

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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19 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one: each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out...'

(Matthew 25:14-15)

We continue to hold in our hearts those who are suffering – and all those who have lost their lives – in Gaza and Israel and in the war in Ukraine, and indeed in all wars...

World Day for the Poor - A special Collection for the World Day for the Poor takes place today, **Sunday 19 November**. The money will go to the **Fife Furniture Project**, which is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul. It has helped hundreds of people across the Archdiocese, many in desperate situations, by providing basic furniture and white goods for their home. (**Please note that the annual collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service** will take place the next Sunday (26 November).)

Today is also – in our parishes – **NAMETAG SUNDAY**... a chance to learn the name of the person who has sat near you in Church for so long that you don't feel you can ask it...

St John's Church Hall – Closure – 20 November to 29 November

Chris Vinestock writes: 'We are about to renovate/update our kitchen facilities in St John's church hall, the first work on it since it was built 50 years ago.

Work will commence on Monday 20 November and continue until Wednesday 29 November, when we hope the kitchen and the new boiler will be fitted and ready for use.

At a later date, the entire hall (including toilets and corridor) will be painted, and a new floor covering will be fitted. During this time, we thank everyone for their patience and understanding.'

A prayer for Prisoners' Week (19-25 November) – ‘Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those who are held in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff, chaplains and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in His strength and in His Spirit. Now and every day. Amen.’

St Andrew's Night Concert – in aid of SCIAF's Israeli-Palestine Appeal and the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

with Raffle Prizes - 30 November 2023 – 7.00pm - St John's Church

A message from the Justice & Peace Group: ‘Come and enjoy a music-packed evening in St John's Church featuring the stars of last year's concert, the St John's Primary School Choir along with the Feast of Life Choir and some brilliant musicians from our own parishes. There will be music to suit all tastes as well as an opportunity to exercise your own lungs. All this and a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval – and it's all free! There will of course be a raffle with lots of wonderful prizes and an opportunity to donate to the two charities we are supporting – the *Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity* and the *SCIAF appeal for Israel-Gaza*. A fantastic evening was had by all last year and this year's concert is shaping up to be as good so don't miss out! Thank you’.

A Crisis Moment for Catholic Schools re Sex & Relationships Education

The Scottish Government has removed all reference to Catholic schools in a draft document that will be used in Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood education in classrooms. It means children could be exposed to lessons contrary to Church teaching. **Catholics across Scotland are being urged to respond to a consultation to ensure our voice is heard on this matter.** For a guide on how to submit your responses go to: bit.ly/detailsandresponse (THE CLOSING DATE is THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER....it is urgently request that parishioners to respond to this – Fr Jock will be happy to send further information and suggested responses – just email him)

Intercessory Prayer at St John's - Pauline McInnes and Mairi Clunas write: ‘**Your requests for prayer recorded in the book at the back of St John's church** are presented to Jesus our Saviour on your behalf by us during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Wednesday and Friday before the 10.00am Mass. Thank you for letting us pray for your intentions’. Everybody is warmly encouraged both to ask for prayer for a particular purpose – and to add their prayers for the petitions recorded in the book...

Prayer at Night

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent

We will be starting online Prayer at Night to coincide with the beginning of Advent on Sunday 3 December.

This will be on Zoom each night until Christmas Eve.

The prayer starts at 9.15pm each evening and lasts for around 10 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. All are very welcome. Do invite people.

The Zoom meeting ID is the same each evening:

Meeting ID: 810 1762 0180 Passcode: prayer

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>



The Zoom room opens at 9.00 pm. Please come before 9:13 pm. Only those leading the prayer are visible or can be heard. We will include the link in the parish newsletter each week and it will also be on the [parish website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Two messages from the J&P Group.

Water for a Village

Water is the most basic and vital need of all, but it's scarce and unpredictable in many of the world's poorest communities. Families without clean water are trapped in a deadly cycle of poverty, poor health and premature death.

For the last two years, our two parishes, with top-up funding from our Justice & Peace Group, have contributed to the SCIAF Real Gift of Water for a Village – clean water for drinking and water to provide irrigation for crops and animals to avoid the threat of famine – and we would like to offer you the chance again to make a Christmas present of clean water to members of our human family deprived of it.

The cost of the Real Gift is £1200, and you can make your donations to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any member of the Justice & Peace Group or hand them into the Parish House. For more info, contact Jim Roarty (jimroarty4@gmail.com Tel 07719952472)

SCIAF REAL GIFTS – Your Christmas shopping made easy!

