THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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31 DECEMBER 2023 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 1 JANUARY 2024 - THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD





St John's Crib 2023

'My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' (Luke 2:30-32)

We continue to hold in our hearts those who are suffering – and all those who have lost their lives – not only in Gaza and Israel but also in the war in Ukraine, and indeed in all the wars and conflicts in our world...

Fr Jock writes: 'As you might have noticed, **the Crib at St John's is different this year**. St Oscar Romero (1917-80), the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, once wrote: 'We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the under-nourished children who have gone to bed tonight without eating, among the poor newsboys who will sleep covered with newspapers in doorways.'

One of the (horrific) features of this last year has been the number of children who have died under rubble – whether as a result of earthquakes (Turkey/Syria, Marrakesh, Afghanistan, Nepal, Northern China, and several others - google 'Earthquakes in 2023') or wars (as in Gaza and Israel, and Ukraine). So it seems sadly appropriate – and especially in the light of St Oscar Romero's words above - that the figure of St John's own baby Jesus this year lies amidst the rubble....'

'In the face of the Infant Jesus, let us see the faces of all those children who, everywhere in the world, long for peace; let us also see the faces of our sisters and brothers in war-torn parts of the world, who will experience this Christmas in the dark and cold, far from their homes due to the disruption caused by conflict.'

(Prayer composed by the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre in Colchester and Chelmsford)

Crib Donations for the Holy Land - Archbishop Cushley is encouraging us to consider making a donation to Friends of the Holy Land. He said: "It is a is a non-political Christian charity and the donations will be used to provide aid and support for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land at this difficult time." A donation page has been set up for the Archdiocese at bit.ly/archholyland. Find out more about its work at www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/about-us

Living Faith, the Redemptorist magazine, with a reflection for each day for the next three months of the year, **is available free at the back of both churches** (though if you would like to help us cover costs, a donation of £2 would do so...!). The theme of this edition is 'A clean heart create for me, O God...' (Psalm 51:12)

Vigil for Peace: Sunday 31 December (Hogmanay) 4-5pm at St Ninian's

Cath Norman writes: 'As we look to a new year, an invitation to pray together that the lights will come back on in Bethlehem, Ukraine and in all other war-torn areas of our unhappy world.

Bring..... yourself, a prayer, a poem, a reflection, a candle. There will be silence also.

WEEKDAY MASS at St John's will be taking place in the (warm) Hall from Tuesday onwards.

On Friday 5 January, the annual EPIPHANY MEAL we host for and with the Edinburgh L'Arche Community will take place at 12.30pm in St John's Hall...Mary Iannarelli and the Hospitality Team would welcome assistance – please contact Mary (07534 666439) or Fr Jock if you are willing to help....or just turn up on the day for what is a wonderfully heartwarming and joyful occasion...

What is L'Arche, Edinburgh?

It is a community of around 80 people including people with and without learning disabilities, support assistants, volunteers, friends and neighbours, based in the Leith and Restalrig areas of Edinburgh.

L'Arche Edinburgh was founded in 1991 and is one of over 150 L'Arche (The Ark) communities in all five continents. It has many long-standing connections to local faith communities (including St John's and St Mary Magdalene's), universities and other community groups, and more recently to the local Ukrainian community. The community is home to 16 people with learning disabilities, who are supported at home, as well as volunteers, friends, neighbours and L'Arche assistants. There are a mix of supported living houses, where the people supported share their home with other people with learning disabilities and with live in assistants. 4 people are also enabled to live more independently in their own flats.

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany, is Justice and Peace Sunday, and the Day of Prayer for Peace 2024... there is also a second collection for the work of Justice and Peace.

A message from the J&P Group - Water for a Village – Update on the Update...

An update and **a thank you** from the Justice & Peace Group. The appeal for the SCIAF Real Gift of Water for a Village - in practice, a donation towards providing clean accessible drinking water for people who don't have it as well as irrigation systems to grow food - has now reached the dizzy heights of £1606.50.

