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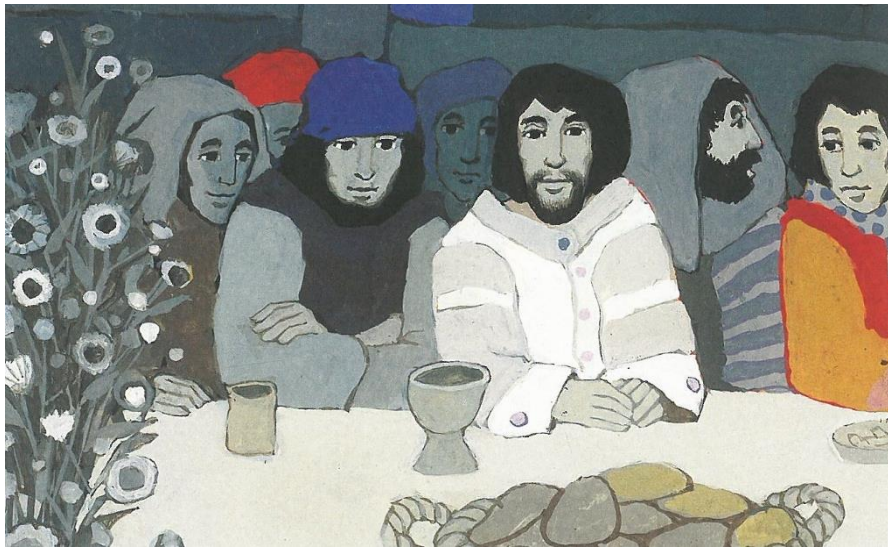
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21 MAY 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



After the supper, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.' (John 17:1-2)

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter and **World Communications Sunday** (with an accompanying Second Collection). Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). *We pray for all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.*

There is a very important short **Open Parish Meeting at St Mary Magdalene's at 12.15pm today** (after a shortened Mass), the first such meeting for over three years. We hope that as many St Mary Magdalene's parishioners as possible will come to it... Next Sunday, **28 May, Feast of Pentecost**, there will be an Open Parish Meeting at St John's at **7.00pm** – again, please do come if you can.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday – we hope like last year at the 9.30am Mass at St John's - but this year at all three Masses – **to have the first reading in as many different languages as we can muster... please contact Deacon Eddie (07986 015772 – ewhite@outlook.com)** if you are willing to participate. With this newsletter there are **two possible Novenas – to be prayed each day in the build-up to the day** that is sometimes referred to as 'the birthday of the Church' - when we seek a renewal of the Holy Spirit's impact on our individual lives, and the life of our community.

Our next **Lectio Divina** evening will be **this Wednesday in the Prayer Room from 7pm to 8pm**. The theme will be 'The Fruit of the Spirit – the True Vine'. All very welcome...

**This Thursday at 7.30pm in St John's Hall, there will be a showing of
*The Letter – a Message for our Earth***

Jim Roarty writes: 'The Letter is a film premiered in October 2022 that was produced by Oscar-winning Off The Fence Productions in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement and tells the story of *Laudato Sii*, Pope Francis' internationally acclaimed letter on the need to give our planet the care and love it needs to bring it back to health.

Besides starring Pope Francis, the film features environmental champions from around the world, from different faiths and worldviews. Each represents an unheard voice in conversations on the planetary crisis. These are the voices of the Indigenous, the young, the poor, and wildlife. The film follows their journeys from the Amazon, India, Senegal, and Hawai'i to the Vatican. They meet Pope Francis, who shares his vision in beautifully human interactions. They find new hope for Earth in one another.

To mark the 8th anniversary of Laudato Sii, we are showing the film in the St John's church hall on Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm – admission free – bring your own popcorn! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.'

Prayer for Laudato Si week 21st - 28th May - for the 8th Anniversary of the Encyclical Letter

Loving Creator

You have placed us on this earth to cultivate a communion of love within the web of life.

We thank you for the gift of humanity's interdependence with our common home.

Infuse us with your mercy and strength so that we may grow painfully aware of our ecological sins and the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.

Remind us how hope is the foundation of our faith, so that the certainty of the resurrection inspires us to greater action for a just and sustainable earth.

