

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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3 MARCH 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



'... and in the Temple Jesus found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market..." (John 2:13-16)

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

Next Saturday, 9 March – there takes place our Cluster Parishes' Lenten Retreat, led by the new parish priest of St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith (whom we warmly welcome), **Fr Ray Warren OMI** – do sign up for it on the list at the back of both churches. There will be Mass at 10am, followed by tea and coffee and then Fr Ray will give a couple of talks between 10.45am and 1.00pm. The retreat is free (though donations are welcome)

On Monday, at 2.30pm in St John's, we celebrate our **Monthly Healing Mass**, with the Sacrament of the Sick. All welcome...

Wednesday – 7.00pm - St Mary Magdalene's - Holy Hour

Deacon Eddie writes: 'March's holy hour will, once again, be held at St Mary Magdalene's. Last month was particularly lovely with a beautifully set up altar to help set the tone...Some time in front of the Lord in the Eucharist...some music.... prayer and silent reflection. If you have never been before, please do come and try it out, especially in this Lenten season.

Next Saturday evening, there is the first ever get-together of the Scottish pilgrims of the **Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage**. They will join us first for the 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Special collection – 'Next weekend there will be a special collection for **Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF)** at all Masses. Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent'

Lenten Series – “Whatsoever You do to the least of my sisters or brothers, you do unto me ...” (Matthew 25:40)

During Lent this year we will be focusing on an important theme raised during our synodality conversations - **How we can be more inclusive of people who are marginalised in society or made to feel unwelcome in the church?** Many people in the synodality groups commented that Jesus emphasised reaching across the barriers that exclude people. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a powerful example. A small group has been looking at plans to help us become better informed about those communities and people that find themselves marginalised by society, including by the church. So, during Lent this year we are holding 5 evening meetings which will look in a positive way at the inclusion of a particular group. We will have speakers who are directly involved who will share their experiences – of both joy and challenge.

These evening meetings will be at 7.00pm in the Parish House every Thursday and run weekly until 21 March.

Donald Scott writes: On Thursday, we were guided by Mary Bainbridge through the key themes from Fr James Martin's book *Building a Bridge*. The book encourages us to focus on what unites all who are baptised members of the Body of Christ. Recognising the painful gulf between the Church and so many members of the LGBT community, Fr Martin's image of bridge building involves a commitment to inclusion and listening in a relationship characterised by mutual respect, compassion, and sensitivity.'

The topic this week will be: 'Bethany Care Van and Welcome Centre

'We will hear from those who are working through *Bethany* with people who are homeless, providing meals and entering into relationship with those who are so marginalised and vulnerable.'

We welcome everyone who is free to join us at The Parish House at 7.00pm on Thursday.'

And the topics for the coming weeks will be:

14 Mar: Host families - welcoming and supporting refugees.

21 Mar: Multicultural family Base - working with diverse and minoritised children and families.

Under the Hammer – the Musical!

An Auction for The SCIAF Gaza Appeal 8pm - Saturday 16 March – St John's Hall

Jim Roarty writes: '**What can be better than an auction – the pressure the tension, the joy and disappointment – and the answer is an auction with music!**

Thanks to our intrepid donation-gatherers, we have assembled some fantastic items which will go under the hammer on Saturday 16 March at 8pm. Watch this space next week for a full list of the lots; there will be something there for you.

But, as well as the auction, you will be entertained by DJ Jen, playing music for all tastes.

So, come along on Sat 16 March at 8pm in St John's Church Hall for an evening of auction lots as well as lots of fun! Tickets only £5 which include a refreshment. BYOB

Proceeds to the SCIAF appeal for Gaza

THIS WEEK

Saturday 2 March

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

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Bereavement Mass** - *livestreamed*

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

Sunday 3 March – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Alpha Course** – Evening 2

Monday 4 March

2.30pm - St John's – **Healing Mass** - *livestreamed*

7.00pm – 2 Eskside East, Musselburgh - '**The Chosen**' **Monday House Group**

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/42ZN9Tt>

Tuesday 5 March

10.00am – Baptist Church Café - **Holy Huddle**

7.00pm – Parish House - **Mass** – *livestreamed*

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA** - Lent 3

Wednesday 6 March

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

10.35am – St John's – **Stations of the Cross** (led by the Legion of Mary)

7.00pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Holy Hour** (Deacon Eddie) – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – 38 Milton Rd West - '**The Chosen**' **Wednesday House Group**

Thursday 7 March

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

1.00pm – Mount Vernon – **Burial of Elizabeth Gilhooley**

7.00pm – Parish House – **Lenten Sessions** – third night: **Bethany Care Van and Welcome Centre**

Friday 8 March

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

7.00pm – Parish House - '**The Chosen**' **Friday House Group**

Saturday 9 March

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Leith - **Cluster Lenten Retreat, led by the new parish priest of St Mary's Fr Ray Warren OMI** – do sign up on the list at the back of both churches.

