

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you must name him Jesus'... All this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel", a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. (Matthew 1:20-23)

Our Advent Reconciliation Sunday is this weekend, **17/18 December**, with several priests available at the start of all three Masses – including Fr Jim Smith, Fr Joel Liwanag SJ, and Fr David Stewart SJ... **there will be a Reflective 'Examination of Conscience' handed out at each Mass to help us all prepare...** Fr Jock is also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass this week – and any time by appointment.

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

CAROL SINGING WITH OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS AROUND PORTOBELLO

This 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 (Portobello and Joppa Parish Church) before concluding at St Mark's Episcopal Church with mulled fruit juice and mince pies. Please do come and celebrate...

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.

SCIAF REAL GIFTS - Stop worrying about what to get your nearest and dearest – the list of **SCIAF Real Gifts** for sale, with prices, can be found by clicking [here](#) .

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 they did last year, to buy this Real Gift as a present to our sisters and brothers in these problem-hit areas, hoping to reach the magic £1088. **To date, a most encouraging £759 has been raised.** Please help us to achieve this sum. **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 this Sunday - 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 wintery weather.

Please pop in for tea, coffee and a chat.



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

Prayer at Night – (Final Week - 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 **Archbishop Leo this Wednesday, 7:45pm – 8:20pm**. Register at bit.ly/archprolifeevents (Zoom event).

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 ST JOHN'S CHURCH PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Living Hope of Christmas - *But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the messiah, the Lord...' (Luke 2: 10-11)*

*Emmanuel, God-with-us,
you chose to come for each person,
the destitute and the wealthy,
the unfortunate and the privileged,
the troubled and the peaceful,
the healthy and the ill.*

*You came in human form
with a message of extravagant love,
showing us how to be with those
who have much less than we do.*

*Change my heart.
Turn it inside out,
toward the larger world.
Remind me daily of those who struggle
with their daily existence.*

*Remind me often of your presence
in those I tend to ignore or forget.*

*Boundless Love,
thank you for cherishing each person
on this planet.*

(Joyce Rupp-extract from 'A Christmas Prayer,' Prayer Seeds)

THIS WEEK

Saturday 17 December

6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass, preceded by an opportunity for Reconciliation** - livestreamed

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

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

9.30am – St John's – **Mass, preceded by an opportunity for Reconciliation** – livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass preceded by an opportunity for Reconciliation**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Monday 19 December

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

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** (or type shorturl.at/exDFV in your browser)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Tuesday 20 December

10.00am-12 midday – St John's Hall – **Warm Spaces**

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** - livestreamed

7.45pm - Parish House – RCIA - **Catechumenate 3**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Wednesday 21 December

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Thursday 22 December

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

11.00am – starting at St John's – **Carol Singing** (organised by PACT)

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Friday 23 December

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Night Prayer**

Saturday 24 December

6.00pm – St John's – **Christmas Eve Children's Mass** - livestreamed

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

Sunday 25 December – SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

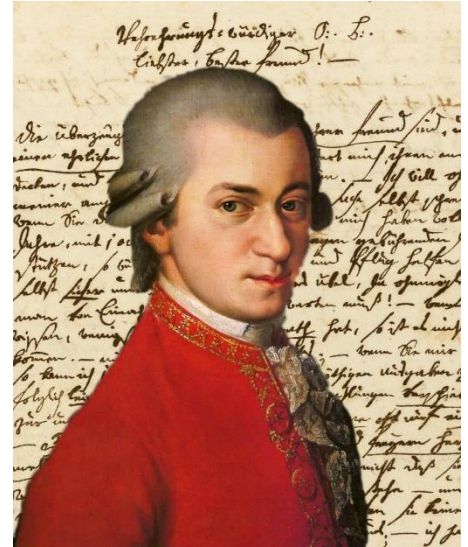
10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Christmas Children's Mass** - livestreamed

'SAINT' OF THE WEEK 1 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Composer (1756-1791) – Feast day: 5 December

"I never lie down at night without reflecting that - as young as I am - I may not live to see another day. Yet no one of all my acquaintances could say that in company I am morose and disgruntled. For this blessing I daily thank my Creator and wish with all my heart that each one of my fellow creatures could enjoy it."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was, arguably, the greatest classical composer of all time. Was he also some kind of a saint? Judging by his personal piety and character the answer would probably be no. Although he was a baptized Catholic and wrote much of his music for liturgical occasions, he was also attracted to the philosophy of Freemasonry and was inclined to a fairly cynical attitude toward the church (which he had experienced in a fairly decadent form). In temperament he was either childlike or immature, depending on one's point of view, given by turns to sulking, giddy humour, and profanity. But then there was his music. The writer George Bernard Shaw, hardly noted for his piety, once called Mozart's music *"the only music yet written that would not sound out of place in the mouth of God."* The great Protestant theologian, Karl Barth, only one of the modern theologians to take a professional interest in Mozart, wrote of his certainty *"that when the angels go about their task of praising God, they play only Bach."* But he was sure *"that when they are together en famille they play Mozart and that then too the good God listens with special pleasure."*



Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1756. His prodigious musical talent was evident from early childhood. By the age of five he was writing minuets for the harpsichord. By the time he was six his father was conducting him on performing tours through most of the royal courts of Europe. In 1770 he performed at the Vatican for Pope Clement XIV, after which he was rewarded with a papal knighthood.

Mozart's fame as a composer quickly surpassed his reputation as a performer. He wrote in almost every genre, from Masses and Oratorios to chamber music, symphonies, and secular operas. Still, he spent much of his life in financial insecurity, depending on the fickle support of patrons in the church and the royal courts. His short life ended in poverty and protracted illness. In 1791 a mysterious stranger commissioned a Requiem. Mozart worked feverishly on the composition, convinced that he was writing for his own funeral. It was his last and one of his most sublime works. He finally collapsed of exhaustion and died just a few days later on December 5, 1791.

Those who consider Mozart a great religious artist are not interested simply in his extensive body of religious music. They argue that in all his work there is a delight in creation, a balance, a sense of order, an affirmation of light and the final triumph of life over death and darkness. Barth claimed to find in Mozart more than any other person *"an art of playing"* which presupposes *"a childlike awareness of the essence or centre - as also the beginning and the end - of all things."* In listening to Mozart, he wrote, one is *"transported to the threshold of a world which in sunlight and storm, by day and by night, is a good and ordered world."*

Mozart had a great capacity to enjoy the pleasures of life. But it is striking, in light of the "life-affirming" qualities of his music, to consider how deeply preoccupied he was with the subject of death. Through constant meditation on this, *"the true goal of our existence,"* he had come to the conclusion that death is the *"best and truest friend of mankind, that his image is not only no longer terrifying to me but is indeed very soothing and consoling. And I thank my God for graciously granting me the opportunity... of learning that death is the key which unlocks the door to our true happiness."* So, Mozart, after a life of phenomenal industry, achieved his true happiness at the age of thirty-five. He was buried in a pauper's grave in Vienna.

Barth once had a dream in which he was given the task of examining Mozart on various points of theology and dogmatics. Although Barth deliberately tried to pitch easy questions, Mozart gave him no answer. The great theologian offered no interpretation of this dream. But perhaps it says something about Mozart as a religious artist. For him the Holy Mystery was a reality best conveyed not in dogmas but in music. In any case, Barth confessed that if he ever arrived in heaven he would *"first of all seek out Mozart"* before inquiring after his fellow theologians.

See Karl Barth, *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986)*. Hans Küng, *Mozart Traces of Transcendence (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991)*

'SAINT' OF THE WEEK 2 – Sr Alicia Domon

Martyr (d. 1977) – Feast Day 12 December

"I didn't come here [to the shantytown] to tell people what they had to do but in order that we could help each other and share life's joys and sorrows, here where we take each other for what we are. I have probably received more than I have given."



During the period of 1976 to 1983 a military dictatorship in Argentina conducted a "dirty war" against "subversives" and dissidents. Advocates of human rights and social justice for the poor were among the special victims of the repression. At least four thousand civilians were killed. Another ten thousand were "disappeared" - abducted by the military, never to be seen again. Two French nuns, Sisters Alicia Domon and Léonie Duquet, were among them.

They were both members of the Toulouse Institute of the Sisters of Foreign Mission. Alicia Domon arrived in Argentina in 1967, part of the great wave of foreign religious who flocked to Latin America in the years after Vatican II. At first they engaged in more traditional apostolates. Alicia worked with mentally disabled children, helping them prepare for their first communion. By 1969, however, she and other members of her congregation had moved out of their convent to take up residence in an urban shantytown. Alicia supported herself by working halftime as a household servant while otherwise ministering as a friend and sister to her poor neighbours.

In the following years she spent much time in the countryside, becoming acquainted with the struggles of landless peasants and lending support to their efforts to organize. It was a time of rising hopes in the possibility of peaceful social change. In the 1970s, however, such efforts and hopes were brutally suppressed.

Back in Buenos Aires, Sister Alicia became closely involved with a courageous organization of women, the so-called *Mothers of the Disappeared*, who gathered in the central plaza each day, dressed in black and bearing photographs of their missing children. This mute but eloquent protest was for many years the only visible sign of dissent in Argentina. The conservative hierarchy of the Catholic church remained largely silent, when not actually endorsing the military's defence of "law and order."