May we grow deeper in our journey of ecological conversion, as individuals and as a global community, working together day by day to bring more hope for the earth and hope for humanity.

We ask this in Jesus' name and through the fire of the Creator Spirit. Amen

Our three-monthly Bereavement Mass takes place next Saturday – 27 May – at 10am at St John's. All most welcome, and especially those who are grieving...

Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course in June

Fr Jock writes: 'We are hoping to have a eucharistic ministers' training course on the first three Mondays of June and will be approaching individuals in the coming month asking them if they might consider the possibility of participating in the course.'

We are also hoping that parishioners will suggest names of people they believe will be suitable for this wonderful ministry – whether it be giving communion out at Mass and/or in taking communion to the housebound – to me, to one of the Pastoral Team (*Deacon Eddie, Chris Vinestock and Jennifer Morris*) or to either of the eucharistic minister co-ordinators in our two parishes (*Una Gallagher and Jim Roarty*).'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 20 May

11.30am - St John's – **Wedding of Ashleigh Hanlon and Nathan Haller-Shannon**

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

Sunday 21 May – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - World Communications Day

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

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

12.15pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **St Mary Magdalene's OPEN PARISH MEETING**

Monday 22 May10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** - livestreamed7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#), or type <https://bit.ly/45cIPkz> into your browser**Tuesday 23 May**11.00 – Sacred Heart, Lauriston – **Meeting of St Giles (Edinburgh) Deanery**4.30pm – Parish House – **Meeting of the Pastoral Team**7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** - livestreamed7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Meeting** (Mystagogia 5)**Wednesday 24 May**10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed7.00pm – Prayer Room – **LECTIO DIVINA** (The Fruit of Spirit – The True Vine)**Thursday 25 May**10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** - livestreamed7.30pm – St John’s Hall – **Pope Francis’ film ‘The Letter’** (for Laudato Sii Week)**Friday 26 May****9.45am** – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Vincent Collie** – livestreamed [NB earlier time]**Saturday 27 May**10.00am – St John’s – **Bereavement Mass** - livestreamed6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed**Sunday 28 May – FEAST OF PENTECOST**9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** - livestreamed – **with baptism of Richard Reyes**11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** - livestreamed7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **St John’s OPEN PARISH MEETING**

From Archbishop Leo’s Weekly ‘Ad Clerum’

Retreat - Journeying Onward is a four-week retreat beginning on **Saturday 27 May**, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk or ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples - Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on **Wednesday 31 May**. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to vemarriage@staned.org.uk, or phone 0131 334 1693.

Hold the date - Archbishop Cushley will lead a **Corpus Christi procession** through Falkirk town centre to St Francis Xavier’s Church on **Sunday 11 June**. Details to follow soon.

St Margaret’s Pilgrimage 2023 - St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on **Sunday 18 June**. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret’s Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret’s example of faith, charity and leadership.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023 - There’s still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from **7-14 July**. Everyone is welcome, and those with disabilities/medical issues are especially invited - you will be cared for 24/7 by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and support workers. Financial assistance may be available to support your pilgrimage. For full details visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Philip Neri (1515-1595)

Founder of the Congregation of the Oratory – Feast Day: 26 May

“No bond but the bond of love”



Philip Neri, the *"Apostle of Rome,"* was one of the great figures of the Catholic Reformation. His influence is the more remarkable for the fact that he wrote no books, proposed no original theology, and inspired no school of spirituality. He simply radiated a spirit of joy and holiness, and so managed to elevate the spiritual level of his time.

Neri was born in Florence in 1515. Though his family was of modest means he faced the prospect of a significant inheritance from a rich relative. Nevertheless, following a dramatic conversion he spurned all worldly success and set off for Rome. Travelling without money, he had no special plan aside from a general desire to serve God. For some years he lived in a garret, earning enough from part-time tutoring to subsist on bread and olives. It was a time of prayer and preparation for some work which he had yet to discover.

The city of Rome at that time had fallen into a state of moral and spiritual disrepair.

With a few exceptions the Renaissance popes were more distinguished for their patronage of art and their talent for intrigue and statecraft than for their spiritual example. The appointment of cardinals was determined by politics if not by nepotism. Altogether the city was in the sway of a deep cynicism with regard to the Christian message.

