

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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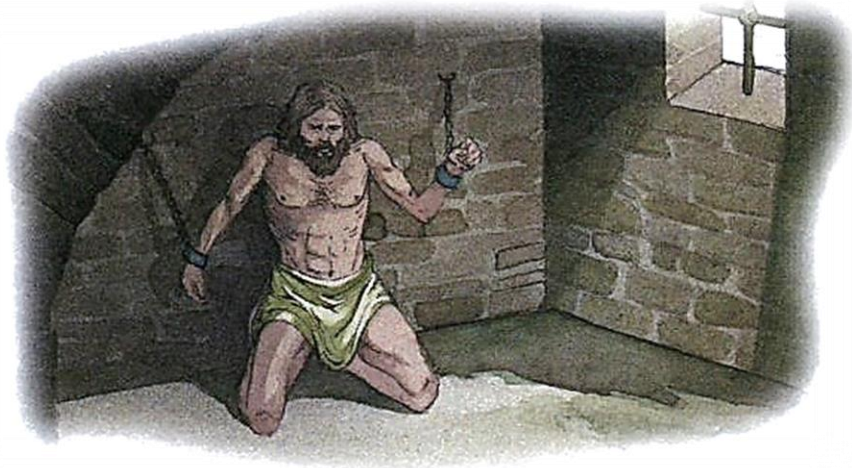
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**11 December
2022**



John in prison had heard what Jesus was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'

Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see'...!

(Matthew 11:2-3)

Since September, 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 enter the second of the four stages in the RCIA process, the Catechumenate** (period of instruction) ... – **Malcolm Aien**, will become a catechumen, **Tolu Ariba, Ruth Vizor, Colin Davey and Stefan Durcasz**, 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.

Our Advent Reconciliation Sunday will be next weekend, **17/18 December** with several priests available at the start of all three Masses...**in this week's newsletter, there will be a Reflective 'Examination of Conscience' to help us all prepare...**

NB This Saturday, 10 December – our Advent Cluster Retreat with Fr Tony Lappin – 10am (Mass) - 1pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – do just turn up on the day ...

(for the five cluster parishes of St Ninian's, Restalrig, St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, St Teresa's, Craigmillar, St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, and St John's, Portobello),

ADVENT INITIATIVES

Advent and Christmas GIFT Initiatives - from the J&P Group

SCIAF REAL GIFTS

Stop worrying about what to get your nearest and dearest – **SCIAF Real Gifts will be on sale again after each of the Masses this weekend!** Don't worry about not having cash in your wallet/purse; we will have a card reader – yes, the J&P Group have finally decided to join the 21st Century!

A list of the items for sale, with prices, can be found by clicking [here](#) or at the back of the church after each Mass.

Water for a Village

The most expensive of the SCIAF Real Gifts, at **£1088, is the provision of water for a village**, transforming lives by providing clean drinking water as well as irrigation systems to allow crops to be grown - vital in large parts of Africa where drought is driving populations to starvation.

The J&P Group has therefore launched an appeal to our two parishes, as we did last year, to buy this Real Gift as a present to our sisters and brothers in these problem-hit areas, with the **J&P group offering to match donations** by the parishes to reach the magic £1088. **To date, an encouraging £225 has been raised.** Please help us to achieve the sum of £544, which, with a matching contribution from the J&P group, will enable us to meet our target. Donations to Jim Roarty or any member of the J&P Group, or to the Parish House.

THERE WILL BE A STALL FOR STEKA SKILLS, the Children's Home in Blantyre, Malawi, in both church halls after Masses on the Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent (11 and 18 December).

WARM SPACES

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR FELLOW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN PORTOBELLO

who are already offering hospitality....

Our two parishes will also be offering a warm welcome to everyone during this cold wintry weather.

Please pop in for tea, coffee and a chat.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
Every Tuesday 10am-12midday

Mon - 10-12 @ Portobello and Joppa Parish Church.
Tues - 2-4 @ Portobello Baptist Church.
Wed - 10-12 @ St Mark's Episcopal Church; 2-4 @ Portobello Baptist Church.
Thurs - 2-4 @ Portobello Baptist Church.
Fri - 10-12.30 @ Bellfield Community Hub.