For Christmas 1977 Alicia had prepared a retreat for the Mothers. On the evening of December 8, however, after leaving a planning meeting of the group, Sister Alicia and twelve other women were seized by armed men in civilian clothing. Two days later, Sister Léonie Duquet was also abducted, apparently because she shared a residence with Alicia Domon. None of them was ever seen again, nor was there ever any official news of their fate.

In subsequent years jokes circulated among the military about the *"flying nuns."* This was taken to be a reference to rumours that the disappeared were routinely tossed out of airplanes over the Atlantic Ocean. In 1995 these rumours were confirmed by a retired Navy commander, Adolfo Scilingo, who described his own part in two *"death flights"* in 1977.

According to his account, *"At first it didn't bother me that I was dumping these bodies into the ocean because as far as I was concerned they were war prisoners. There were men and women, and I had no idea who they were or what they had done. I was following orders."* At some point, however, *"It hit me exactly what we were doing. We were killing human beings. But still we continued."* Afterward, when he confessed his actions to a military priest, he was told the killings *"had to be done to separate the wheat from the chaff."*

Asked to describe another mission in December of 1977, Scilingo became distraught and said he could not bear to discuss the details. Despite having received absolution at the time, Scilingo said that in subsequent years, *"I have spent many nights sleeping in the plazas of Buenos Aires with a bottle of wine, trying to forget. I have ruined my life.... Sometimes I am afraid to be alone with my thoughts."*

In her death Sister Alicia attained her most intimate union with the poor and rejected to whom she was drawn. After her disappearance the police who requisitioned her house were surprised to discover that, like the poorest peasant, she did not own so much as a change of clothes. Several months before her disappearance she had written to the archbishop of Toulouse, *"I would ask you not to do anything to save me which could endanger others. I have already made the sacrifice of my life."*

See: Martin Lange and Reinhold Blacker, *Witnesses of Hope* (Maryknoll, N.Y: Or-bis, 1980); "Argentine Tells of Dumping 'Dirty War' Captives into Sea," *New York Times* (March 13, 1995).

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

The 2023 Archdiocesan Directory is now on sale - including a liturgical calendar and key contacts for churches, schools, organisation and religious orders in the Archdiocese. It's a perfect stocking filler costing just £3.

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. **The first evening takes place at 6pm this Sunday, 18 December.**

Let Us Pray - Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM hosts the final 30-minute online Advent talk on different forms of prayer on Monday 19 December at 7:30pm. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join: bit.ly/adventtalks22 (Zoom event). Catch up with previous talks on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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/reconnectingtogod and bit.ly/respondingtogod

NOTICEBOARD

Online Prayer event for young Catholic Adults aged 20-40 - Jennifer Convery writes: "Join us for a post-Christmas rosary and reflection via Zoom on **Tues 27th Dec** at 8:00-8:30pm. Our events are a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other young adults. For more info and tickets email: 2040network@gmail.com"

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LOVE'S INVITE

*Stop running.
Be still a while
Let go with Me
Let Me hold you and love you
just as you are
(Noel Davis – 'Love finds a way')*

*In a manger at Bethlehem, they saw Jesus
In a carpenter's shop at Nazareth, they saw Jesus
On a cross at Calvary, they saw Jesus
In an upper room and in a garden, they saw Jesus*

*In the birth of a child and in the love of a parent, we see Jesus
In our meeting with one another, we see Jesus
In our joys and in our sorrow, we see Jesus
In our doubts and questioning, we see Jesus*

*Seeing him, Lord, help us to love him
to make room for him and to share our lives with him.*



(From *The Missionary Rosary* of the Comboni Fathers)

The Visitation

*Mary visits Elizabeth and the child in
Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy*

(Luke 1: 39-45)

