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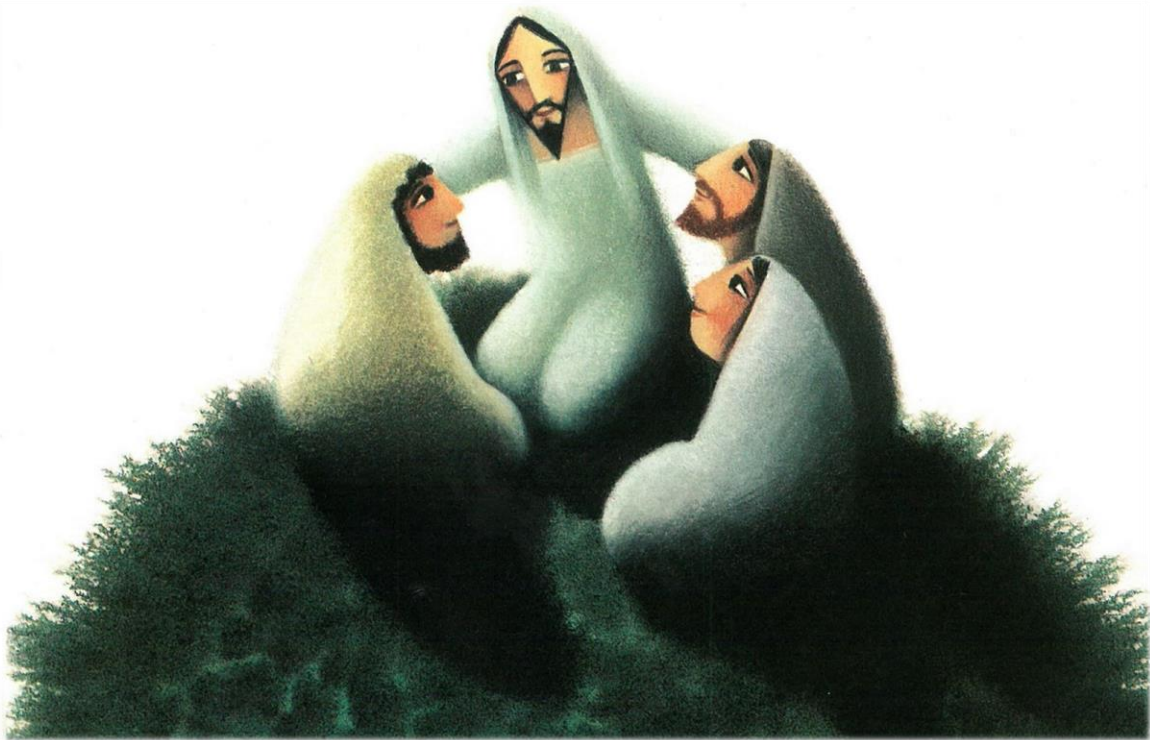
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## 2 JULY 2023 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus instructed the twelve as follows: 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the one who sent me'. (Matthew 10:40)

**At our Masses at St John's this weekend Rossana Velazco, Jesus Miguel Pena, Marie Sinclair, Caroline Gibson, Eleanor Cullimore, Aga Magnucka, Pat Robertson, Lesley Nangle, Gillian Ramage, Angela Preston, Arlene Lauder, John Lauder and Catherine Lacey will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers.** In addition, in August, **Barbara Bosustow** and **Scott Craig** (once returned from holiday) will be commissioned at St Mary Magdalene's. We are very grateful to them all for their generous willingness to serve our community in this way.

**Today there is the annual Special Collection for Peter's Pence** – 'It is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to Pope Francis in support of the apostolic and charitable mission of the universal Church and the entire world. It contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need. Please give generously.' Find out more at [www.obolodisanpietro.va](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va)

**This Monday, 3 July, we celebrate our monthly Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30pm at St John's. All most welcome.**

**With this newsletter is an Appeal from Bishop Brian McGee from SCIAF for support for the people of Ethiopia.** He writes: ‘in addition to suffering from two years of brutal conflict, the country is now experiencing its worst drought in recent history. Rivers are dry, crops have failed and their animals are dead. If charities like SCIAF don’t come in to help, there will be no water. There is no back up plan. They will die. The people of Ethiopia desperately need our help, right now. Please give what you can.’

**This Wednesday at 7.00pm in St John’s, Deacon Eddie will lead our monthly Holy Hour.**

**He writes:** ‘You are very warmly invited to join us for an hour of music, prayer, silent adoration and benediction. As always, everyone is very welcome regardless of age or if you have never been before. We will have an order of service, so everyone has all the words to the hymns and prayers. Or you can simply sit in the presence of the Lord and listen to the hymns and prayers. Do get in touch if you would like more details or would like to get involved with reading etc on the night.’