Thank you for your generosity. We are keeping the appeal open till the beginning of the New Year - who knows, we may reach £2000.00. Donations to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any member of the J&P Group or they can be handed in to the Parish House".

Finally, despite all that is going on in our world, we wish you all a Happy New Year, and a 2024 full of blessings...

THIS WEEK

Saturday 30 December - 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

Sunday 31 December - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

9.30am - St John's - Mass - livestreamed

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

Monday 1 January 2024 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

11.30am - St John's - Mass - livestreamed

Tuesday 2 January - 10.00am – St John's Hall – **Mass** – livestreamed

Wednesday 3 January

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

10.00am - St John's - Mass - livestreamed

7.00pm – St John's – **Holy Hour** - livestreamed

Thursday 4 January

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

10.00am – (NB)St John's – Mass – livestreamed

7.00pm – Parish House – **Inclusivity Group Meeting**

8.00pm – Parish House – **Alpha Planning Group Meeting**

Friday 5 January

10.00am – (NB) St Mary Magdalene's – Mass – livestreamed

12.30pm - St John's Hall - Edinburgh L'Arche Community Epiphany Meal

Saturday 6 January

9.15am-1.30pm - St John's Hall - Pamoja Fashion Sale

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

Sunday 7 January – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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



Monday, New Year's Day is the feast of Mary, Mother of God

Artist Andrew White's daughter gave him an insight into Mary's youth and innocence at the time of the annunciation. This painting is the result.

'The eyes and ears we all possess can be the conduit of inner transformation, a transformation which I hoped to capture in a very natural way within the painting. God, the maker of the very elements, "within whom we live, breathe and have our being," desires to work with humanity and through our humble form, to bring heaven to earth.

All of this was brought much closer to me as my daughter was the same age as Mary would have been. To witness my daughter's journey of faith and devotion helped me better understand just how God touches the eyes and ears of young faith in a very special way.'

Andrew White

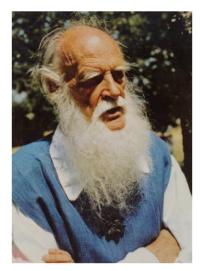
(More of Andrew White's art can be seen on his website: hups://andrewwhiteartist.com/)



'SAINT' OF THE WEEK - Lanza del Vasto

Founder of the Community of the Ark (1901-1981) – Feast Day: 5 January

"Power can be used for any purpose, but nonviolence or the power of justice can serve only justice."



Lanza del Vasto presented an uncommon sight to the modern eye. With his clothes of hand spun wool and his tall staff, his beard and mane of white hair, he looked every bit the part he played - prophet and patriarch, a modern-day Noah. Indeed, he called his band of followers the Community of the Ark. They joined together to preserve certain values from the deluge of violence and ugliness and efficiency that threatened to make the planet uninhabitable.

He was born into a noble family in Italy in 1901. For many years he studied philosophy, anxiously seeking the meaning of life. But in 1936 having found no satisfaction in his formal studies, he travelled to India. He sensed that there, closer to the source of humanity's spiritual journey, he might discover a wisdom that the West had forgotten. And so it was, He prayed and fasted with Hindu holy men, travelled to the Himalayan source of the Ganges, and visited innumerable monasteries. But it was finally his meeting with Mohandas Gandhi, apostle of nonviolence and leader of the Indian independence

movement, that changed the course of his life. He lived in Gandhi's ashram long enough to absorb the basic features of his thought, and then returned to Europe determined to make these ideas known in the West.

Gandhi had given him a new name: *Shantidas*, "**Servant of Peace.**" He was aptly named. For the next forty years, through words and deeds and a way of life, he devoted himself to reconciliation among religions and resistance to violence in all its personal and institutional forms. In 1948 he and his wife, Chanterelle, formed the Community of the Ark in France, a community of families united by a rule, vows, and common prayer, devoted to the aim of applying nonviolence in every corner of life. For the companions of the Ark, nonviolence was a way of acting that derived from a way of being. It meant refusing to exploit others, even as one refused to submit to exploitation. And so, they struggled to make themselves as self-sufficient as possible, living on the land, raising their own food, making their own clothes - all without the assistance of electricity or modern machines.