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Matthew 1: 18-24

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

How far will you go when it comes to protecting or providing for your wife, husband, family? It's not the sort of question we expect to be asked, or the sort of question we think about. But how far would you go for your family? This week we learned that a single mother of two young children, aged 14 and 11, was admitted to hospital suffering from acute malnutrition having sacrificed her own diet so that her children might eat. This happened not in Senegal or Somalia but in Slough, Berkshire – and in 2022. How far would you go for your family? Would you hand over your life's savings to climb with your wife and children into a flimsy dinghy to chart a path across the English Channel?. This happens regularly. For many people denied an education, their main source of information and knowledge is the BBC World Service. Lately I've become a devoted listener. 6 months into my non-union fracture of my left humerus, sleeping still presents huge challenges. Listening to the World Service is my go-to night-time relief. I lie in the darkness and I learn how wonderful 'Britain' is – 'great' Britain, 'global' Britain, leader in the free world. Huddled in your tin shack, wife and children in the one bed sharing one overthrow, listening to the distant sounds of war, fearing that the next vehicle entering the village will be full of militia looking to steal your daughters, do you not imagine that you might decide to do all you can to take your family to this promised land of milk and honey – and peace. Media and governmental propaganda would have us believe that these dinghies crossing the channel are filled exclusively with young males from Albania. Listening to the experiences of relief agencies with feet on the ground reveal a mix of refugees from Ethiopia, Syria, and the Yemen, and those from Afghanistan left behind in August 2021 despite promises to the contrary. Here in the UK when we pick up a daily newspaper carrying the dateline Friday 16th December – we need to check! Back to my tin shack with my wife and children, I think that on balance, the dinghy might be worth the risk, I know what I would do – but what would you do?

Similarly, if you had found yourself in Joseph's shoes, what would you have done? He and Mary were planning. Planning for their future life together. Then, 'Boofff!' the mother of all whammies knocks him for six. Matthew quite simply states: *Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity decided to divorce her informally.* What would have happened if Joseph had not been a man of honour. Tradition, laws and customs of the time would have allowed him to have Mary publicly ridiculed before stoning. Friends and colleagues, perhaps his own parents and family would have understood his level of hurt, would have sympathised and would have supported him, after all they would have done the same in his shoes. Joseph is a man of honour. He would do the right thing. Joseph benefitted from his openness to God's message and to God's messenger in the form of the angel that appeared in a dream. Openness to God's voice calls on us to be gentle and humble of heart. When we can be open to God then we realise just how many angels come our way, how many messengers walk along and across our paths. The Christmas narratives are full of angels. It's worth our while to explore 'why.'

Angels speak to us of the essential truth about our relationship with God. I have long held that we are surrounded by angels – they volunteer in food banks and sometimes even visit us by dinghy. We are all called to be angels: angels of peace, angels of hope, angels of love and of encouragement, and angels who have twice as many ears as mouths. Angels teach us what to do, giving us a lead in becoming, like Joseph, individuals of honour. They enable us to be unafraid to do what is right, to go against the crowd.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it'. (Hebrews 13:2)

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Canon John McAllister
Winnie Casey
Frances Rodger
Raymond Contenceau
Francis Joseph Palmer*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Jim Marin - Margaret Knowles
Frances Ostrowska - Eddie Kerr
baby Colin Newall
Mary McInally*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Gerry Gallagher, Carol Simpson, Pat Dickin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, John Freeman, Kitty Dykes, Kenny O'Connor, Alex Cranston, John Cregan, Kim O'Neill, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, 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, 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.

Offertory 11 December 2022

St Mary Magdalene's, £147.24 total,
including £103.24 Offertory and £44.00 Gift Aid

St John's, £1125.03 total,
including £306.49 Offertory,
£118.54 Gift Aid and £700.00 online donations

Anniversaries:

St John's:

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); **Dec.19:** Michael O'Brien (2017); Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan; **Dec.20:** Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949); **Dec.21:** Mary McClory (2009); Eileen Flannigan (2012); Alexander Paton (2001); Jean Malcolm (1998); Mary Gallagher (1992); Francis O'Connor (1969); **Dec.22:** Gytha Somervell (2014); Joseph Desmond (1990); Francis Rooney; **Dec.23:** Cecelia McIntyre (2011); Alice Taylor (2006); Francis Rooney Snr.; George & Esther Waters; the Clyne, Harrison, Laurie & Lynch families; **Dec.24:** Tom Brennan (1985); Elizabeth Welby (1964); Anne B Gallagher (1948); James McGravie; John Scally; **Dec.25:** William T Pringle (2007); Francis Skey (1993); Arthur Scholan (1991); James Cordery (1989); John Callaghan (1988); Hugh Docherty (1985); Mary E Sweeney (1984); Raymond Demarco (1980); (Baby) Carol Begg (1952); **Dec.26:** Iris Murphy (2015); Marjory Graham (2007); Ian Holligan (1997); James Moran (1981); Mary Fusco (1948); David Headspeath;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.15: Baby Colin Newall (1968); **Dec.16:** Patricia Scott (1999); **Dec.19:** Mary McInally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979); **Dec.20:** Jim Marin (2010); **Dec.21:** Elizabeth McEwan (1996); **Dec.22:** Sally Murphy (2002); John Shaw (2000); Thomas Heaney (1989); **Dec.23:** Eddie Kerr (2009); Roseanne Barclay (1992); Michael Boyle (1970); **Dec.25:** John Damer (1997); Cecilia Stewart (1992);

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, 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.