TEA/COFFEE, WI-FI, BOOKS, GAMES, CHAT
SPACE TO STAY WARM THIS AUTUMN/WINTER
- STARTING 3RD OCTOBER -

BELLFIELD PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

Two more Weeks of Prayer at Night – Do give it a try....

Prayer at Night will be on Zoom each night until Christmas Eve.

The prayer starts at 9.15pm each evening and lasts for less than 15 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 with a mobile phone, a laptop and/or Wi-Fi. All are very welcome. Do invite people in.



For ease, the **Zoom link** is the same each evening: shorturl.at/pvyG0 (type it into your browser)

You can also click on this [link](#) (it will be in the parish newsletter each week) and it is also be on the parish website and [Facebook page](#). If you need help in using Zoom to join the prayer, Deacon Eddie or Enrico Fertini will be very happy to help.

Advent Rosary for Life - Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from a priest of the Archdiocese **each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm**. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents (Zoom event)

On **Thursday 22 December**, there will be **Carol Singing** organised by PACT (Portobello and Area Churches Together) **starting at St John's at 11am** and travelling by the Baptist Church and PJPC before concluding at St Mark's with mulled fruit juice and mince pies.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 December

10am-1pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Mass and Advent Cluster Retreat**
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Sunday 11 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed – with **Entrance to the Catechumenate for our 5 RCIA 'Enquirers'**
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Monday 12 December

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** - livestreamed
10.40am – St John's Hall – **December Coffee Morning** (donations to 'Aid to the Church in Need')
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Tuesday 13 December

10.00am-12 midday – St John's Hall – **Warm Spaces**
7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** - livestreamed
7.45pm - Parish House – RCIA - **Catechumenate 2**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Wednesday 14 December

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Ernie Moran** - livestreamed
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Thursday 15 December

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** - livestreamed
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Friday 16 December

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Saturday 17 December

6.30pm – St John's – **Advent Reconciliation Vigil Mass** - livestreamed
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Sunday 18 December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Reconciliation Sunday)

9.30am – St John's – **Advent Reconciliation Mass** – livestreamed
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Advent Reconciliation Mass**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Walter Ciszek

Jesuit Priest and Confessor (1904-1984) – Feast Day - 8 December

"For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day."



In 1947 the Jesuits in New York said a memorial Mass for Father Walter Ciszek, one of their priests missing in the Soviet Union for seven years and presumed dead. As a young seminarian he had volunteered to study Russian in hopes of a possible mission to the Soviet Union. But when that possibility remained closed, he was sent to a Jesuit mission in eastern Poland in 1938. He was there a year later when Red Army troops invaded. In the confusion and disruption of war, Ciszek saw the hand of providence. Disguised as a worker he joined with Polish refugees being transported to labour camps in Russia, thus hoping to carry on some kind of clandestine ministry. For two years he worked in a lumber yard. Then in 1941 he was arrested by the Soviet secret police. As far as the outside world was concerned, he disappeared without a trace. But in fact, he remained very much alive within the enclosed system of the Soviet Gulag.

Ciszek was held for five years in solitary confinement in the notorious Lubianka prison in Moscow. It was known that he was a Catholic priest of Polish-American descent. But the secret police were

determined to prove that he was also a spy. In his later books Ciszek described in detail the terrible psychological ordeal of his confinement. He was kept day and night in his cell, except for the periodic interrogation sessions that were his only opportunity for human contact. To keep his wits intact he adopted a daily routine of spiritual exercises, all based on what he could remember from his Jesuit formation. The day began with morning prayers and an examination of conscience. Then came the Mass, all enacted mentally. The noon bells in Red Square signalled the Angelus, followed by the rosary and meditation on the Scriptures. Each day ended with another examination of conscience. So the solitary days, weeks, and years were passed. And so, he could later observe, *"Lubianka, in many ways, was a school of prayer for me."*

In the beginning Ciszek assumed that he would eventually satisfy the concerns of the police. But eventually he became resigned to the fact that there was nothing he could do or say that would win his freedom. Finally exhausted with the charade of interrogation and at the limits of his endurance, he agreed to sign a confession. On the basis of this he was sentenced to fifteen years of hard labour in Siberia.