## **Stella Maris - ‘Sea Sunday’ – 9 July 2023**

**Sea Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, 9 July.**



**STELLA MARIS**

**Annie Scharwatt**, from Stella Maris London office, **writes:** ‘Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church (**there will be a leaving collection**), by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable **Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)** to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.’

**Next Sunday, 9 July**, after a shortened 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene’s, there will be a second important **Open Parish Meeting in two months at St Mary Magdalene’s**, as we seek to rebuild our parish in the aftermath of the pandemic – please do come and participate. The meeting will aim to conclude by 1pm.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Saturday 1 July**

9.30am-1.30am – St John’s Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**

12.30pm – St John’s – **Baptism of Jacob Cranston and Emily Goodfellow**

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

### **Sunday 2 July - 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.30am - St John’s - **Mass** - livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass with baptism of Leandro Crolla** – livestreamed

11.15am – St John’s – **Baptism of Arthur Zajac** (Deacon Eddie)

### **Monday 3 July – FEAST OF ST THOMAS**

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick**

6.00pm – St John’s – **Wedding rehearsal for Sarah Clark and Hugh Fraser.**

7.00pm – Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course – Evening 2**

8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – please click [HERE](#) (or type <https://bit.ly/3CQTiFi> into your browser)

8.45pm – St John’s - Wedding Rehearsal for Mary Beth Shields and Kyle Jenner

### **Tuesday 4 July –**

2.00pm – St John’s – **Wedding Blessing for Mary Beth Shields and Kyle Jenner**

4.30pm – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting.**

7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass – livestreamed**

**Wednesday 5 July**

**9.15am [NB change of time]** – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

7.00pm – St John’s – **Holy Hour** (Deacon Eddie) - livestreamed

**Thursday 6 July** - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** - livestreamed

**Friday 7 July** - 10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed

**Saturday 8 July**

10.30am – St John’s – **Baptism of Nancy Dalrymple Lawson**

1.30pm – St John’s – **Wedding of Sarah Clark and Hugh Fraser**

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

**Sunday 9 July - 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sea Sunday**

9.30am - St John’s - **Mass** - livestreamed

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

12.15pm - St Mary Magdalene’s – **Open Parish Meeting**

View the **links for the Masses** by visiting our webpage:

<http://bit.ly/2023Mass> - or by scanning the QR code → → → →



**IN THE COMING WEEKS**

Tuesday 11 July - 2.15pm – Saughton Cemetery – **Burial of Lydia Reid**

Wednesday 12 July – 11.30am – **St Gabriel’s, Prestonpans – Requiem Mass for Kim O’Neill**

*Compassionate God,  
You understand all, forgive all,  
absorb and encompass all.  
Teach us not to dwell on the past*

*or be filled with fear for the future  
but rather to live fully in the present,  
breathing in time with Your divine breath  
and spirit. Amen*

Ian Bradley

**ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH  
AND ENGAGE IN FAITH SHARING?**

**Bernadette Campbell writes:** ‘The following two prayer/contemplative courses would suit those seeking to deepen their faith and engage in faith sharing. They offer a range of prayer experiences - either online or in person – depending on individual preference.

**ONLINE COURSES...** include *Growth in Prayer in Reflective Living* from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. Full details on this following link:

<https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/gprl.html>

**Also on Zoom,** The Epiphany Group offer a Course as *an Introduction to Different Ways of Praying:*

<http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/>

**IN PERSON** - The longer *Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living* course is also offered in Edinburgh by The Epiphany Group. Details are available on the following link:

<http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/growth-in-prayer/>

*(The Epiphany Group ‘was formed in 2000, bringing together women and men who have trained in and practise Ignatian Spirituality in Scotland and beyond. Members of the Epiphany Group are lay and ordained and belong to different Christian traditions’).*

**If you’re interested but would like to talk through what might be involved rather than apply directly, please make contact with Fr Jock.**

# ‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – GEORGES BERNANOS

## French Novelist - Feast Day - 5 July

*"I am between the Angel of light and the Angel of darkness,  
looking at them each in turn with the same hunger for the absolute."*

Georges Bernanos was one of the most ardently Catholic of modern French writers. As a young student at the Sorbonne, he became a militant of the Action Française, a right-wing movement that championed the royalist heritage of France. He was among a group of students arrested for attacking a professor who had dared to insult the memory of St. Joan of Arc. By such methods the Action Française loudly defended the honour of the church and presented itself as the staunch champion of orthodoxy. But for most of its members the church as a symbol of tradition and order took precedence over the spirit of Christ. This ultimately caused Bernanos to break with the movement, some time before it was formally condemned by the Vatican.

