our understanding of the world around us and of God himself. We will collect many acquaintances in life, but few real friends. A real friend will be unafraid to act as a mirror. They can bring us closer to God and should be avoided if they obstruct that same God. For you and I, however, there is only one special relationship that calls for our full attention and demands our energy. It is the relationship we enjoy with *Christ Jesus, the image of the unseen God and the first born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth*. These words from today's second reading echo the words from the prologue of John's Gospel: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God*. In the person of Jesus Christ, we touch the life of God. Touch is such a sensual experience. Carress and delicately feel the folds and petals of a rose bloom, or the gossamer like delicacy of a poppy leaf. It's almost as if we draw strength and courage from the whole experience. Now, reflect on the mind-blowing truth that, in the Eucharist, we touch the life of God; we experience God's life even as we feel through our fingertips.

When Jesus speaks, it is God who speaks through Him. *He is the image of the unseen God*. When we listen to the teaching of Jesus it is God who is the author of all that he says and does. Today he tells us the parable of the man who had been set upon by a gang of robbers. Jesus speaks of "brigands". The word conjures up a most unruly bunch of cowardly thugs who need the support of each other; they need to be part of a gang; it helps them feel brave and strong. Left for dead, the man is curled up by the side of the road. a victim of crime, another statistic. A priest passes by. He is busy, he has priestly jobs to complete that demand his time and attention. 'I'd love to stop if I could, but you understand, don't you?' thereby apportioning the responsibility for his lack of action firmly on the shoulders of the man lying at the side of the road. 'He told me he understood why I couldn't stop!' There was a similar reaction to the man's plight from a Levite. Then a Samaritan passes by. He tends the wounds of the injured man before digging into his pocket to pay for his hospitality while his wounds heal. Only individually can we truly answer the question: Which one's reaction most closely matches my own? By virtue of our baptism and discipleship we are invited to partake of the special relationship that comes from being a follower of Jesus, a friend of Jesus. It's no use boasting of a special relationship, unless our behaviour shows that we are indeed special in our response to the needs of those around us, and our willingness to act whenever we identify those needs. *(The author of these reflections is a friend of Fr Jock living in Northumberland)*

Warm birthday greetings to *Rosalind Mackay*, 80 on Monday 11 July

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those who have died recently:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John Forte</i> <i>Nancy Dewar</i> <i>Lars Grennart</i> <i>Wyn Clarkin (Jim Roarty's sister)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fr Noel Fitzpatrick</i> <i>Gary Robert Paton - Pat Hunter</i> <i>Armando Volpe - Eddie Davies</i> <i>Paddy McCafferty - Iva Krupova</i> <i>- Willie Montgomery</i> <i>Geraldine Irvine - Annie Wynn</i> <i>James Cameron Gould</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anniversaries:</p> <p>St John's: July 9: Cecilia Sharkey (2016); Mary (Barrins) Clarke (1941); Isabella Mathieson; July 10: Jimmy Curran (2019); Dorothy Hyde (1982); Jessie Kelly (1979); July 11: Francis Egan (1997); Vincent Boyd; July 1: Louisa Willis (2013); Mary Macadam; July 13: Alastair Dewar (2013); Heather Clydesdale (1994); Mr and Mrs. Delaney (1981); July 14: Kate Laurie (1937); Bridget Daly; Philomena Hughes; Jane B. Ritchie; July 15: Armando Volpe (2013); Patricia Pringle (2002); James Hamilton (1989); July 16: Pat Hunter (2021); Paddy McCafferty (2019); Kathleen McColl (2006); Philomena Donnelly; Maria Howieson; July 17: Patrick Dourley (2005); Joseph O'Brien (2000); Margaret D'Inverno (1988); John Sandham (1985);</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's: July 10: Charles McKenna (1998); July 11: Eddie Davies (2017); July 12: Stella Maria Murray (2002); William Gilhooly (1968); July 13: Walter Tanchuk (1999); July 14: William Montgomery (2020); Cathie Tosney (2007); Colin McKenna (2002); July 15: Hannah Halliday (2007); Frederick Burns (1970); July 16: Thomas Dewar (2008); July 17: Owen Barrett (1997);</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:</i></p> <p>St. John's: Carol Simpson, Shay Graham (aged 5), Kathleen Brown, John Cregan, Mike Noonan, Jean Bonar, Baby Archie Williams, John Whyte, Susan Cammack, Maria Pacitti, Kim O'Neill, Sheila Service, Frances Connelly, Fiona Connel, Inge Downey, John Freeman, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's: Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, 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 and James Muir.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:</i></p> <p>George and Ann McDermott, Lalee Martin, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Ellen Dow, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Margo Law, Sheila White, Michael Durkin, Jessica Haggerty, Lauren Sutherland, Margaret Thomson, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Bill Henderson, Kit McCormick, Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Anne Lauder, Seval Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Mary Thomson, Fr Raymond OCSO, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Nan Doig, Clare Johnston, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Christopher MacKinnon, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Jean Nelson, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.</p>
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Offertory 3 July 2022