In all that befell Father Ciszek over the years he remained confident that with sufficient faith he could discern the will of God in his circumstances. He found that as long as he tried to struggle and resist his destiny, he was exhausted and miserable. But to the extent that he abandoned himself to providence, convinced that in every situation he was exactly where God wanted him to be, he felt a sense of freedom and peace.

This confidence survived the horrifying experience of his transport to Siberia, surrounded by the brutality of hardened criminals. In the prison camp in Siberia he faced backbreaking work, shovelling coal or working in mines. When prisoners learned he was a priest, he found himself serving as an unofficial chaplain in the camps. Bread and wine were smuggled in, making it possible even to say Mass. Thus, he found the grace to carry on, convinced that it was possible with faith to redeem these terrible circumstances: *"For I was Christ in this prison camp."* Even nonbelievers sought him out for counsel and encouragement, and he could not help but see in each encounter with every prisoner an opportunity to do the work of God. Simply by refusing to succumb to bitterness or despair Ciszek felt that he had a most vital spiritual witness to share. He also felt, as a priest, that by *"offering up"* his sufferings he might help others to discover or preserve the faith.

Apart from the crushing slave labour, the famous Siberian cold, the experience of hunger and illness, Ciszek also had to resign himself to constant insecurity. Once after a prison revolt, he and other prisoners were taken out before a firing squad. He fully expected that he would die on the spot and struggled to remember how to make an Act of Contrition. At the last moment the execution was halted. But by this time, he had moved beyond the fear of death: he was fully open to whatever God might send him. And this essential freedom of the soul, the ability to

give his consent to God, was the constant reminder of his dignity as a human being and a child of God. "I realized that true freedom meant nothing else than letting God operate within my soul without interference."

Finally, after he had served and survived his entire sentence, Father Cizek was freed. But it was a relative freedom. As a convicted felon he was restricted to living in towns in Siberia, where he continued to be subject to constant surveillance and harassment by the secret police. He worked in various kinds of menial labour. Once again, when his identity was discovered, he found great demand for his service as a priest. But invariably, when he became too popular, this would be the signal for the KGB to banish him to another town.

So, his life continued on for several years. He was eventually able to write letters home, informing his astonished Jesuit family that he remained alive. In 1963 he was summoned without warning to Moscow and put on a plane to the West to be exchanged for a couple of Soviet spies. He arrived in New York on October 12 after twenty-three years in the Soviet Union.

Cizek lived on for another twenty years. He remained extraordinarily free of bitterness toward the land of his captivity. He believed that the spiritual lessons he had discovered during his ordeal were applicable to all people, whatever their circumstances. To those who asked for the secret of his survival, he always answered, "God's providence," Pressed further, he repeated the question of "St. Paul: "If God is for us who can be against us?" Father Cizek died on December 8, 1984, at the age of eighty.

For more information on the legacy of Fr. Walter please go to cizek.org and watch this [video](#), thanks to the Catholic Diocese of Allentown, PA, USA.

See: Walter Cizek, SJ, He Leadeth Me (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1973) and With God in Russia (New York: McGraw-Hill 1964).

OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24 December

6pm – St John's - **Christmas Eve Children's Mass** - livestreamed

8.30pm – St John's – **Christmas Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 25 December

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Christmas Children's Mass** - livestreamed

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS I

"We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the under-nourished children who have gone to bed tonight without eating, among the poor newsboys who will sleep covered with newspapers in doorways."

Archbishop - now St - Oscar Romero (1917-1980) of El Salvador

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Let Us Pray - Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM leads this series of 30-minute online Advent talks on different forms of prayers - vocal, meditative and contemplative. Continues on Monday 12 and Monday 19 December at 7:30pm on Zoom. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: bit.ly/adventtalks22 (Zoom event).