Nevertheless, it was precisely in this atmosphere that Philip Neri gradually conceived of his vocation: nothing less than the re-evangelization of Rome.

This was a fairly audacious undertaking. But with characteristic impulsiveness Neri decided to begin at once. To start with he would stand about on street corners striking up conversations with whomever he chanced to meet. Wherever he went, in shops or markets, he would widen his circle of acquaintances, finding a way in every conversation to introduce the topic of religion and to inquire about the state of his new friend's soul. So guileless was his personality and, as it turned out, so uncannily gifted was he at reading souls that his casual overtures frequently resulted in lifelong friendships. Such conversations often continued during a walk to a local church or to a hospital to visit the sick. Before long his reputation had spread and all types of people began to seek his company.

In 1550, when he was thirty-five, Philip acceded to the urging of his confessor that he become a priest. Instantly, he acquired a sizeable following of penitents who formed long lines outside his confessional. He began the practice of leading them on walking tours of the city, discoursing on spiritual matters, while stopping in at the seven great basilicas of Rome. Hundreds of people eventually flocked to these pilgrimages, and they began to take on the characteristics of a public spectacle. Many church officials scowled at the sight. But Philip acquired his share of friends in the Vatican who sensed that something important was at work. When Neri at one point felt inspired by the example of the Jesuits to join the overseas mission, he was persuaded by his confessor that Rome would be his Indies. And so there he remained.

In an attic room above the church where he lived Philip used to entertain mixed groups of clergy and laity (predominantly laymen) for an evening of prayer and spiritual reflection. One of the group would be invited to stand up and give a presentation on some spiritual theme, to which the others would respond. They called themselves Oratorians, and this would be the genesis, ultimately, of a new congregation. The example of such "mixed" gatherings in which lay people were invited to "preach" aroused the suspicion of the Inquisition. Was Neri possibly propagating some kind of Protestant deviation right in the heart of Rome?

Philip emerged unscathed from his investigation. Eventually in 1575 his congregation received the endorsement of Pope Gregory XIII, who also provided the site for a new church. The constitutions of the Oratorians very much reflected Philip's preference for personal rather than juridical



St Philip Neri Church in Via Lomellini, Genoa, just by where Enrico Fertini, our Parish Administrator, was born and grew up and where he received his First Communion and Confirmation.

authority. His priests took no vows. They were to be bound by personal loyalty and a spirit of brotherhood. "If you want to be obeyed," he said, "don't give commands."

Countless miracles of healing and clairvoyance are credited to Philip in his life. On the feast of Pentecost 1544 he had experienced a strange mystical ecstasy in which it seemed that his heart was expanded by a sudden infusion of divine love. After this he was prone to extended periods of mystical communion, especially during Mass, in which his face seemed to shine with a supernatural quality.

He was widely revered as a saint, and like all saints Neri disdained such acclaim, but he had his own way of coping with it. He liked to dress in comical outfits, assume outlandish disguises, go about with only one side of his face shaved, or indulge in elaborate practical jokes. This was part of a deliberate campaign to keep people from putting him on a pedestal. At the same time it reflected his genuine playfulness and the joy he discovered in the spiritual life.

By the end of his life Neri was in many ways the spiritual heart of Rome. Not only his family of priests but bishops and cardinals - many of them alumni of his Oratory - made their way to his small room for spiritual counsel. His charitable works, especially in providing chaplains to the city hospitals, were well known to the people of Rome. On May 25, 1595, he spent a normal day of hearing confessions and receiving visitors. Before retiring, he simply said, "*Last of all, we must die.*" He died that night.

The Oratory continued. One of its most famous sons was the English convert John Henry Newman, who surprised many at the time by choosing the congregation of St. Philip Neri over the better-known Jesuits or Dominicans. Newman went on to establish the first English Oratories in Birmingham and London. But to anyone familiar with Newman's personality the attraction to Neri is unsurprising. Neri would certainly have appreciated the personal motto that Newman adopted for himself: "*Heart speaks to heart.*"

See: Meriol Trevor, Apostle of Rome: St. Philip Neri (London: Macmillan, 1966).