Bernanos published his first novel, *The Star of Satan*, in the early 1920s. It was a relative success, convincing him that he should devote himself full time to writing. The theme of the novel was the confrontation between good and evil in the soul of a parish priest. It was a theme that would recur in several of his subsequent novels, thus earning him the reputation of being a "priest's novelist." By this time Bernanos was married and trying to support a family on his income as a writer. (He was delighted by the fact that his wife was a descendent of the brother of Joan of Arc!) Many times they were in desperate straits. His situation became still more difficult when a car accident in 1933 left him partially crippled and forced to walk with a pair of canes for the rest of his life. Only with the success of his great novel, **The Diary of a Country Priest**, was he ever to find relative financial security,

The novel had taken shape in his mind over a period of years. In 1935 he had written to a friend of his desire to write, in the form of a diary, the story of a country priest who "will have served God in exact proportion to his belief that he has served Him badly." Upon its publication in 1937 **The Diary of a Country Priest** was quickly recognized as both a literary and spiritual classic, the one novel by which Bernanos would always be remembered. It was also his most deeply personal work, forged out of his own faith and his constant concern for the intermingling of sanctity and mediocrity in the church.

*"Mine is a parish like all the rest."* So begins the diary of an unnamed priest assigned to a country parish. Through the diary we follow the priest's struggles to convey the mystery of faith to his flock. It seems that everything he does meets with failure and misunderstanding. Painfully aware of his limitations the priest is entirely unaware of his underlying sanctity. It becomes clear that the fate of his parishioners is being fought out in the depths of his own soul, that he is pouring himself out for their salvation. And ultimately, when we discover that the sickly priest is dying, we sense that he has literally offered himself as a victim soul. His dying words are, "Does it matter? Grace is everywhere."

After the publication of **The Diary of a Country Priest** Bernanos moved his family to the Spanish island of Majorca, where he lived through the horrors of the Spanish Civil War. Bernanos was inclined at first to sympathize with General Franco; the Falangists, after all, were supposedly fighting for the cause of the church. Few Catholic voices, either in Spain or anywhere else in Europe, publicly disputed this claim. But as the war dragged on Bernanos became increasingly disillusioned by the atrocities committed on both sides. Those committed by Franco impressed him as especially reprehensible, since they were committed in the name of Christ. It seemed scandalous to him that the church not only failed to denounce this bloodbath but even seemed to bless it as a Holy Crusade. In 1938 he published a scathing account of the war, *Cemeteries under the Moon*, which was welcomed by members of the Left, while it was denounced as a betrayal by his usual political and religious allies.

There was in Bernanos a pugnacious side, easily drawn to feuds and public controversies. To his friends, however, he revealed another side - sensitive, easily wounded, hungry for affection. Throughout his restless journey he was haunted by the conviction that there was only one happiness: to be a saint. Sanctity, he insisted furthermore, was the true goal and measure of the church. Without the saints the church was a soulless institution that would be the first to join in crucifying its Saviour. As he once wrote, "God did not create the Church to ensure the prosperity of the saints, but in order that she should transmit their memory.... They lived and suffered as we do. They were tempted as we are. The man who dares not yet accept what is sacred and divine in their example will at least learn from it the lesson of heroism and honour." Bernanos's last project, left unfinished, was a life of Jesus. He died on July 5, 1948.

See: Georges Bernanos, *The Diary of a Country Priest* (New York: Macmillan, 1937); Robert Speaight, *Georges Bernanos* (London: Collins & Harvill, 1973).

# NOTICEBOARD

## News from the Legion of Mary

The **July Charity Coffee Morning** will be on Monday **10 July after Mass in St John's Hall**. Donations will be given to Mary's Meals. Please come along to support this great cause, and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes as well.

**The Coffee Morning held on 12 June raised £245 for "Malaria No More"**. The vision is that no person in the world will die because of a mosquito bite.

From February 2022 to April 2023 our donations have helped 12 charities. £3185 was raised due to the generosity of those who have donated. Thank you very much on behalf of the charities.

The **next trip to Medjugorje is on 26 September** for two weeks. A further group will go for a week on 3rd October and join the Mary's Meals pilgrimage.

EasyJet flights for May 2024 went on sale this week. There will be a group going on 8 May for 2 weeks, although it is possible to go for a shorter time. If you are interested in visiting Medjugorje, it is always best to book early to get a good deal. For further details, please speak to Maria Igoe or phone her, 07981333219.

