

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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29 January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called daughters and sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

(Matthew 5:2-20)

Fr Jock writes: 'A fond farewell to Alice Codling, a St John's parishioner for fifty years and pastoral assistant for thirty, who moved to Haddington last Thursday to be nearer her widowed daughter and two granddaughters. She has been a source of considerable wisdom and support to many many people – in our parishes and in the wider community - during those years and will be greatly missed. However, we hope she shall return often to visit our parishes.

In October, Alice received the Diocesan Medal from Archbishop Leo... it is worth recalling what was written about her then:

'Alice Codling ... has been Pastoral Assistant at St John's for the last three decades, during which time, as well as being a wise and faithful counsellor, first to Mgr Rae and then to Fr Jock, she has co-ordinated our parish Adult Formation (as a LIMEX graduate) and run our very active RCIA group with considerable skill, creativity, and patience. In addition, she worked at the Gillis Centre with (then Sr) Clare Wardhaugh when she was the Pastoral Co-ordinator there, and was also on the team of the Craighead Institute... If one person has 'held' the history of the parish since she moved here from Preston in Lancashire in her early married life, it has been her.'

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' EVENING - On **Monday evening, at 7.00pm in St John's Hall**, there will be the first of two evenings for the P4 First Communion Parents, giving them a chance to reflect on their own faith as they seek to support their children in the deepening of theirs.

A Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley - *Friends, this Thursday (2 Feb) is World Day of Consecrated Life. A total of 26 religious orders are based in our archdiocese, with religious brothers and sisters from Scotland and across the world serving our communities in Jesus' name. Let's pray for them and celebrate their work. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire women and men to respond generously to God's call to a priestly or religious vocation.* [And in our parishes, we remember and give thanks for the witness of Mairi Clunas, and her 34 years of consecrated life]

HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION - THURSDAY 2 FEB - 7.00PM - Deacon Eddie writes: "Please do join us at 7.00pm on Thursday in St John's for a peaceful hour of Music and Prayer. A particular invite to anyone who never been before. It is a chance to sit and simply listen - to the music, sit in silent adoration and even join in with the prayers – an order of service is provided.

If you would like to know more about the service or would like to have an active role in the service, please do speak to me after Mass or email me on ewhite@outlook.com or call me 07986015772.

New and old faces are all warmly welcome as we focus on peace and stability in the world. We will also offer prayers for those affected by the cost-of-living crisis or struggling to get a fair pay rise to keep up with the cost of living in these difficult times."

Might you be open to hosting a Lenten House Group – and/or Lead a Group?

Ash Wednesday is only three and a half weeks away – in the first week of Lent, we hope to reintroduce House Groups for the first time since before the Pandemic. These groups will meet in the host's house at the same time and on the same day each week, for about an hour and a half – and this year will follow a course by Stephen Binz entitled 'Being Disciples of Jesus'. More details – and a chance to sign up for a group – to follow, **but for the moment we are looking for individuals or couples willing to host a group (and giving their preferred time and day) – and similarly people willing to lead one of those groups....please contact Fr Jock or sign the list at the back of both churches....**

CALLING ALL FIRST COMMUNICANT PRAYER PARTNERS

Arlene Lauder, our Sacramental Preparation Team coordinator, writes: "Last Sunday at St Mary Magdalene's, we had our first 'Prayer Partner Meet and Greet' with those parishioners who kindly signed up to pray for our P4/First Communion children. Thank you to those who were available to come along, the children were delighted. There is a second chance to meet at **St John's next Sunday 5 February 2023**. Prayer partners are welcome to meet their young person after mass where the Sacramental Team will be on hand to help with introductions, we plan to do this on the steps of the Altar at the end of mass. Thank you again for being open to this opportunity to support our young parishioners."