NOTICEBOARD

Date		St John's Eucharistic Ministers		
May	20	John Lawler	Pat Whyte	Bozena Tansey
	21		Gena Gallagher	Pauline Glancy
	27	Chris Vinestock	Patrick Shannon	John Lawler
	28		Anna Tanzi	Anne Dixon

Gathimba Edwards Foundation fundraising

Maria Igoe, from the Legion of Mary, writes: 'The **May Charity Coffee Morning** will be held on **Monday 29 May** in the hall after Mass in St John's. Donations will be given to the **Gathimba Edwards Foundation**, which builds homes for the needy in Kenya. *Justice and Peace will match any amount we will raise at the Coffee morning.*

It costs £8,500 to build a house. **Caroline Tough**, daughter of one of our parishioners, Ros, will be helping with this project. She has done this before and is committed to helping, as she has seen the amazing difference it makes to people who are homeless. Come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking with friendly people. Please read her article below':

"I had such life changing experiences being part of The Gathimba Edwards Foundation's (GEF's) Volunteering House Building Project in Kenya in 2017 and 2018 that I've signed up to return in July this year to be a 'builder'! GEF is a charity which aims to provide as many Kenyan children as possible with the opportunity of a bright future. It also supports children in Scotland with severe disabilities. I have witnessed first-hand the significant difference the House Building Project makes to families in Kenya. Before my house-build in 2017, I visited the families and witnessed the appalling living conditions. A year later it was wonderful to see the families living in their new homes. They were thriving, happy and had a newfound confidence.

My fundraising goal is to raise the cost of the building materials and land for Hannah's home. Hannah is a single mum to 8 children. Her husband left when one of their children was born with a facial disfigurement. Hannah struggles to make ends meet so her family live in poverty. Hannah's house will be dedicated to the memory of my Auntie, Evelyn Oldershaw and to my Godfather, Murdo Tait. They spent their lives helping people so it is fitting that Evelyn and Murdo will be helping Hannah and her children for many years to come.

I am very grateful to Maria Igoe for organising a coffee morning on **Monday 29 May after Mass**. All proceeds from the event will go towards my fundraising total. Many thanks also go to Fr Jock and the Justice and Peace Group who have promised to match the funds raised at the Coffee Morning, and all at St John's.

Hope to see you at the coffee morning."

A Series of Evenings on Inclusion in the Catholic Church – A Second Evening – 31 May

‘A small group from the parishes of St. John’s and St. Mary Magdalene’s was stimulated by the synodality conversations last year to organise a series of four early evening events. The series is entitled *‘East Edinburgh Conversations: Looking at inclusion in the Catholic Church’*.

The first of these evenings took place at the beginning of May with a stimulating presentation given by Rosa Murray on the theme **‘Journeying towards a welcoming church’** followed by an interesting and lively discussion.

The second session will take place on Wednesday, 31 May from 6.15 to 7.45 pm in Bellfield Hall, 16b Bellfield Street, EH15 2BP. The theme this time will be **‘The role of women in relation to the LGBT community within the Church’**. There will be an online presentation from **Sister Jeanine Grammick**, as profiled by ‘We Are Church Ireland’, and then, once again, there will be the opportunity for discussion.

All are very welcome so we hope you and your friends can join us. Doors will open at 5.45pm when tea and coffee will be available.

*The one who understands our need
accepts us as we are;
and, like a loved one, welcomes us
when we have wandered far.
God never says we come too late
to be forgiven, free,
but promises we can become
the self we’re meant to be.*

(Edith Sinclair Downing - 1922-2016)

IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (or ‘Do you want the good news or the bad news?’) A Reflection by Colin Davey, who was received into the Church at Easter

Back in the day, when we had a school project to complete, my friends and I would meet up at the town library to do our ‘research’. This meant braving the inner sanctum – the reference room – in order to access the definitive truth that lay within. So revered was this hub of certainty that it could never be scattered (we couldn’t take the books out), so we’d just have to sit there, in and among the encyclopaedias, and make notes. (I come from an unremarkable family background – council estate and rural comprehensive – and yet my grandad could read Anglo-Saxon, so I suspect he’d spent time in the reference room too.)

Nowadays, in the age of the internet and social media, one might question whether a shared truth exists at all. Ask a silly question, or even a sensible one, and you’ll find a host of willing fools to provide a silly answer, and claim that it’s true. That’s why people can end up with their own self-interested, flawed version of the truth. They might even band together and weaponize it against us reference roomers, which is how we get fake news, as in the recently disproved claim that Trump was cheated of victory in the 2020 US presidential election by rigged voting machines.