Date		St John's Eucharistic Ministers		
July	1	<b>Patrick Shannon</b>	Jim Roarty	Tracy Burgess
	2		Pauline Glancy	Pauline Connarty
	8	<b>John Lawler</b>	Bozena Tansey	Chris Vinestock
	9		Anna Tanzi	Anne Dixon



**Administrator wanted for St. Mark's Episcopal Church** - St. Mark's are looking for a PT (6hrs.) Church Administrator. Information can be found here: <https://stmarksportobello.org/part-time-church-administrator/> - **Application:** Please send a CV with covering letter to the Rector, Rev Dr Sophia Marriage, St Mark's Church, 287 Portobello High Street, Edinburgh, EH15 2AR Closing Date: 30 July 2023

## From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

**Voting Rights** - Edinburgh City Council is considering a proposal to remove voting rights of Church Representatives on its Education, Children and Families Committee. If passed, it means school reps won't have a say in decisions affecting faith schools. **Contact your councillor ahead of the vote, which is now on 3 August.** Postcards are available at the back of the church. Find out who your councillor is at: [bit.ly/edinburghcouncillors](http://bit.ly/edinburghcouncillors)

**Festival Mass** - Archbishop Cushley will celebrate the annual Festival Mass at midday on Sunday 13 August 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

**Study Theology in Edinburgh** – the MA in Applied Catholic Theology is offered by St Mary's University in Scotland and begins in September 2023. The course provides a thorough grounding in key aspects of Catholic theology and develops the skills to apply that theology to the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world.

Visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - MATTHEW 10: 37-42

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

I had reason to call Lloyds Bank recently. I had ordered a standalone post box from an online supplier. We needed to protect our much-loved postman, John. Stanley, our 47kg Dobermann, who likes nothing better than being in the garden likewise loves John and greets him as a long-lost friend. Stanley has what might be described as separation issues. He never wants John to leave. He does his best to take him prisoner, and we are sometimes called upon to set John free. Did I tell you John was deaf? He sports a pair of impressive hearing aids. I'm never sure whether he has them deliberately turned off or needs a stronger pair. I am usually good at anticipating the times when John might arrive, and I can be prepared. Sometimes I get it wrong. I 'dash' to the gate to find John laughing almost hysterically (for some reason he enjoys being pinned up against the gate,) Stanley is barking as if auditioning for the remake of 'Hound of the Baskervilles' and I'm screaming at the top of my voice STA -AA A-NLE-EY. Even the birds are silenced. In the pursuit of sanity, we have decided to position a post box OUTSIDE the gate, so that John can safely leave the mail and he and Stanley can develop their relationship over the gate, before John goes off to safely deliver the remainder of the King's Mail.

So why was I calling Lloyds? The small independent supplier had let me down. After numerous emails I slowly realised that I would never see my Post box. I informed him that I would be seeking a refund. I don't know about you, but I find it increasingly difficult to pick up the name of many call handlers, but I think it's more polite to speak to the person on the other end of the telephone using his or her name...I was defeated by my latest call to Lloyds. After several attempts, I gave up. I had worked out that he was male, but that was as far as I got. Our dialogue began. I told him what I wanted. He would need to go through the rigmarole (my word, not his) of security clearance. Things were moving very slowly, and it was only when I found myself mentally finishing his sentences that it slowly dawned on me: He had a speech impediment and was struggling to get the words out. I admired his and Lloyds bravery. I had not managed to get his name, but I would be polite and patient and hope that in this case the 'phone call really was being recorded for training and monitoring purposes.' I would do my bit to portray him to his best advantage. At the end of the call, I thanked him for his courtesy and helpfulness. I did not know his name, but I could do my best to recognise his contribution to resolving my issue. I told him he was a 'credit to the bank. I really did hope that someone would listen to the recording.

Names are important. They confer dignity and individuality. It's the one feature of the meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous that helped me to regain my sense of self-worth. 'My name is Bernard, and I am an alcoholic.' Many had called me words like drunkard, disgusting, failure, disgrace. Alcoholics Anonymous told me that I wasn't. I started with my name. My name is Bernard and... This is why we as Christians do not refer to 'Boat People'. They aren't 'others', they aren't nameless. They have names, each an individual name, each made in the image and likeness of God. God gives them dignity – who are we to dare to take that dignity away? My deaf postman, my stuttering Lloyds call handler, the individuals arriving across the Channel are each endowed with the dignity that comes from being a child of God. Yesterday, the issue of channel crossings agitated both media and the politicians alike. According to the British Prime Minister and Home Secretary the British People expect those crossing the channel to be turned away. I wrote to both. I pointed out that their antecedents had been welcomed to these shores when they sought security. I also pointed out to them that I, for one, do not expect these people to be turned away.