The SCIAF Real Gift Catalogue is out – go to shop.sciaf.org.uk to see the full range. Why strain your brain thinking of a clever present when you can get some Cheeky Chicks or Goat-Worthy Goats from SCIAF! As always, the choice includes so many wonderful ideas to make life better for those for whom it is a daily struggle

Who knew the benefits a pig can bring? What about the “Feed a Family” bundle – super seeds, a vegetable garden and a little green stove? The choices are many and varied, with prices to suit all pockets.

To make things easier, the J&P Group will sell Real Gifts at the back of both churches at the beginning of December. A summary of the gifts is included can be downloaded [HERE](#) or at the back of both churches.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 18 November

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Zara Hay**

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

Sunday 19 November (33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR) – WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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

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

Monday 20 November

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

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/47EaBqx> in your browser

Tuesday 21 November

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

No RCIA Meeting this week.

Wednesday 22 November

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Thursday 23 November – 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Friday 24 November

9.15am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

12.30pm - Sacred Heart, Lauriston - **Requiem Mass for Maria Smith**

Saturday 25 November - 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

Sunday 26 November – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

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

View the **links for the Masses** by visiting our webpage: <https://bit.ly/StJStMM>



IN THE COMING WEEKS

Thursday 30 November

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Evelyn Buckley**

7.00pm – St John's Church – **St Andrew's Night Concert**,
in aid of the SCIAF Appeal in response to the Israeli/Palestinian crisis

Monday 11 December – 10am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Anna Butler**

Saturday 16 December – 10am-1pm – St Mary's, Leith – **Cluster Parishes' Retreat**
with Deaconess Lynda Wright.

Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):

By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: svpedineast@gmail.com



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Margaret of Scotland (about 1045-1093) – 16 November

Margaret is one of relatively few medieval saints to have benefited from a near contemporary Life written by someone who knew her well. It was commissioned by her daughter Matilda from her confessor, Turgot, prior of Durham and then bishop of St Andrews. It conforms to the general pattern of saints' Lives, but her personality comes through. She was the youngest of four children of Edward the Atheling, son of Edmund Ironside, king of Wessex, who had taken refuge in Hungary from the Danish invaders of England. She was born probably in Hungary, and she received a good education there, developing an appreciation of beautiful books and clothes.

In 1057 Edward the Confessor, king of England from 1042 to 1066 (and saint), summoned her father back to England. He planned to make him heir to the throne of England, but Edward the Atheling died soon after arriving back there. This led to the dispute over the succession on Edward the Confessor's death, resolved by the Norman Conquest and the accession of William the Conqueror. Margaret was no longer safe in England and followed her brother to Scotland. There she was welcomed by King Malcolm III Canmore, who married her in about 1070 in the palace of Dunfermline (the capital of Scotland until 1603). They lived happily together until his death (which immediately preceded hers), and she bore him six sons and two daughters. She proved, according to Turgot's "**Life of Margaret, Queen of Scotland,**" a civilizing influence at the somewhat rough Scottish court. She also promoted adoption of Roman practices in such matters as observance of Lent and Easter and keeping Sundays as a day of abstinence from work. She revived the monastery of Iona, which had fallen into decay, and built hostels on either side of the River Forth for pilgrims to St Andrew's. She developed the priory of Dunfermline, founded by Malcolm, which became the royal burial place: it houses the tombs of twenty-two Scottish kings and queens, including Robert the Bruce.

Her life was devoted to the care of her husband, her children, and the poor, but she found time for reading and became an accomplished needlewoman. Malcolm never learned to read, but he appreciated her books as beautiful objects. (A pocket edition of the Gospels, a Life of St Cuthbert that belonged to her, and a Psalter that may have done still survive.) He was killed, with one of their younger sons, at the battle of Alnwick against William II of England.

Margaret was terminally ill when she heard the news, despite efforts to keep it from her. She accepted it as the will of God. His body was brought home, and she was buried beside him after dying on 16 November 1093. A popular cult soon developed, but it was a further century and a half — by which time canonizations were reserved to the Holy See — before Pope Innocent IV called for an inquiry into her life and miracles and canonized her in 1250. When Dunfermline was sacked by the English in 1560, her body and Malcolm's were rescued and taken to Philip II's monastery/palace of the Escorial, near Madrid. Her head had been separated, as was often done to allow more widespread veneration, and was taken first to Edinburgh and then to the English College at Douai. She was made a patron of Scotland in 1673.