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

Sunday 10 March – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – SCIAF Sunday (Mother's Day)

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass** (with P3) – *livestreamed*

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass** – with P4 'Do This in Memory of Me' Children

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Alpha Course** – Evening 3

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 11 March – 7.00pm – St John's – **First Reconciliation for P3 Children**

Saturday 16 March – 8pm – St John's Hall – **A Musical Auction (Proceeds to the Gaza SCIAF Appeal)**

Saturday/Sunday 16/17 March – **RECONCILIATION SUNDAY** (with several priests available to celebrate reconciliation at the start of each Mass)

An Invitation from the St Ninian's, Restalrig, Care for Creation Group - 'Greetings, dear friends, we would like to invite you to join us this Lent to pray and reflect on the Gospel readings of weeks 4 and 5, as per below:

Tuesday 5th March

Lent 4: John 3,14-21

Tuesday 12th March

Lent 5: John 12,20-33

This will not be 'bible study' in the traditional sense, but a time to share together.'

SAINT OF THE WEEK – María Antonia de Paz y Figueroa

(Mama Antula) Argentine Laywoman (1730-1799) - Feast Day: 7 March

THE FIRST ARGENTINE FEMALE SAINT – CANONISED BY POPE FRANCIS THREE WEEKS AGO



Argentina's first woman saint was one of the most remarkable figures of the late eighteenth-century. A laywoman who brought the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to the people, she spent the second half of her life on the move, barefoot with a donkey and cart, corresponding with exiled Jesuits and almost singlehandedly keeping Ignatian spirituality alive. You can see why Pope Francis wants her raised up for today's Church and not just because of the Jesuit link. If you're after an example of a Church that "goes out of itself" to the peripheries, a Church of

"differentiated co-responsibility" in the words of the synod synthesis from last October's assembly, you can't do better. And if, as that document advocates, you seek a Church that recognises and values the active contribution of women in pastoral leadership, free of clericalism, María Antonia de Paz y Figueroa fits the bill perfectly.

In Argentina she is known as "Mama Antula", which is what the quichua-speaking Indigenous people affectionately called her, Antula being a short form of Antonia. She was born in 1730, the eldest of three daughters of Francisco Solano de Paz and Andrea de Figueroa, in Santiago del Estero, in the far north of today's Argentina. Then it was an early Spanish colonial city of settlers and Indians on the trading route between Lima to the north - the capital of what was then the Viceroyalty of Peru - and Buenos Aires, 1,000 km to the east, at the time a small but growing port on the viceroyalty's east coast. Hers was a privileged family. Don Francisco was an *encomendero*, that is, a settler entrusted with the care and labour benefits of a community of Indigenous people. María Antonia spent a lot of time with the Indigenous as a child, creeping out quietly to help them, and the family had African slaves as domestic servants. To the horror of her father, she seemed to have no problem with mixing freely with everyone, speaking to them of the things of God.

THE JESUITS were the major order in that time and in that place; they had a church, school, and a house for the Spiritual Exercises, and worked to protect the Indians from the abuse of the settlers. A childhood friend had become a Jesuit. As her spiritual director, Fr Gaspar Juárez introduced María Antonia to the Exercises and the life of St Ignatius. At the age of 15 she felt called to a Jesuit vocation but because the Jesuits did not admit women, she became a *beata*, a consecrated laywoman living with other *beatas* in community, taking vows of poverty and chastity and helping the Jesuits minister to the poor and give retreats. She abandoned her patrician Spanish surname to be known simply as María de San José, and, like the others, wore a simple black tunic. She went deep into the *Exercises*, finding it an extraordinary tool for evangelization. For the next 20 years she became a local missionary alongside the Jesuits, educating and organising retreats, and became a much-loved figure among the *santiagueños*. "Everyone sought her counsel and called her mother," recalled her first biography.