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Light from Light: choral music for Advent by candlelight - This December be uplifted with a candlelit Advent music concert from the Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The next performance is at St Margaret's in Dunfermline on Friday 16 December at 8pm. Pay at the door on the night or get your £5 ticket (family ticket £10) at bit.ly/3T7wRRY

Advent reflections - Reflect on the meaning of Advent with two special online talks from Canon Hugh White of Bathgate. They are available to watch now on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel at bit.ly/reconnectingtogo and bit.ly/respondingtogo

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley - Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following dates: Sun 18 Dec, Tue 10 Jan, Sun 12 Feb, Sun 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

Valentine's Retreat 2023 - This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady, which supports married couples in their vocation. They will share some of the stories and tools gathered over their 42 years together. The retreat takes place from 2-5pm on Saturday 11 February at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS II

"No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor. The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything, look down on others, those who have no need even of God - for them there will be no Christmas. Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone. That someone is God, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God."

St Oscar Romero

NOTICEBOARD

There is an opportunity to help an asylum seeker who is waiting for the outcome of his appeal. He needs somewhere to stay for a few weeks as he has no recourse to funds until this matter is resolved. Please contact Sarah Tolley (07593316284) for further details.

The Pamoja Sale Team write: "Thanks to our fellow Parishioners and supporters, last week we raised an outstanding £631.00 which will be donated to the Twende Pamoja Trust, operating in bringing together school and communities in both Tanzania (Legho, Mweka and Lasso, among others) and Scotland. We appreciate your ongoing support."

Arlene Lauder, our Sacramental Preparation Team coordinator, writes: "At St Mary Magdalene's on Sunday 15 January 2023, we will have our first '**Prayer Partner Meet and Greet**' for those parishioners who kindly signed up to pray for our P4/First Communion children.

Prayer partners are welcome to meet their young person at St Mary Magdalene's after mass where the Sacramental Team will be on hand to help with introductions. There will be a second chance to meet after Mass at St John's on Sunday 5 February 2023. Thank you for being open to this opportunity to support our young parishioners.

Maria Igoe writes: "The **Legion of Mary** intend to have a Reunion on **Saturday 28th January** from 1.00pm to 5.00pm in St John Cantius and Nicholas, Broxburn. It is 3 years since we came together for the last Reunion. We will have the prayers of the Legion, followed by Benediction in the Church. Then we will go to the Hall for a meal and socialising. This event is popular and always enjoyed. So if you wish to come, please contact me at 07981333219. Thank you."

A PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK FOR PARISHES WITHIN SCOTLAND

Pilgrimage from Edinburgh to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo, 18 – 22 April 2023

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. To view the full poster, click [HERE](#). Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Psalm 145, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

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

A couple of weeks ago we learned, officially, what many of us have thought for a long time: the UK is no longer a predominantly Christian country. A drive through this little island shows landscapes and townscapes dotted with cathedrals and churches of varying sizes, great stone buildings which had once represented the heart of the community. Then we stumble across a great ruined monastery or abbey – testament to long forgotten communities whose stonework has helped to build new dwellings, farm-buildings and boundary walls. Roof Funds, Steeple Funds and the like have been nourished and fed by a diet of Pie and Pea Suppers, Wine and Cheese evenings and bequests of varying sizes. Sacrifice and time has gone into the whole process. In 200 years' time, with no communities to feed and sustain them what will have become of these great vanities? When roof beams begin to fail, and nature sets about her whole process of reclaiming what was originally hers, how many centuries will elapse before they become the subject matter of archaeological digs? How long before archaeologists, historians, and students of the time marvel at the discovery of a fragment of floor tile which had once been lovingly laid during the initial construction.

Time. Everything takes time and everything is subject to her stubborn, relentless march – even you and me. I was chastened to read this week that December 8th, as well as being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, also marked the third month since the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Where did that time go? I cannot remember what it is that is being advertised, but one of the current tranches of adverts that tickles me shows a clockmaker and the voice over says: “Who told the first clock maker what time of day it was?” It frustrates us that we cannot control time, we cannot halt its progress. Relentlessly, it marches. Tik-Tok, TikTok. It has even spawned a social media platform. Tik-Tok, Tik-Tok. Time, like sand or water, runs through our fingers, impossible to trap or catch. Time is precious and everything worthwhile ‘takes’ time. Patience involves our relationship with time. Time cannot be rushed – and it cannot be slowed. Time is just what it is – ‘Time’.