NOTICEBOARD

A warm welcome, once again, to Fr Jim Smith, kindly celebrating our Masses, while **Fr Jock** is away on retreat at Ladywell Convent, near Godalming in Surrey, the mother house of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.

Fr Jock writes: ‘Diocesan priests are encouraged to spend a full week in retreat each year, and these few days from Monday evening to the following Tuesday morning spent in solitude, meeting daily with a retreat guide, feel very necessary. (I begin the drive south on Sunday and spend that night at the house of ‘my friend in Northumberland’, the author of our weekly reflections). My guide at Ladywell, like last year, will be a Franciscan sister in her eighties, Sr Monica Delaney, who has been an inspiration to me ever since she was the superior of the FMDM community at my seminary in Rome, the Beda College, in the 1980’s. Some parishioners might recall the moving ‘Stations of the Cross for the Pandemic’ that she wrote, and we used on Good Friday 2020 and 2021.

I would be very grateful for your prayers during the week – for me, the days spent each year on retreat are as important as any during the year - and will seek to hold the community of our two parishes in my heart during the time away ...’

Date		*** St John's Eucharistic Ministers rota ***		
November	18	Patrick Shannon	Jesus Miguel Pena	Rossana Velazco
	19		Pauline Glancy	John Lauder

St John's Open Parish Meeting last Sunday – 12 November 2023.

An account of this meeting is available on St John's parish website, under the PPC tab (<https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsportobello/parish-pastoral-council-meeting>). A hard copy is also available in the A4 PPC folder at the back of the church.

36 parishioners met with Fr Jock, who outlined past events and future plans for the parish. Donald Scott, PPC Chair, then invited people to discuss, in small groups, what 'synodality' might mean in the parish.

After singing the Our Father, the evening ended with a delicious buffet, prepared by Mary Iannarelli and the Hospitality Team. The next Open Parish Meeting is planned for May 2024.

Newman Association Meeting

This Tuesday 21 November – Mayfield Salisbury Church - 7.30pm

Bernadette Campbell writes: ‘We are delighted to invite you to our November 2023 meeting, **"Ecumenism and the Synodal Church"**. Our speaker, **Mgr. Philip Kerr** was previously the Archdiocesan Vicar Episcopal for Ecumenism and presently is the Vice-President of the Bishops' Conference Office for Ecumenism. The meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, 21 November 2023 at our usual venue, Mayfield Salisbury Church of Scotland, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ. All are welcome.’

A message from Bethany Christian Trust

Buy a Bed - Helping people sleeping rough this Winter.

‘Every night there are people sleeping rough on the streets of Edinburgh.

A **£21.00 Buy a Bed gift card** helps provide someone with access to 24-hour emergency accommodation, food, warmth and tailored support that will help them move on to a new start through the Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre. We hope to raise a total of £140,000 through this campaign, to meet the increasing need we are already seeing on the ground. Please consider joining us to help provide this vital service this winter. By purchasing or receiving a Buy a Bed gift card, you help provide access to Bethany’s Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre in Edinburgh, for those who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets this winter. Your gift will help someone this winter by providing access to a warm, safe, private room with en-suite facilities; 24-hour care & support from professional, supportive and loving staff; three meals a day including a freshly prepared, hot two course dinner; a wide range of on-site support services and assistance to move rapidly out of the crisis of homelessness

Get your Buy a Bed gift card at bethanychristiantrust.com/buy-a-bed or alternatively, ask Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any other member of the Justice & Peace Group. Bethany's charity shops in Edinburgh and East Lothian also stock Buy a Bed gift cards. Thank you'.

GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FROM THE SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK RE THE SITUATION IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

1. Sabeel-Kairos Hope for Palestine

On Sunday 3rd December at 7pm Sabeel-Kairos will host the final part of their Autumn online series 'Hope for Palestine'. Sadly they have had to change their plans for this event. Their speaker was to be Dr Yasser Abu Jamei from Gaza, but despite efforts to try and get in touch with him, they have not been able to confirm if he is ok. Our prayers are with him and his family.