In 1767, when she was 37, King Charles III of Spain expelled the 456 Jesuits from the Americas, a prelude to the order's suppression by the Pope in 1773. Mama Antula was "tormented and disconsolate", as she wrote to the Jesuits, but in good Ignatian fashion asked what God was asking of her in these circumstances. Experiencing a burning desire to "repair the loss", she determined to give the people what the Jesuits had. With the bishop's backing, she and her fellow *beatas* organised ten-day retreats for people in and around Santiago. In each pueblo she would get permission from the authorities, find a place that could house a hundred people, collected food, organised donations, advertised the retreats by pinning up notices in bars and shops, and recruited priests who could preach each day. This was a retreat-giving operation like none before it: mobile, missionary, and radically inclusive, taking the *Exercises* to the people, she operated a preferential option for the poor, making clear that the "poor little people of the countryside" were to be sought out and preferred clients. People were amazed that inside the *casas de ejercicios* the rich rubbed shoulders with the poor, and slaves shared food and lodging with notables. The operation expanded into neighbouring provinces - Tucumán, Catamarca, Salta, La Rioja - with Mama Antula and her companions covering vast areas with just a donkey and trap.

There was little planning; they were led by encounters with people, and what Mama Antula called *impulsos divinos*, "divine prompts". In one year in Córdoba, 1777-78, she organized 14 ten-day retreats with 200-300 people in each - all the more remarkable considering the city had a population at that time of 11,500. She recorded all this in great detail in letters to the exiled Jesuits in Europe.

THEN CAME a time of testing. By the time she reached Buenos Aires on foot in 1779 she looked like a beggar, barefoot and exhausted, and was stoned and insulted. For nine months the bishop denied her permission to give the Exercises; and when he relented, the viceroy also said "No". She meekly accepted these rebuffs, but never gave up, convinced she was doing God's will. "*Patience is good,*" she used to say, "*but better still is perseverance.*" When in 1780 she eventually got permission, and secured a house for the purpose, people flocked to the retreats. By the end of 1781, she had given 34 of them, each attended by at least 200 people. Later, in the 1790s, a permanent house was built for the retreats, which still stands on *calle Independencia*, offering the Exercises to young people, poor people, and people suffering addictions.

Thousands of people had done the Exercises there before Mama Antula died in 1799, famed for her simplicity, poverty, and sanctity. By then, she was known in Europe: fans included Catherine, Empress of Russia, and French monasteries that had her letters read aloud at meals. Perhaps the best thing said of her was by a well-known priest at the time, Don Ambrosio Funes, who described her "*making war by her poverty, humility and zeal on the power, vanity and luxury and other vices of the court*". It could be a fitting description of one of her biggest fans, her compatriot Pope Francis, who canonised her on 11 February.

From The Tablet of 10 February

Listen to your heart

*We find it so hard to believe that with God's power
everything is possible. Some people dare to believe it
and their lives are changed forever.*

And your age has nothing to do with it.

Your holy and beautiful heart is always young.

It will not mislead you. Listen to it.

Daniel O'Leary, 'Already Within'



NOTICEBOARD

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

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Super Skip Saturday – 12 midday - Saturday 16 March - St Mary Magdalene's

Deacon Eddie writes: 'We have been having a (slightly prolonged) spring clean as you can see in the day chapel. Can you help? Many hands make light work.'

Join us on (16 March) for an hour or so as we fill a skip with the pile we have gathered. Archbishop Cushley is joining us in a couple of months for confirmations, we want the place looking pristine - there is so much rubbish we would never be able to hide in under a rug so help would be welcome.

There will be coffee, tea, tablet, biscuits. You can bring someone else to do the work whilst you sit and drink coffee.'

A Mother's Day initiative... STEKASkills is hoping to organise a bake sale for Mothers' Day, Sunday 10 March (and taking orders for afternoon tea hampers which can be collected after the Masses that day). **Please could anyone willing to bake or help, contact Emma Wood (stekaskills@gmail.com) or Chris Vinestock at the Parish House?** All money raised will be the St John's and Mary Magdalene's fund for the STEKASkills women's hostel.

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.'