First Communicants (and their Parish Prayer Partners in brackets): Addison Creanor (Gena Gallagher), Aidan Dunleavey (Valeri Fairley), Albie O'Halloran (Julie Harris), Alex Buczynski (Eileen Igoe), Carter Gibson (Cristina Maiello), Cristian Andreucci (Mary Iannarelli), David Ilie (Adela Ilie), Drew Calder (Marie McLeod), Ellis Barrett (Marie Volpe), Evie Coulson (Mary Fenwick), Fearne Crooks (Julie O'Hanlon), Felix Butas-Markusz (Anne Jabir), Flora Gibson (Scott Craig), Georgie Currie (Ruth Vizor), Grace Gambo (Charlotte Lauder), Hubert Piwowarczyk (Isobel Forbes), Hugh Archibald (Rossana Velazio), Ignacy Balcerzyk (Stuart McClelland), Jordan Ovie (Carol Simpson), Joshua Bold (Pauli Walker), Julian Orszt (Rosalind MacKay), Katie Shepherd (Tolu Ariba), Luca Maiello (Hugh Aitken), Lucas Robertson (Anna Tanzi), Michael Pettigrew (Maureen Brogan), Millie Telfer (John Lauder), Nina Mosiewicz (Catherine McAnenny), Oliver Lukasik (Frances Archibald), Rhia Turnbull (Christine Turnbull), Sarah Henderson (Maggie Flannigan), Sorley MacLulich (Jeremy Thorp), Stanislaw Jung (Bronagh Power), Sunny Stewart (Louise Holden), Umberto Crolla (Mike Kinane), Victor Aimanosi Adamu (Una Gallagher)

The second and last night of our next two-evening Baptism Preparation Course will take place at 7.30pm in the Parish House this **Thursday 2 February**. If you would like a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...If you would like your P7 (or older child) to be enrolled for the programme – which will culminate in confirmation by Archbishop Cushley in May – please make contact with Bronagh Power (07902 607936) or with Fr Jock. **The first meeting for parents will take place at 7pm in St John’s Hall on Monday 6 February...and the enrolment for the candidates will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 12 February.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO THE THREE THURSDAY EVENING REFLECTIONS ON ST MATTHEW’S GOSPEL?

Each evening was divided into two halves – in the first 45 minutes, Fr Jock reflected on the background to the Gospel, and how its origins dictated its content; and then for the final 45 minutes, Bernadette Campbell offered different forms of guided prayer on passages from the gospel.

The links for each night are below. You will also find them on the [website](#) and our parishes’ Facebook Page.

First night - shorturl.at/belnF

Second night - shorturl.at/vAHL8

Third night - shorturl.at/kyCY8

Alternatively, you can order a cd from Enrico, our parishes’ administrator by ringing (0131 669 5447) or emailing him stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

Sara Brown, one of our ‘on-line parishioners’ (and a participant in the Monday night Gospel Sharing Group) offers below an interesting alternative way of appreciating the gospels:

‘The gospel readings are from Matthew for most of this year so we are being encouraged to ‘read’ this gospel. The Thursday evening reflections have been fascinating and together with gospel sharing on Monday evenings have made me realise I don’t take in as much by just reading the gospel by myself.

The gospels were originally an aural experience, and it was only relatively recently in the history of the church that people have been able to read them. Personally, I find listening to the bible and walking in the quiet countryside with headphones on is where I reflect in the most beneficial way for me. On my walks I have been listening to David Suchet reading St Matthew’s gospel. <https://youtu.be/y1idCq1wOs4> There are many others you can find online although you have to be careful you get a translation that you like. There are also videos where the words scroll down on the screen as you hear them such as This contemporary but English version https://youtu.be/mgUWg3ZY_C8.

We are very fortunate to have all these resources available and I would encourage everyone who wishes to find one then suits them and to share it with others.’

THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 January

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

Sunday 29 January – 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

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

Monday 30 January

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

7.00pm – Zoom - **Gospel Sharing** (click [here](#) or type shorturl.at/yBJW3 in your browser)

7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Reflection Evening for P4 First Communion Parents**

Tuesday 31 January

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

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

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 7)**

Wednesday 1 February - 10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** - livestreamed

Thursday 2 February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (World Day of Consecrated Life)

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

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

7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptismal Preparation Course 2**

Friday 3 February - 10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Hugh Doherty** – livestreamed

Saturday 4 February

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

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

Sunday 5 February – 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.30am – St John’s – **Children’s Mass with P4 First Communion Children (and ‘Prayer Partner Meet and Greet’)** - livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Children’s Mass with a focus on the P3 Reconciliation Children** –
livestreamed

AND IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 6 February – 2.30pm – St John’s – **Mass for the Sick with Sacrament of the Anointing**

Wednesday 8 February – 1.30pm – St John’s - **Funeral Service for Alex Cranston**

Scottish Screening of *The Letter: A Message for our Earth* - Thursday 2 February – 7pm

The *Laudato Si’ Movement* and the *Care of Creation Office* of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland have organised an online Scottish screening of this film - the film is based on Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical letter, “*Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home*” and tells the story of several leaders, committed to ecological and social causes who were invited to Rome for a private audience with Pope Francis during which they shared their personal story and that of their country. The leaders include an Indigenous leader from the Amazon, a Senegalese climate refugee, a youth activist from India and a married pair of scientists from Hawaii.

After the screening, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with Lorna Gold, who appears in the film and is president of *Laudato Si’ Movement*. Register at: <https://bit.ly/TheLetterScottishScreening>

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK

Père Jacques Bunol - Carmelite Priest (1900-1945) – 29 January

*"The saints have never attached importance to what their hands do;
they did what they had to do but they did it for love."*

Even after many years the former students at the Carmelite school in Lille spoke with awe and reverence of their headmaster, a priest whom they called Père Jacques. More than a teacher, he was a friend, a mentor, a spiritual guide, who carefully studied each boy under his charge and found the way to encourage his special gifts.

But of all that he taught them, his students clearly remembered his final lesson best of all. That came on January 13, 1944, when Gestapo officers, tipped off by an informer, burst into the school and seized three Jewish students as well as the priest who had offered them asylum. As Père Jacques, in custody, passed before the assembled students he gave them a jaunty wave, as if leaving for a short holiday: "*Au revoir, boys, see you soon!*" They never saw him again.

Père Jacques was born to a poor working-class family on January 29, 1900. From his early childhood he wanted nothing but to be a priest. After his ordination he served as a schoolteacher. Quite soon, however, he felt a new calling to the contemplative life. This was answered by his decision to enter the Carmelites. Having, with some effort, overcome the resistance of his bishop, he entered the Carmelite monastery in Lille. There, immersed in prayer and study of the Carmelite mystics, he spent the happiest year of his life. But this ended abruptly when his



community assigned him to take over administration of their junior school. *"You see,"* he wrote a friend, *"I am just one more example of those who flee the world in order to find peace in silent contemplation, and whom God puts back in their former occupation to make supple their will and to mortify their too natural taste for complete solitude. Now I must wait for heaven to enjoy God as I had dreamed of doing in the shadow of the cloister."* So he returned to the classroom.

Now, however, girded by the habit of prayer, he found it possible to combine the overwhelming demands of his schoolwork with a deep spiritual discipline. He accepted his assignment as an expression of God's will.

It was also an opportunity to communicate to his students something of his own thirst for life and holiness.