Look again at Sunday's Gospel. The word 'welcome' is repeated over and over. Hospitality is an essential part of the Christian way of life. Jesus tells us that what we do to others, he will take as being done to him. When we are warm to others, we are warm to Him, when we turn our back on others, we do likewise to him. No ifs, no buts, no maybes.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Warm Birthday Greetings to Keira Jamieson...18, yesterday, Saturday 1 July*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Kim O'Neill - Frank Dillon  
Charles Cadogan - Charlie Grant*

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

*George Dockerty - Mgr Tony McNally  
Josephine Gemmell - Wyn Brogan  
Peter Cosgrove - Pina Cerasi  
John Rodgers O'Donnell - Lorraine Cerasi - Sam Kershaw - Angela Cunningham - baby Jamie Whyte*

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**July 1:** John Fusco (2008); Patrick Barrins (1942); **July 2:** Bridget Tracy (2014); Daniel Kelly (1982); Anthony Docherty (1968); Christina Cunningham; **July 3:** Sam Kershaw (2014); Katherine Brown (2004); Violet Macnamara Sen; **July 4:** Angela Cunningham (2021); Baby Jamie Whyte (2020); Bill Sharp (1997); Michael Gilhooly (1981); Catherine Trower (1953); Francis J Sweeney 1949); **July 5:** Josie Martin (2017); Audrey Reid (1998); **July 6:** John Monaghan (2021); Elizabeth Hutton (2001); Elizabeth Cossar (1997); Michael Iannarelli (1980); Matilda O'Lone (1978); Peter Cosgrove (1957); Irene McMartin (1941); **July 7:** Mollie O'Brien (2004); John Barrins (2003); Rose Paterson (1997);

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**July 1:** Mary Robertson (2000); **July 3:** Dorothy Barrett (2003); Mary Healy (1997); **July 4:** Evian Tanchuk (2014); Annie O'Toole (1999);

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

young Sienna McDonald, Frank Phillips, Bernadette Henderson, Ann O'Brien, Maureen Brogan, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Violet Paterson, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Valentino Raviele, Una Laing, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, John Cregan, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Fiona Connel, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, 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, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

### St Mary Magdalene's:

Monica Gorman, George Tait, Allan Guthrie, John McLaughlin, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and Mary and James Muir.

*Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:*

Fr Willy Slavin, Jim Gray, Angela McKenna, John Curran, Eugene Grant, Veronica Telfer, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe, John Wynn, Caitlin Mair, Barry Thomson, Robert Clark, Peter Robinson, Stuart Goddard, Win Veitch, Alison St Clair Ford, Peter Hanley, Margaret Williams, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Sandy Ferguson, Chris White, Douglas Edington, Helen Robertson baby Josh Simpson, Desire Bascon, Janet Haring, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Mgr Gerry Hand, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havad, Mary Wallace, Allan Crombie, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Emma Blackman, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Bill and Audrey Jones, John Miller, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ellen Dow, members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Anne Morris, Keiran Smart (aged 15), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Jessica Haggerty, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Mary Taygarth, Roger Bromley, Tony Rigg, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

## *Offertory 25 June 2023*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £386.49 total**, including £230.49 Offertory and £156.00 Gift Aid.

**St John's, £1339.30 total**, including £379.90 Offertory, £162.40 Gift Aid and £797.00 online donations.

**THANK YOU!**

# SCIAF Appeal for Ethiopia



Dear all,

In February of this year, I visited Ethiopia with SCIAF. I found a country that, in addition to suffering from two years of brutal conflict, is now experiencing its worst drought in recent history. Rivers are dry, crops have failed, and their animals are dead.

It was clear that families have nowhere left to turn. They've lost everything. Communities are entirely dependent on food and water aid, or they have nothing. If charities like SCIAF don't come in to help, there will be no water. There is no back up plan. They will die.

The people of Ethiopia desperately need our help, right now. Please give what you can. One person that SCIAF works with, Ayoyo, farmed for food and ran a small business.

However, because of the drought, this is now impossible. Everything around her has died.

**With her livelihood destroyed, Ayoyo is only able to support her family through vital emergency relief.**

We are all sisters and brothers – we are all family. As you would not let your brother or sister starve, neither should we ignore the desperate needs of our family around the world.

By reaching out in loving kindness, you can save lives. When you donate to SCIAF you are not simply giving to charity but partnering with fellow human beings across the world.

Please act now and give what you can. Please be the hope they need.

Yours in Christ,

+ Brian McGee



Bishop Brian McGee,  
Bishop President of SCIAF  
Bishop of Argyll & the Isles

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