Final score – a Reflection by parishioner Colin Davey – The Transformative Power of Listening

In 1960, eminent Polish musician Krzysztof Penderecki composed a short, highly experimental piece for strings, snappily entitled *8'37"* in simple reference to its length. But then he thought a bit more deeply about how the piece actually sounded, its narrative texture so to speak, and changed its name to *Threnody [lament] to the Victims of Hiroshima*. This was not a cynical gesture for recognition, although the piece indeed won international acclaim. In really listening, Penderecki had discovered something much deeper within his own composition that he had not intended to be there, something that spoke of an abyss of grief and despair, and retitled the piece to reflect what that felt like to him. It clearly felt like that to others too.

There's a message here that goes well beyond the face value of (re)branding. Do we just meander through the equivalent of our *8'37"*, our three-score years and ten, lost among life's loves and labours? Or, are we here to (also) seek deeper meaning and purpose, to listen out for hints and signs? Crucially, unlike Penderecki, we wouldn't want to leave it until the piece is finished, performed, before realising that we missed something worthwhile on the way, that the treasure was right beside the path all along, signposted at every crossroads. The Church gives us the wisdom, opportunity and time to reflect inwardly, to uncover hidden value across times of suffering and hardship as well as of joy. When our final minute does eventually come, as it must, and we prepare to fall silent, we can do so well-considered, wiser for the experience.

Father Jock often encourages us to be good listeners. I didn't say much at school, which was often mistaken for listening (our English teacher was fond of remarking that "empty vessels make the most noise", which I never quite understood because I'm pretty sure she was doing most of the talking). Nowadays, I'm certainly guilty on occasion of being away with the fairies, wrapped up in my own thoughts and formulations, just waiting my turn to speak. If we hear but don't listen then we miss out, whereas if we really listen with an open heart and mind then, like Penderecki, we may unlock a whole new layer of insight and inspiration, a bigger picture. Whether we connect with music, Mother Nature, our shared humanity or the Holy Spirit, we can discover remarkable things about ourselves and others. That's why listening is at the core of synodality, but is equally the very traction of silence, and everything in between.

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S "AD CLERUM"

Day for Catechists - If you are involved with RCIA, children's liturgy, sacramental preparation or any other catechist role, please register for the Archdiocesan *Day for Catechists* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9 March** from 10:30am-3:00pm. While the day is aimed at Catechists, all are welcome. Visit <https://bit.ly/dayforcatechists>

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross - Every Monday in Lent, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

Lent video reflections - Join Canon Hugh White each week in Lent as he reflects on the 'Challenge of the Gospel', in weekly videos posted each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Pathways of Hope - A forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty titled 'Pathways of Hope' takes place on **Saturday 16 March** - 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent

Called to be Saints - Youth Day - A Day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question, *what does it take to be a saint in the modern world?* Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, television presenter. It takes place on **Saturday 23 March**, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at bit.ly/calledtobesaints

Catholic Families for Life - The latest issue of newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded from www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk [from Friday 1 March].

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – JOHN 2: 13-25

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

I have a very simple attitude when it comes to supermarket checkouts. If you're anti-social and avoid what Jane Austen referred to as social intercourse, then head for the self-serve terminal. If you head for an operator checkout then you should at the very least be prepared to engage. So, on Tuesday a dialogue started: The shop was somewhat deserted. 'Hello! How are you doing?' 'OK! I suppose', not the most auspicious of starts.

My brain moved up a gear to the background symphonic rendition of 'beep', 'beep', 'beep', as I struggled to think of something to say. His demeanour gave me no encouragement whatsoever. 'Are you paying by card?'. I tried levity. 'Do you know, I haven't a clue where my cards are. I have everything on my 'phone – but 'yes! I'll pay by card.' Fortunately, my 'phone recognized my face (not always the case) and I waved the phone in the general direction of the terminal. A different 'beep' announced to him and I that somehow money had changed hands. I pressed on: 'Are you sure you're OK? You look like you've just lost a tenner and found a penny'. The dam broke. Not tears, but everything came pouring from his chest – grief, anger, despair, helplessness, life was crushing him before my eyes. He was broken. Cutting a long story short, he was about to be made homeless, he owes money to a loan shark, was behind with his Child Support payments, every penny he earned was spent before it hit his pay packet and he was at his wits' end. I reached into my first aid kit: If you worry you die, if you don't worry you still die, so why worry, How do you eat an elephant – cut it up into bite sized pieces, accept what you can't change, change what you can. Like a cup of water poured onto the desert sands they disappeared into the suffocating dryness of his life. He was due in Court on Wednesday. I went back into the shop on Thursday to see how he had got on. He hadn't turned up. His manager told me that it had all got too much for him. He was now homeless and had handed in his notice. He had a friend in Leeds. He may have gone there. The sadness of the situation was overwhelming, the randomness of life was overwhelming, my feeling of helplessness was overwhelming.