Aside from the catechism and reading of the classics, he offered his instruction through walks in the woods and trips to the museum. As one student recalled, *"He taught me to enjoy the sun setting on the countryside weighted down and heavy with the labours of man, the prayer that rises with the night like a song of hope. He showed me God in a small blade of grass that bends under the weight of a ladybird."*

But he was not simply an ethereal mystic. He was known as an ardent champion of social justice who always preached the duty of solidarity with the oppressed. After France fell to the Germans, such sentiments became dangerous. Nevertheless, the risks did not prevent Père Jacques from using the resources of the school to aid the underground resistance and to shelter fugitives, including Jewish students, from the Nazis. To those who warned of what might happen if he were caught he answered, *"Don't you think that if that happened, and if by chance I were shot, I would thus be leaving my pupils an example that would be worth more to them than all the instructions I could give them?"*

The day before he was arrested, he wrote to his brother, *"It is very possible that before long something will happen to me. If I am shot, rejoice, for I shall have realized my ideal: to give up my life for those who suffer."* Even after his arrest, when there was still some possibility of a reprieve, he discouraged any efforts on his behalf: *"Priests are needed in prison."*

He was detained in a series of camps. In each one he made a strong impression on his fellow prisoners. While most of them were fully occupied with the business of survival, he put himself tirelessly at the service of others - and not simply Catholics. He sought out the abandoned and neglected and made a special point of befriending Communists. He explained that as the son of workers he felt a particular bond with all those who suffered for the cause of social justice. One of them later said, *"One felt the presence of Christ in this priest."*

Eventually he ended up in the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. There between the starvation rations, the brutality of forced labour, the unchecked disease, and the frequent massacres, over 120,000 human beings perished in three years. Any public display of religion was strictly forbidden. Nevertheless, Père Jacques continued to minister to his fellow prisoners, hearing confessions, counselling the doubtful, praying for the dying. His aim was to build a Christian society within the jaws of hell; even if his success extended little farther than himself, it was a continuous defiance of the spirit of Nazism. While hunger reduced many prisoners to a condition of animal need, Père Jacques constantly bore witness to the sanctity and dignity of life. Often, he was seen passing on his precious food rations to those in greater need. In a situation where each morsel of bread might mean another day of existence, such sacrifices represented the literal sharing of his life.

In February 1945 all priests were transferred to Dachau. For some reason Père Jacques was passed over. That Easter he risked his life to say Mass three times. As many prisoners as dared gathered round to receive communion at his hands. He said, *"At this time we must rejoice in accomplishing God's will to the very end, to give our lives if He demands it; perhaps it is our vocation."* Many of those who survived remembered it as one of the transcendent moments of their lives.

Père Jacques himself survived until the liberation of the camp on May 5, 1945. In the following days, though burning with fever, he worked tirelessly to help re-establish order and oversee the distribution of supplies and medicines. When he collapsed, he was finally removed to a hospital in France, where he died on June 2, surrounded by the members of his Carmelite family.

See: Michel Carrouges, Père Jacques (New York: Macmillan, 1961).

*The noise that prevents us hearing the voice of God is not, is truly not, the clamour of humans, the racket of cities, still less the stirring of the wind or the whispering of water.
The noise that completely smothers the voice of God is the inner uproar of outraged self-esteem, of awakening suspicion, of unsleeping ambition.*

The late Bishop Helder Camara of Recife, Brazil, from his book 'A Thousand Reasons for Living'

NOTICEBOARD

Music Concert in Portobello - Sirocco Winds – Saturday 18 February - Chris Jones writes:

“Some information about a concert that my friend Peter McNeill is performing in with his professional wind quintet - Sirocco Winds. It's taking place on **Saturday 18 February at 7.00pm in Portobello and Parish Church**. It promises to be a lovely evening of light classical and popular music performed by this group of young musicians. This will be their first time playing in the area and it would be wonderful if they were well supported by the local community. Tickets are priced at £10 (under 16yrs free) in advance (Gillian McNeill 07748 074386) or on the door. Further details in the poster you can find [HERE](#). Hope to see you there.”

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a day of reflection and prayer from 11am-3pm on Saturday 4 February. It takes place at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. The theme of the day is 'Mary. Mother of the Eucharist'. Light lunch provided. Register now at bit.ly/extraordinaryministers

Come and See Day - Lay Dominicans - Lay Dominicans are men and women who live the Dominican charism in their daily lives. On **Saturday 4 February** the Edinburgh group has a day for those interested in finding out more. Begins with Mass at St Albert's Chapel, George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD, at 12 noon (entry via George Square Lane).