They are pleased to be able to offer you the chance to engage with a **panel discussion** on the situation in Gaza, Jerusalem and the West Bank, featuring their partners **Sabeel and Kairos Palestine (Omar Haramy and Rifat Kassis)**. They encourage those attending to come prepared with questions for the panel, and speakers will share updates from the region, and how we can support Palestinians at this critical time. This will then be followed by a short **vigil for Palestine**, featuring bible verses, poems, reflections and prayers. We encourage you to bring a candle to light as part of this service.

Due to the current security situation in Palestine, this session will not be recorded. Please register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMsdOiqrDIvHN3EpNEt82mAhUybeptGrKwh#/registration>

2. From Jim Wallis - Resources to help us think, pray, and act through the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
https://open.substack.com/pub/jimwallis/p/resources-to-help-us-think-pray-and?r=j3u7l&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email

A Request from Canon Jeremy Bath - 'A French 22 year old Postgraduate student (a close family friend of my brother Nigel) is looking for a six-month B+B accommodation in the Edinburgh area while he has a 6 month placement at the University. He and his family would prefer him to stay with a family and improve his English. For more information contact me at 07962 018399 or 01360 310276.'

Nature's Silent Witness -A Short Reflection for November by Colin Davey

When Katrin and I visited Valamo Monastery in eastern Finland back in 2004, we were encouraged to view the cemetery, which lies some way out in the surrounding evergreen forest, among the finches and red squirrels. It's an otherworldly place, not least because some of the graves are covered by richly-carved wooden structures that resemble log cabins. Traditionally, these served as temporary protection for those who had died during the winter, when the ground is frozen solid. Nowadays, they dig a few (how do they decide how many?) graves in the late-summer months, while it's still warm and sunny, and fill them with pine branches, ready for any Brothers who might not make it to the spring thaw. I found this forethought both highly practical and deeply spiritual, steeped in acceptance and allegory.

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Interreligious Dialogue webinar - The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is hosting an Interreligious Dialogue event online on **Friday 24 November**, 7-9pm. The theme is the role of religious experience in interreligious dialogue. It precedes the annual colloquium at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge on 23-24 February 2024. Details at <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/colloquium/> Scottish Interfaith Week runs from 12-19 November. Resources and more at <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org>

Archdiocesan Youth Day! - A day of faith and fun for P4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, Mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

Petition for Peace - Christian Aid has launched a petition calling for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Find it at caid.org.uk/CallForPeace

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – MATTHEW 25: 14-30

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

I just have too much 'stuff'. I need to do some serious work on clearing out the clutter. Last Sunday I was clearing a drawer and, in the process, came across an antique 'Waiter's Friend'. I used to collect these enthusiastically and once had a collection of more than 50, all of significant age. I thought I had given them all away. Obviously, one had survived. I opened its many arms and remembered the satisfaction to be had from making a clean cut across the plastic or foil sleeve that covered the cork, before working with the corkscrew and hinged lever to liberate the juice of oblivion. At the risk of sounding like Scrooge, I really dislike the 21st century manifestation of Christmas, for this is the time of year when my addiction and ongoing recovery presents the biggest challenges. Adverts for alcohol, and alcohol itself, are everywhere – party time is in the air, tables are groaning, jumpers garish, and fires roaring. I stared at the waiter's friend and remembered that first Port and Lemon way back in in 1962 when my dad presented the three youngest members of the family with one each. It was our special Christmas treat. More lemonade than port, it displayed an almost phosphorescent pinkness. And the taste. Oh, that taste, the warm feeling, the glow. For forty years I chased that feeling but never ever re-captured it. I would spend thousands and thousands of pounds in pursuit. I never found it but never stopped looking. It cost me friendships, respect, and reputation and if the medics at my second rehab clinic were to be believed, almost my life.

My trip down memory lane probably lasted no longer than the time taken to blink twice. It was the stuff of nightmares, and cold sweats when hairs stand to attention in a mix of fear and shame. Hurts and disappointments lunged at me from all directions. I was being assailed – and my past behaviour had provided the weaponry. My mood was not helped by the anger raging as I helplessly watch the unfolding events in the Gaza Strip. I was reminded that vengeance is not a strategy, it is delusional to believe that bombs and bullets can destroy ideas. Ideas are borne of the mind and nourished by injustice. We watch helplessly as injustice on both sides of the argument. We stop our ears, close our eyes and cry – hot salty tears, the tears that burn, they catch the throat Stop! Stop! Stop! In God's name, just stop. There have been times when the clarion cry of oblivion has repeatedly beckoned, and I have struggled.