It was not the intention of Shantidas to retreat from the world and its problems. He simply felt that one could not hope to resolve the problems of the world as long as one was part of them. From the base of their community, he and his companions launched one campaign after another in defence of peace, the rights of conscience, and the relief of human suffering. He fasted for twenty days in protest of torture during the Algerian war; he protested against concentration camps; he led a successful struggle for recognition of the right of conscientious objection. For these and similar causes he was repeatedly arrested.

Although his community was open to persons of all religious faiths, Shantidas remained rooted in his Catholic tradition, and many of his most personal initiatives focused on efforts to remind the Catholic church of the gospel message of peace. In 1963 he fasted in Rome for forty days in an appeal to the pope to issue a statement on the arms race and the threat to peace. In return he was rewarded with an advance copy of Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Pacem in Terris Peace on Earth*). Two years later he and Chanterelle organized another fast in Rome, this time in prayer that the Vatican Council in progress would speak strongly to the issue of war and the need for spiritual resistance. Sixteen women - among them Dorothy Day of the Catholic Worker - fasted for ten days. Again, their prayers were answered in the form of the council's vehement condemnation of nuclear weapons. If few were called to imitate Lanza del Vasto's rigorous consistency, there were many touched by the simple truth of his message that "the future must be a future of nonviolence, or else there will be no future."

Again and again, until his death on January 5, 1981, Shantidas emphasized the positive aspect of nonviolence. He was not simply a grim prophet of doom, but a man of "peace, strength, and joy" - the words that became the motto of his community. Rather than simply rail against the evils of the present age, he invited others to join in his efforts to prepare a new age and he offered a means of getting there: he built an Ark.

See: Lanza del Vasto, Return to the Source (New York: Schocken, 1972); Warriors of Peace (New York: Alfred Knopf, 1974).

NOTICEBO ARD

Offertory 24 December 23

St Mary Magdalene's, £371.67 total, including £230.67 Offertory and £141.00 Gift Aid. St John's, £1114.60 total, including £169.60 Offertory, £200.00 Gift Aid, and £745.00 online donations.



Offertory Christmas 2023

St Mary Magdalene's, £670.64 total, including £410.64 Offertory and £260.00 Gift Aid. St John's, £1530.00 total, including £1295.20 Offertory and £234.80 Gift Aid

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE will take place on Thursday 11 and Thursday 18 January at 7.30pm in the Parish House... if you would like a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

Do any of our parishioners feel drawn to work with young people.... or even as a youth leader...if you do, or even if you think you might just wish to investigate the possibility, please contact Fr Jock...

If anyone has experience of the Alpha course, could they please make contact with Fr Jock...

Phyllis McLeay writes: 'A request for washable nappies, baby and toddler clothes continues – in aid of a local maternity hospital in Africa. Donations can be handed in to the Parish House. Thank you to those who have already given so generously'.

A New Year Prayer

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

(Vinita Hampton Wright)

WE'RE SORRY IF YOU'RE COLD IN ST JOHN'S BUT...we need to replace the Gas Central Heating System, which is broken and can't be mended.....so we have informed the Archdiocese, and we have now appointed a specialist consultant to advise us as to the best way forward. They will be visiting us in the New Year. Once they have advised us, we can then seek quotations from contractors. Inevitably, this could take several months – we would appreciate everybody's patience and support during this difficult (and potentially cold!) period... we have, at least, managed to buy an industrial heater nearly twice the size/power of the original heater we had rented.

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Job vacancy - The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor. Closing date for applications is Monday **13 January**.

Save the date I -The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday **27 January** 2024 at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Details to follow soon.

Save the date II - The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday **10 February** 2024. Details to follow soon.

The fulness of joy is to behold God in everything.