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

Retreat - St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy in Edinburgh hosts 'RETURN!', a one-day retreat for young adults aged 18-35. Includes talks, workshops, confession, adoration, Holy Mass, and a chance to grow friendships rooted in the love of Christ. It takes place on **Saturday, 11 February** from 9am-9pm at 24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD. Register at bit.ly/returnedinburgh

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley - Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on **Sunday 12 February** 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 final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

Remembering Service - A service for those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, takes place on **Sunday 19 February**, 5:00pm at St John the Baptist RC Church, St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh. It is a chance to have time in quiet surroundings to fully recognise the loss and to help with healing. Those who wish to come in love and support are also welcome. The service is ecumenical and open to all.

Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine - Archbishop Cushley will join other Christian faith leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine on **Friday, 24 February**, 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. Save the date and join fellow Christians in praying for peace.

SPUC Youth & Student Conference - 24-26 February - SPUC Youth and Student Conference is a weekend providing information, inspiration and social time with hundreds of pro-life students and young people from around the UK. You will learn how to discuss pro-life issues among your peers intelligently, honestly and persuasively. The Archdiocese has a limited number of sponsored places available, including transport from Edinburgh. Contact Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: prolife@staned.org.uk or 0131 623 8917.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

Being able to read the signs is an essential part of survival. When I was in top Juniors (a classification that I feel sure will now be obsolete now and will be referred to as Year x) we had a teacher - Mr McA who had a temper on him that struck fear into everyone. He wasn't always physically aggressive, but he could hurl a phrase in our direction that would make us feel that we had been knee-capped. "You're an Eedjutt" or "Great big faat oafff! both had the force of an American drone when delivered with his Cork accent. I was lucky! He liked me - others were less fortunate. He wore brown Brogue shoes with leather soles and steel tips on the heels. As he approached the classroom you could tell his mood from his footsteps. We learned to read the signs - though sadly, George Stockdale never did, and he would always be first in the firing line. The art of survival depended on our skill in their reading and discernment. George struggled in this regard. I have often wondered - did every year group have among their ranks a 'George Stockdale'?

I love maps - I dislike the Sat Nav. I love road signs - particularly the old ones. The old cast-iron ones make you slow down as you take in their peeling paintwork and jaunty, lopsided posture. For many years I completed an annual road trip to Lourdes with my good friend Jock. He loved maps even more than I did. It was quite a challenge to drive with him sat alongside as he battled with a Michelin Map, opening it to its full extent, blocking my view and occasionally commanding: "Stop! We need to go back" It added an air of excitement sadly missing from the disembodied voice issuing from the car dashboard: "Perform a U-Turn when safe to do so!" Road signs and maps are comforting and reassuring, like a cup of Horlicks, a Box of Milk Tray and an old Black and White Film with Alec Guinness, Alastair Sim or Margaret Rutherford. They all add to a feeling of security. Once we find our location on the map, in relation to where we have come from and where we are headed we find a new confidence. The journey becomes less daunting - more manageable. You're never totally lost with a map and time to take your bearings. If your map is an Ordnance Survey one and you can read contour lines - well, you're rich beyond compare: "Cooking on Gas" as they say.