It is so apt that this weekend's Gospel is about the Talents and the inherent mystery of the seeming injustices of life. Probably my favourite radio presenter this week posed this question of his listeners: "*What do you think David Cameron would have become if he had been born of a single mother living on benefits in Sunderland?*" The question caught my attention because I was born in Sunderland. I am proud of Sunderland. I know what would have happened. He would have been supported by the community: as they have always done, the people of Sunderland would step in where the State refused – just as they do the length and breadth of the UK. This is our greatest hope. People may not have a lot when compared to the richest 5% of the country – but they share what they have. They are the 'one talent-ers' but they work the talent at their disposal. I would love you to meet my friend Ali. His wife makes the most amazing humous. He sells olives and anchovies and marinated mushrooms and sweet pickled chillies and all manner of spices and marinates. Some would label him as an illegal. Recently, he earned his British citizenship. When he shared his good news a couple of weeks back, you could have seen his smile from Llandudno to Auchtermuchty. He is a grafter. Arriving with less than one talent, he has used whatever was at his disposal. I think he will be successful. He deserves to be successful just as children born in Israel and Palestine all deserve both peace and security. The question, nevertheless, causes pause for thought. Why are children in Israel born into the finest of health cares under the protection of an Iron dome, while the children on Palestine born onto rubble with missiles overhead. We are challenged to make sense of the injustice. Life is not a work of fiction, rather it is a study in facts. Life is a series of ups and downs, joys and sorrows, ambitions, and realisation. To acknowledge our individual foolishness and to recommit to the future and the span we have left. Jesus once trod the rubble of Palestine. He walks there today. He looks to us, he wonders where we are. We said we would follow him. He only gave me one talent. He gave 10 to the men and women of political import. The number is not of issue. What we do is of much more consequence. The 'Master' is not annoyed with the person who had one talent, because he only had one. He is annoyed because he didn't do anything with it. Being realistic, we can do one thing – and one thing only. We can and must repeat 'ad nauseam' that vengeance is never a successful strategy and weaponry is always powerless in eradicating an idea.

PARISH REGISTER

Welcome to the world...Ishka Louise Coale, born at 11.48pm on Saturday 11 November in Rhinebeck, Kingston, New York State, in the Unites States, a daughter for Maeve Gilchrist and Logan Coale, and a granddaughter for Anne and Jim Gilchrist

Warm birthday greetings to Bill McGeachie, 90 on Saturday 18 November

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*George Lackie - Laurence Norwood
Marion McNiven*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Domenico Fertini - Jude Payne
Cissie Heraghty - Sally Stone
Mary and Andrew Smart
Josephine Connolly - Nancy Barta
Jean Nelson - Hugh Campbell O'Neill
Frances Casement*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Mike and Patricia Lawler, Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Anne Thomson, Eddie Clark, Sheila Tansey, Pat Gilmartin, John Cregan, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Frank Phillips, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Nora Bruce, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Betty Dougal, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, 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, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

Offertory 12 November 2023

St Mary Magdalene's, **£389.20 total**, including
£183.20 Offertory and £206.00 Gift Aid

St John's, **£1197.60 total**, including £285.20 Offertory,
£142.40 Gift Aid and £770.00 online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Nov. 18: Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn; **Nov. 19:** Jean Nelson (2022); George Harper (2014); James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn; **Nov. 20:** Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); **Nov. 21:** Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell; **Nov. 22:** Mary R Stewart (2006); Patrick Loftus (1985); Daniel Holligan (1922); Fred Aitken; Mr & Mrs Donlevy; Mary Greig; **Nov. 23:** John McGrory (1997); William McPartlin (1997); Rose Ann Kane (1989); Thomas McFadyen; **Nov. 24:** Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Nov. 19: John Murphy (1967); **Nov. 21:** Mrs Durkin (1974); **Nov. 23:** Frances Casement (2021); Annie Fitzsimons (1999);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Jill Harvey, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona and George McDermott, Iona Brockbank,, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Nessa Campbell, Mike Fox, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Alec Robb, Mike Nelson, Dave Cook, Alison St. Clair Ford, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnel, Mary Madden, John Wiggins, Lucy Pagett, Jim Gray, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe, Caitlin Mair, Robert Clark, Peter Robinson, Stuart Goddard, Win Veitch, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, Desire Bascon, Janet Haring, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, Mary Wallace, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, John Miller, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan,, members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 6), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, 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, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.