In this weekend's second reading, James urges patience. *Be patient, brothers.....* In an age of instant results and instant communication, order by 9 pm and receive your delivery tomorrow - patience is often in short supply. We have all experienced the frustration of being caught in traffic. An accident ahead has caused a tailback that now stretches for two miles. All we can do is sit. We could make a couple of telephone calls but are unsure of present rules. We turn off the engine, then back on again. Another glance at the clock, we know we now won't make the ferry – and this acceptance brings a reduction in stress levels that is immediately replaced at anger at this abject waste of time. The traffic starts to move, and we eventually pass the scene of the accident. We see the white tent and realise the seriousness of what has occurred. Anger is replaced by guilt as we realise that the outcome could have been so different if the driver had been a little less impatient, had not taken as many risks. Perhaps he, too, was facing a deadline. He didn't have the time to be patient – and now he has no time at all. *You too, have to be patient, do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. (James 5:8)*

In the Gospel passage, John the Baptist has no option but to be patient. Languishing in prison, the questions course through his brain. He needs answers so sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the One or do they have to wait for someone else? A sense of anticipation is growing, the days of the Messiah are approaching and people, including John the Baptist, are impatient for answers. Impatience is a common human reaction but it's patience that is the mark of maturity and trust.

God is the clockmaker in chief. He ordained time and he ordains our time. Like time we cannot control Him so we resolve to use time wisely. Be patient - trust in God and take the words of today's Psalm to heart: *It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.*

PARISH REGISTER

Warm Birthday Greetings to Pauline McInnes, 80 last Thursday, 8 December

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Richard Silver
Zofia Dziura*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Myles Durkin - John Ritchie
Elizabeth Foster Melliar - Stan Tweedie - Jean McCraw - John Cahill
- Nan Rostant - Maureen Callaghan
- John Boyd - Nancy Dobson
Fr John Robinson - Nina Luca
Jane Wright - Pat McHugh
Una Johnston - Jim Duffy
Tina Stevenson - Maria Juska
Mary McLauchlan - George Smith*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.10: Jimmy Duke (2014); Vincent Kelegher (2003); Margaret T Ward (2001); Mary McLauchlan (2000); Joseph Dykes (1985); Maggie Bonner (1982); Michael Keogh (1948); James Anderson;
Dec.11: Stan Tweedie (2014); Mary Meehan (2006); Bridget & Michael Meldrum; Annie Shrivener; **Dec.12:** Jean McCraw(2019); John Ritchie (2016); Valerie Messent (2003); Myles Durkin (1975); Margaret Riach (1960); Ann Cassidy; James Daly; **Dec.13:** Jane Wright (2016); John Dalrymple (2016); James Quinn (1991); Joseph P Gannon (1968); Agnes Stone (1964); **Dec.14:** John Cahill (2017); Isabel Garvie (2015); Peter Brown (2004); Annie C Dobson (2002); Margaret Donaldson; Margaret Ward; **Dec.15:** Maureen Callaghan (2019); Sarah Carty (2001); Janet Peters (1993); William Cotterell (1984); Jeannie O'Brien (1959); Edward D Maher (1958); Catherine Carvell; Catherine Connell; **Dec.16:** Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; **Dec.17:** Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; **Dec.18:** Nan Rostant (2020); Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.10: Maria Juska (2015); **Dec.11:** Winifred Graham (1981);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Gerry Gallagher, Carol Simpson, Pat Dickin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, John Freeman, Kenny O'Connor, Alex Cranston, John Cregan, Kim O'Neill, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Frances Connelly, Fiona Connel, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Bob Kelly, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Anne Carruthers, Ann Dockrell, Isobel Philipps, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and Mary and James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ava Simpkin (aged 12), Baby Tommy Moran, Ellen Dow, Chris White, members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, John O'Donnell, Judith Franklin, Elizabeth Walker, Baby Jamie McBride, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Anne Morris, Baby Josh Simpson, Keiran Smart (aged 15), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Ethan Slaney, Paul Madden, Francis Joseph Palmer, Jean Wylie, Mary Conefrey, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Sheila White, Jessica Haggerty, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Seval Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Colin Raasch, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, 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.

Offertory 4 December 2022

St Mary Magdalene's, £328.03 total, including £113.03 Offertory and £215.00 Gift Aid

St John's, £1832.64 total, including £484.08 Offertory, £648.56 Gift Aid and £700.00 online donations