God wants us to feel secure - secure in his love. *Do not be afraid - Trust in God, still, and Trust in me.* (John 14:1). He doesn't want us to feel lost. I have shared with you before one of my favourite verses which will come later in Matthews's account: *When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.* Most of us are not comfortable when others pity us, but when we experience the pity of God, when we absorb the simple and humbling truth that his concern is our happiness then we know we are safe. He wraps his arms around us, he cradles us in his hand. He wants us to feel the security from knowing not so much that he dwells in our heart as much as that we dwell in the heart of God. This weekend, in the passage from St Matthew's Gospel, he presents us with our moral road map. The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes is as comforting as those chocolates and that warm, steaming milky drink. We should know the passage off by heart - we should be able to call upon it as easily as we breathe with all of its talk of happiness. Nine times Jesus tells us how to be happy. Nine times. He tells us that happiness will be found in poverty of spirit. This is an important distinction. Poverty in itself is bad and is to be eradicated. Poverty in spirit means learning the difference between what we want as opposed to what we need. Happiness is also to be found in gentleness, in the pursuit of social justice, in showing mercy, in purity of heart, in being a peacemaker rather than one who sows division; it will be found when we endure persecution and rejection because of our witness. As far as maps go, this one is pretty detailed. It comes with its own contour lines.

So this week, let's all resolve to study this map. Let's determine to learn it by heart. To be it, to live it, to feast greedily at its table. It's not a huge passage to learn and many of us will be able to quote great chunks of Shakespeare - or in my case Monty Python's Dead Parrot sketch. We need this map every day. Easier to breathe and live it rather than be continually reaching for the Bible.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Orla Nangle, who celebrated her 21st birthday last Sunday, 22 January

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Ann Carruthers
Dorothy McHardy
Hugh Docherty
Irene McDonagh
James Dunning
Annette O'Donnell*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Patsy McAnenny - Maureen Brown

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Harry Allan, baby Damon McDonald, May Thomson, Bob Kelly, Carol Simpson, Pat Dickin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, John Freeman, Kitty Dykes, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, John Cregan, Kim O'Neill, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Fiona Connel, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, 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, 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:

Sara Alkahtari, 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 23 January

St Mary Magdalene's, £186.46 total, including £120.46 Offertory and £66.00 Gift Aid

St John's, £1238.05 total, including £377.65 Offertory, £142.40 Gift Aid and £718.00 online donations

White Flower Special Collection (for SPUC):

St Mary Magdalene's: £190.95 - St John's: £274.36

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Jan.28: Edward Grady (2011); Catherine M Gray (2007); **Jan.29:** Patrick J Bannon (1992); Peter Kelly (1948); **Jan.30:** James McGuire (1991); Elizabeth Keogh (1986); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Edward Stone (1975); Alice Boyle; **Jan.31:** Rita Roberts (2021); Maureen Brown (2015); Beryl Donegan (2010); Jamesina Laidlaw (2006); Alex. Begg (1974); John Ward (1920); **Feb.1:** Umberto Tesoro (2013); Fr Daniel McGuinness (1997); **Feb.2:** Margaret Malcolm (1998); **Feb.3:** Bernadette Heron (2012); Jean Anderson (2006); Harry T Johnson (2006); Thomas McCreddie (2000); Douglas Begg (1960); Kate Barrins (1959); Thomas Conner (1948); **Feb.4:** Margaret Early (2003); Margaret Blaney (1976); Mrs Hendry (1958); Patrick Rooney; **Feb.5:** Beatrice Crolla (2015); Nora Glancy (2015); Margaret Kelly (1999); Michael Gallagher (1985); Arthur Delaney (1974); Mary Malcolm (1969); Bridget Hanlon (1954);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Jan.28: William McCarteney (2004); Charlotte Foggo (2002); **Feb.1:** Isabella Connor (1999); Frank Risi (1972); **Feb.2:** Michael Edward Kempton (1991); **Feb.4:** Mary Doyle (1967);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Emma Blackman, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Baby Laurie Martin, Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Sr Elizabeth Mackie, Kate Mackay, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Bill and Audrey Jones, Richard Johnson, John Miller, Lydia Reid, Douglas Edington, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ava Simpkin (aged 12), Ellen Dow, Chris White, members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Anne Morris, Baby Josh Simpson, Keiran Smart (aged 15), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Mary Conefrey, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, Suzanne O'Callaghan, 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, 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, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