Something we learned early on in RCIA is that the gospels differ in their accounts of Jesus’ life and ministry, sometimes quite substantially. This became obvious when we compared the infancy narratives or the various accounts of the resurrection. Furthermore, the text itself varies considerably between translations; just compare any psalm in different bible editions and you’ll see what I mean. Does it matter, these differences? Well, if you venerate a saint’s bones, it’s quite likely, given the lucrative trade in religious artefacts that took place during the Middle Ages, that these are not in fact the bones of this or any other saint, nor a piece of the true cross, nor a thorn from the crown itself. Is this the medieval equivalent of fake news? Not if we take account of intent. The difference is that the saint did exist, as did the true cross, as did the crown of thorns, and those items were, and might still be, out in the world somewhere; as such, all relics (which were purchased, if not sold, in good faith) have a claim to representing the truth, just as the written text does, no matter how it varies. By contrast, Trump’s victory never existed: David could justifiably claim to have God on his side, Donald perhaps not.

So, despite their differences, the bible narratives and texts all try to point us persuasively towards the same, original truth, albeit through a veil of natural or intentional drift (and quite possibly with a nudge or two from the Holy Spirit). Looked at another way, one may argue with some confidence that we would not have the full richness of scripture if all accounts were, or had remained, one and the same. In the end, it might be best to think of the truth as a block of stone that one must chisel away at, day by day, until it resembles something that you can recognise and hold on to. Your stone won’t be exactly the same as my stone, but that doesn’t matter, as there’s faith and authenticity in all of them. All part of the same rock, if you like.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – JOHN 17:1-11

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

Growing up in the 1960's we threw a protective ring around our friend Alan. His dad was what you might describe as 'reet (dead) strict'. Alan was not allowed to play out after 8.30pm on school nights.....or else! Fred was the only one of us who possessed a watch, and he was the one charged with the ten-minute warning. 'Alan – its twen'y past – yu'll hadda gan hjem'. I've been thinking of 'hjem' a great deal recently. There's a Michelin restaurant near here with that name. Hjem (pronounced Yem) is both a Scandinavian word and a Northumbrian word for 'home'. You don't go there for their all you can eat buffet for £9.95 Adrian wants to take me there for my looming 70th birthday. I'm struggling, though. I want to respect and feel humbled by his generosity but know that the set-menu price would buy more than a few tins of Baby Formula. Who would have thought such a comforting word as hjem would cause such angst?

There is pressure on publishers to sanitise some of the classics. So, for example, they are urged to remove all reference to the 'n' word from Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* or John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*? How should we describe the workers in *Charlie's Chocolate Factory*? Oompa Loompa is not everyone's cup of tea. Words, words they bring comfort, and they condemn, they encourage and destroy. I well remember an incident in 1982. A gang of us had gone to Salford Park to join John Paul II as he ordained a number of new priests including Tom, a good friend. We stayed on for his first Mass – and generally made the occasion into a mini-break. We were sleeping at various homes scattered around and were to meet up on the final morning to head back to the North-East in convoy. One of our number was late – considerably late, worryingly late. We had no way of knowing what had befallen him. His accommodation had been on the other side of Liverpool. Where could he be? We saw the billowing clouds of steam long before we saw his car. He parked and opened the car door. Steam enveloped us all. His tension had taken on a physical presence and his face resembled a gigantic genetically modified cherry. He was a well-respected solicitor (aren't they all?) not given to outbursts of Anglo-Saxon vocabulary. His accommodation had been on the other side of Liverpool. 'Charles (not his real name)– where have you been?' Big mistake on my part. He exploded all over the pavement. 'Where have I been? Where have I been? I thought I was never going to see another **!?!?&&** white man as long as I lived' Jaws dropped followed by uncontrolled laughter – which did nothing to improve his mood. He had become lost in Toxteth and had driven round for over an hour, terrified of opening the car window to ask for help. The Toxteth riots had occurred the previous year in 1981. His use of Anglo-Saxon vocabulary completely obliterated any racist overtones. Words that were in common parlance in the first Elizabethan era caused great offence in the Second. Racist words that passed unnoticed in the 1980's cause outrage in the 2020's. Words, words, words – they choke our emotion becoming trapped in our souls, they wear us down and retain the power to become our bond. 'No, I don't need a signature. Your word is enough.' They destroy reputation and they condemn – 'Be careful! Those words will come back to haunt you'.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is preparing to take leave of his disciples. Though we celebrated the Ascension on Thursday last, today we are pulled back a little to listen to the continuation of his final discourse; (*Father*) *I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me....and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you.* In a nutshell, this is our gift. This is why we never tire of reading his words again and again. This is why we become so familiar with them that that they come into our hearts and minds unannounced - and often unbidden: they become as much a part of our lives as the air that surrounds us and allows us to breathe. In, out. In, out, *I have made your name known to them.* In out, in out, *they have kept your word...*In out, in out *All you have given me, comes from you.* In, out, In out.