My own anger started rumbling and bubbling away. Someone once asked why I am so angry. Am I that obvious, I wondered? There is a great deal to be angry about. £400 million on a Rwanda Vanity Project, and not a penny extra to feed malnourished children. How's that for starters? Child malnutrition is at record levels in the 6th richest nation on earth. SHELTER estimates that there are 271,000 homeless people in England including 123,000 children. It should make everyone angry. The challenge I face on a daily basis is what am I going to do with the anger. How can I channel it to drive change.

This weekend's Gospel, however, shows us something of the lengths that Jesus would adopt. It's important to note that Jesus is not violent towards any individual. He is angry that the Temple has been taken over by commerce – money lenders and livestock vendors making excessive profit. Jesus is angry at the situation that allows this state of play to go unchecked. Imagine how he feels about us when we remain silent for fear of rocking the boat. It is difficult to strike a balance, but can we really be silent on everything. I stand accused of being too political. Someone once suggested that the Gospel has nothing to do with politics! When we look closely at the episode described by John this weekend, we see that not only is Jesus angry at the situation, but also that his anger spurs him into action. Jesus becomes political and he cracks the whip, he makes a lot of noise, he demonstrates his anger. He shows passion. He generates commotion, and it is the ensuing chaos that drives home the point and effects the necessary change. The thing that always strikes me about the whole episode is that anarchic chaos is never far from the most ordered of outcomes. The chaos and hysteria of Good Friday, rooted as it was in injustice, gives way to the peace of Easter Morn with its folded cloths, rolled back stone and the peace of the Resurrection Garden.

If we never get angry at injustice, how are we to summon the energy to address it? Injustice should make us angry, and like Jesus, we channel that anger into effective change. At the very least we must all speak out, remembering that for evil to thrive all that is required is for good people to remain silent.

PARISH REGISTER

Many congratulations to Pat and John Whyte, who celebrate their Golden Wedding next Saturday, 9 March.

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*David O'Flaherty - Mary Clements
James Auld*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Josie Flanagan - James Alexander
Mary Glancy - Anthony Finnerty
Maureen Sime - Paul Williams
Alison Thompson - Fr Gerry
O'Mahony SJ - Jean Greig*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Robert Clark, Eddie Clark, Ian Thompson, John Carr, John Lawler, Christina Wilson, Jimmy Curnyn, John Cregan, Pat Gilmartin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Baby Grayson McNally, Irene Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Rose Thornton, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, 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.

Offertory 25 February 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £248.26 total, including
£142.26 Offertory and £106.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £4830.00 total, including £327.20 Offertory,
£3737.80 Gift Aid, and £765.00 online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Mar.2: Bill Hughes (2021); Thomas Malcolm (1983); **Mar.3:** Mary Glancy (2020); Agnes Denning (2012); Hugh Christie (1995); Joan Gillon (1991); William T Leydon (1991); Vincent McGlone (1990); Mary Young; **Mar.4:** Helen Ryan (1998); Paddy Dixon (1997); **Mar.5:** Elmar Begg (1989); Thomas Rooney (1959); Elizabeth Forsyth; **Mar.6:** Patrick J (Joe) Ward (1999); Agnes Boyle; Conal Boyle; **Mar.7:** Maureen Sime (2018); Anne Holt (1981); **Mar.8:** Jean Greig (2020); Thomas Connor (1998); Annie Tunley (1952);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mar.2: James Sweeney (1971); **Mar.4:** Edward Grant (1999); **Mar.5:** Bernard Halliday (1983); **Mar.7:** John Hughes (1967); **Mar.8:** Michael Watt (2008); Vincent Dobie (2001); Alistair N Sibbald (1994); Stuart King (1991);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Jennifer Lackie; Rita Molloy, Monique Kopp; Mary Lyons, Mark McCann, Lochie Murray, Canon Andrew Monaghan, Elizabeth McKenzie, Jim Gray, Michael McKean, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Raymond McCabe, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, 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, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnel, Mary Madden, John Wiggins, Lucy Pagett, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Peter Robinson, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, Shona Killin, Tom Heeney, 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 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.

THANK YOU!