God is the ground, the substance,

The teaching, the teacher, the purpose and the reward for

which every soul labours

(Dame Julian of Norwich: c1343-1416)

New ideas for a New Year - A Reflection by Parishioner Colin Davey

Creativity can be very destructive. Art, poetry, comedy, drama, film and music abound with exceptionally creative characters who met with tragically (some might say 'romantically') self-destructive ends; science and engineering not so much. But more fundamentally, replacing old-fashioned notions with imaginative new ideas would seem to underpin the very essence of progress. Indeed, when we write scientific papers we are, albeit tacitly, discouraged from citing older work, however groundbreaking in its day, otherwise our own research might appear less cutting-edge, less contemporary, less publishable.

Christianity is a new 'idea' that's been around a long time. Pre-Christian religions tended to equate the favour of gods with military success. To quote Tom Holland (Dominion, p. 201): "Battle was the ultimate testing ground of a god's authority." Gods were for winners. That's why Christianity was such a novel, and subversive, idea: our God is on the side of the weak, the poor, the exploited and marginalised. God is always there for those who lose – a position that's incomprehensible, if not threatening, to those who tyrannize; for others, a unifying tool against oppression.

The themes of creation and destruction, and implicitly of transformation, would seem to converge most obviously on beginnings and endings: the Crucifixion, the End Times and the Second Coming. But they are also very much apparent in the middle, in the here and now, and not always in a good way. So much so that, paradoxically, one wonders whether we'll even make it to the End Times. As long as 'progress' is driven, and measured, by an endless cycle of increased profit and consumption then we cultivate the seeds of our own destruction. One day, when there's nothing left to exploit, we'll finally fall through the cracks in dear old Mother Earth, still fixed to our phones, dollar bills a fluttering.

Development – so often (mis)understood as promoting other peoples and nations to be more like us, rather than to be the best of themselves – has perhaps gone far enough. Many have demanded that it's time to level up, and properly, which means investing in others' sustainable development, learning from the mistakes that got us to where we are, to value more than gross national product. To be successful, such a U-turn calls for the sort of cultural and economic transformation in thinking, or ecological conversion, outlined by Pope Francis in LAUDATO SI'. Perhaps then we can face the prospect of the End Times with heads held a little higher. Proud that we did something, after all, both useful and beautiful with the big blue-green Talent we were entrusted with; that we're able to return it – just the one – at least partly undamaged, and can be forgiven for the rest.

Our washing machine (the same one that lies about the super-quick cycle) has 15 programme settings. I think we've only ever used five of them, two almost exclusively. Still, if either of our kids becomes a professional footballer (sportswear) or Goth (dark wash), at least we're prepared. Neither is very likely, mind you, but it's good to be prepared for the unexpected. Otherwise, one day Jesus might just turn up and there will be nothing left to see.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY LUKE 2: 22-40

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

Christmas celebrations this year were very low-key. My new knee joint had forced a change of pace. I became a 'director' in the kitchen, trying desperately neither to sound officious or condescending. Now, you need to get the potatoes on...... Baste the turkey and return it to the oven but remove the tin foil..... now get the carrots and parsnips in to roast and move the turkey to the lower oven. Homemade chestnut stuffing to the top oven along with the pigs in blankets. My 'assistant'/sous chef remained calm at all times – though his molars took a severe pounding and were ground down almost to gum level. Even my utterances of 'You've done very well' put young Mr Grace of Grace Brothers and 'Are you being Served' into the shade! Condescension completely absent! By the time lunch was served – and only 11 minutes later than the allocated serving time of 2 pm, we were still harmonious: peace reigned supreme, a peace so profound that the angels chanting above the stable at Bethlehem looked to be mere imposters. 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to those of goodwill'

By today I was feeling more adventurous and after a trip to the outpatients' department of Hexham General Hospital we ventured into a shop called 'B&M' – a veritable Aladdin's cave. It's more at home as a bargain basement emporium rather than at the Harrod's or Liberty's end. Those things that are available are priced to make them accessible to anyone and everyone. At the checkout we found ourselves behind a young mother with children varying from 3 to 13 or 14. She had amassed a basket full of yellow sticker products, items further reduced as they approached or passed their use by date. Her card was declined. The teenagers were mortified. 'Can you try it again, it should work! I was just paid on Christmas Eve' The teenage children were wishing for the ground to open up. The cashier tried again – and a second time the card was declined. We started whispering to each other and agreed we would offer to pay, if she would allow us to do so. Sensitivities were to be respected at all times. The mother was flushed with embarrassment and the air was thick and heavy with a collective tension. The angel of the internet came to the rescue and on the third occasion, and for no immediately apparent reason, the card was accepted. The lifting of tension was palpable. Relief rang all around, it was a scene worthy of a choir of angels singing with great gusto. It was as if all Christmases had been rolled into one.