I endured a heavy physio session yesterday. As well as the exercises, the physio showed me how to massage the scar tissue to prevent it thickening further. I have to work on it for 10 minutes or so, every few hours. – 5 or 6 times per day! So far, I have been diligent. It's early days. Am I as diligent in reading, assimilating and digesting God's word? It is, after all, God's word. He is speaking to me – and you. He is engaged in a personal relationship with me – and with you.. Once we allow God's word to embed itself into our whole being then we instinctively know the answers to the issues that confront us. We engage with Justin Welby and Charles III in condemning the appalling policy that is the Rwanda solution. We see that food banks are an abomination and a disgrace; they are not as once described, examples of the wonderful British spirit. They are a scandal.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Celia Stone, 85 last Thursday, 18 May

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Margaret Gilchrist - Audrey Brown
Michael Hodges - Kasia Zubinska*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Gordon Campbell - Brendan Boyle
Duncan Campbell - David Codling
Reg Howes - Fr Norman Cooper
Harry McKenna - Brendan Deignan
Eileen Dean*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Maureen Brogan, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Violet Paterson, Diane Devlin, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Valentino Raviele, Una Laing, Kim O'Neill, 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 Vizer, 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:

Barbara Service, Monica Gorman, 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.

Offertory 14 May 2023

St Mary Magdalene's, £291.05 total, including £91.00 Offertory and £200.05 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1637.40 total, including £385.50 Offertory, £523.90 Gift Aid and £728.00 online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

May 20: Margaret Macmillan (2008); Fr. Norman Cooper (1996); **May 21:** Lindsay Gordon (2013); Catherine Brock (2009); Mary Meagher; Patrick O'Flaherty; **May 22:** Harry McKenna (1988); Archbishop Andrew J Macdonald (1950); **May 23:** Brendan Deignan (2019); Alice Holligan (1929); **May 24:** Christine McManus (2021); David Codling (2018); John Birrell (2000); Frank Gaffney; **May 25:** Maureen Leitch (2009); Dorothy Flynn (1988); Mary Foley (1992); **May 26:** Maureen Anne McElroy (2003); Charles McLauchlan Sen.(1969); Jane Clarke (1957); **May 27:** Eileen Dean (2018); Sarah Christie (2013); Catherine McCann (2001); Sarah Black (1990); John Gallagher (1981); Jane Sweeney; **May 28:** Margaret Power (1999); Mary-Ann Donoghue (1980); Wilhelmina Baxter (1974); Elizabeth Birnie (1943);

St Mary Magdalene's:

May 21: Mary McKenzie (2022); **May 22:** Fraser R. Morrison (1993); **May 23:** Mary Pelosi (1992); **May 24:** Maggie Henry (2001); **May 25:** John Laughlin (2000); Mary Hunter (1967); **May 26:** Michael Rooney (1994); **May 27:** James McGovern (1991);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Alison St Clair Ford, Cathy Goldie, Peter Hanley, Margaret Williams, Lydia Reid, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Sandy Ferguson, Peter Robinson, Chris White, Douglas Edington, Helen Robertson baby Josh Simpson, Desire Bascon, Janet Haring, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Jim Gray, Mgr Gerry Hand, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, 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, Mary Conefrey, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Jessica Haggerty, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, Roger Bromley, Tony Rigg, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, 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, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

THANK YOU!