<p><i>St Mary Magdalene</i></p> <p>£302.83 total including Offertory of £183.83 and Gift Aid of £119.00</p>	<p><i>St John the Evangelist</i></p> <p>£1461.56 total including Offertory of £342.15, Gift Aid of £377.41 and online donations of £742.00</p>
<p>£121.45 <i>Peter's Pence - 26 June 22 Second Collection</i></p>	<p>£381.76</p>



Thank You!

This Sunday is Sea Sunday - The Second Collection is for Stella Maris (Latin for ‘Star of the Sea’), the Church Organization that looks after Seafarers.

Martin Foley, CEO, Stella Maris UK, writes: “It's stormy out there. 2021 was a year of turmoil, challenge and poor mental health for seafarers and fishers. Covid-19 restrictions continued around the world, dramatically impacting the oceans' frontline workers and the cruise ship industry and adding a layer of complexity to every port visit.

But through it all, Stella Maris was a steadfast support. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our supporters and the amazing commitment of our volunteers, seafarers and fishers were not alone. They had a friend in port and at the end of the phone. Stella Maris served through the storm.

In this report, you'll see how we supported seafarers in five key ways:

1 The friend when one was needed. Day in, day out, we checked in with seafarers and responded to their needs. The impact of this kindness can never be under-estimated.

2 Support in a crisis. Our Centenary Emergency Fund went to work to ensure no seafarer faced a crisis alone. Seafarers and their families were supported through bereavement, medical emergencies or ship abandonment.

3 Advocating for change. We continued to champion the rights of seafarers around the world, raising the profile of their work and advocating for better welfare.

4 Faith on board. Most seafarers we met have a Christian faith background, and many are Catholic. We provided faith resources, prayer and live-streamed Masses for them.

5 Extending our reach. Not only did Stella Maris expand into new countries in 2021, we also diversified our support by providing emergency aid to seafaring families hit by large-scale catastrophes.

So much has been achieved - and I am grateful to all those who have been with us in this ministry.

Looking forward, 2022 will not be plain sailing. The war in Ukraine affects the seafaring community: one in seven seafarers is either Ukrainian or Russian. Seafarers and fishers globally will face the impact of the global economic downturn. Covid-19 continues to affect seafarers' life, work and travel at the start/end of contracts. And mental health at sea is a growing concern.

But with you on board, we are ready for what lies over the horizon. Thank you.”



Stella Maris Statistics:

Stella Maris: The world's largest ship visiting network

Based in 328 ports in 54 countries

1171 seafarers in UK helped to contact family members via internet or phone

113982 seafarers and fishers helped in the UK

67 seafarers and families supported by our Centenary Emergency Fund

1000+ chaplains and volunteers

1889 gifts of essential items provided to seafarers visiting the UK

53% increase in ships visit in UK compared to 2020

5181 ship visits around the UK

Many of the world's 1.5 million commercial seafarers helped globally