Today's feast speaks of the Holy Family of Nazareth and, as we hear in the Gospel passage, Jospeh and Mary were anxious to do all that the Law required. Above all, Joseph, Mary and Jesus were conscientious followers of the Law as handed to Moses. They challenged their own understanding; 'How can this be, because I know not man?' 'Joseph, being a man of honour decided to divorce Mary informally.' 'My house will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves'.

I trod a fine line with my culinary directions on Christmas Day and we were both sensitive to the events that unfolded at the checkout of B&M. We were ready to act if needed. In the kitchen we accepted and gave direction in a spirit of mutual respect. This is the Christian Way. This is the way of Christ. This is the way of the Holy Family. Questioning faith is a healthy faith. A faith that inspires us to act is a healthy faith.

Families are referred to as the building blocks of society. They are a precious commodity in our calling to make this world a better place, to bring God's love to a world that struggles to find meaning and hope, a world that finds it difficult to accept opinions that are different. We know just how difficult family life can be. Dysfunctionality is not the exception – rather the norm. One thing is certain, we face an uncertain future where the poor grow poorer, the rich richer, and world peace hangs by a thread. We are to be attentive at all times and never slow to correct, to take criticism when given in a generous spirit. Loving harmonious family - and its desirability - may be an aspiration, an aspiration that needs you and I to show the way...

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Linda Fuller

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

George Service - Conan Murie Pat Marin - Peggy Cairney Terry Delaney - Jean O'Flaherty Helen Reid - Fay Dignan

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Jimmy Curnyn, Jimi Boyle, Robert Clark, Kathleen Brown, Sheila Tansey, Pat Gilmartin, John Cregan, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Baby Grayson McNally, Irene Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Eddie and 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, 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, Sam Burns, Aisha Montgomery, Eleanor Campanile, John McLaughlin, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, 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.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.30: George Service (2021); Helen Reid (2016); James Fettes (1995); Dec.31: Fay Dignan (2016); Philip McMicken (1995); Bertie Demarco; Thomas Rooney; Jan.1: James Malone (1989), Catherine McElroy; Jan.2: Terry Delaney (2016); Monica Cubitt (2007); Anne Marie Phillips (2004); Elizabeth Stone (1992); Alexander Donnelly (1985); Thomas Mackay (1979); Annie Graham (1973); Jan.3: Betsy Hogg (1981); James Lacey (1973); Jan.4: Hazel Martin (2023); Conan Murie (2021); Hedley Smibert (2007); Fr. Thomas Gaffney SJ. (1998); Lucia Maher (1994); John Brown (1984); Bernard McAllister (1981); John Browne (1977); Jan.5: Jean O'Flaherty (2015); Jessie Handren (2009); James Bannon (1999); Douglas Shannon (1992); Joseph & Isobel Simpson (1989); Renee McMartin (1984); John J McWilliams (1958); Kathleen McGovern (1940);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.30: Pat Marin (2018); **Dec.31:** Annie Henderson (1999); John Moohan (1975); **Jan.1:** Christina McCluskey (2014); **Jan.2:** Mary Fairbairn (2019); **Jan.5:** Ronald Forrester (2011);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Raymond McCabe, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Canon Andrew Monaghan, Jim Gray, Ann Currie, Baby Thomas Hayward, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Barbara Duff, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona and George McDermott, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Nessa Campbell, Mike Fox, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Alec Robb, Dave Cook, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnel, Mary Madden, John Wiggins, Lucy Pagett, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe, Peter Robinson, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, 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 10), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, 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, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.