

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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5 MAY 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends" (John 15:12-13)

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...

This Tuesday at 7.00pm we welcome Archbishop Leo Cushley to St Mary Magdalene's where he will confirm 51 young people from our two parishes and from St Teresa's. Please pray for them all and especially for Aaron McIntyre, Aine Jones, Annabel Gibson, Cristian Andreucci, Daniel McHardy, Emma Garcia Sancho Heeney, Ethan Dunleavy, Evie Fraser, Helena Barrett, Ignacio Finlayson, Josie Stewart, Julia Gebolys, Karol Stefan Klag, Marianne Read, Max Flisek, Murdo Sinclair, Noemi Mielnik-Kosmiderska, Ollie McIntyre, Serin Kazimoglu, Sienna Young, Sophia Baczyk, Sophie Shepherd, Thomas Baranski, Uyi Ezomo and Danielle Jamieson.

On Monday, at 2.30pm in St John's, there is the monthly **Healing Mass** – with the Sacrament of the Sick. All most welcome....

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holiday of Obligation (and Celebration). **There will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm**.... Friday sees the beginning of the original Novena – nine days of prayer in anticipation of a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Archbishop Leo writes: ‘Next Sunday 12 May is World Communications Day, and a special collection will take place at all Masses for the apostolate of communications. It helps fund the Catholic Media Office which represents the Church in Scotland. In his message for the day, Pope Francis urges us to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of artificial intelligence. You can read the letter on the Archdiocesan website at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events’

St Mary Magdalene Open Meeting - It was lovely so many people attended the meeting last Sunday after Mass. A number of ideas emerged – including A Children’s Corner in the Church (like St John’s now have), Games Nights for Young People, A Disco Night for Children (possibly on 27 June), A Cultural/Family Evening (possibly on 21 June), Film Nights, Quiz Nights, A Singing Group. A Drop-in for Senior Citizens, A Youth Group, Defibrillator Training, A Walking Group, Refreshed Links with St Martin’s and Flexible Seating in the Day Chapel. It is proposed to set up a new Parish Pastoral Council (with possible date of first meeting on 10 June at 7.00pm). It is also hoped to arrange a Food Hygiene Training Day to expand the hospitality we can offer.

***THE NEXT ST JOHN’S OPEN PARISH MEETING IS AT 7.00PM ON SUNDAY 19 MAY
– PLEASE DO MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG...***

Our Alpha Group meetings are coming to an end with a final meeting this Sunday at 7.00pm... **The Alpha Team writes:** ‘A few weeks ago a group of parishioners from both St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s started their journey on the Alpha course. Each week we have met in the St John’s Parish Hall to have a meal, watch a video on the topic for that week, and then to share our views and raise any burning questions. It has been a special time for reflection on our faith and has offered an opportunity to make good connections with fellow parishioners.

Thank you for keeping the participants in your prayers over the past weeks – and please continue to pray for them that they will continue to experience the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.’

Fr Jock’s Lenten Sponsored Slim raised £1075.00 for our fundraising campaign for the StekaSkills Women’s Hostel in Malawi – he is very **grateful** for so many people’s generosity (and promises to try hard keep those hard-won lbs off...)

From the Justice and Peace group: ‘Food Bank Donations - There are two foodbanks in our area that deal with people who are desperately short of the essentials. These are located at *Wilson Memorial Church, Portobello* and the *Thistle Centre in Craigmillar*. These foodbanks help people in dire circumstances who are referred by agencies such as Social Services, the Health Service or the Edinburgh City Mission.

The J&P Group will donate some of what is needed and take the goods to the foodbanks on a regular basis. However, to help meet the huge need for supplies, we wondered if parishioners would like to donate goods, or money to buy goods.

Goods can be left in the ‘Food Boxes’ in the porch of either of our churches, Money donations can be given to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris and any other member of the J&P Group or handed into the Parish House. Type of goods needed – *breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, other cooking sauces, baked beans, other tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, stock cubes, instant mash, UHT milk, Fruit juice, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert, jam and biscuits. Toilet paper, household cleaning materials, toothpaste, soap etc.* are also welcome. Thank you.’

THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 May

9.15am-1.30am – St John’s Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Charity Sale**

10.30am-1.00pm – St John Cantius and St Nicholas, Broxburn – **‘Synodal Conversations’**

3.00pm – St John’s - **Wedding Convalidation for Stefan and Gwendy Durkacz**

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

Sunday 5 May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
2.00pm – St Cuthbert’s Church, 104 Slateford Rd – **African and Caribbean Mass**
7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Alpha Course** – Evening 10

Monday 6 May

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/49UxMxv>
7.30pm-9.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church – **Paul’s Disciples and their Changing View of Women**

Tuesday 7 May

9am [NB Change of time]– St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.00pm – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Confirmation Service with Archbishop Leo Cushley** – *livestreamed*
No RCIA meeting this week.

Wednesday 8 May - 10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 9 May – FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.00pm – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Friday 10 May - 10.00am – St Andrew’s, Ravelston – **Requiem Mass for George McDermott**
(Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Jock)

12.15pm - St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Margaret Duff** – *livestreamed*
7.00pm – Parish House – **Mass and Meal with St John’s Primary School Staff**

Saturday 11 May – 6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 12 May – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Communications Sunday)

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)** – *livestreamed*



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

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO’S “AD CLERUM”

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill - Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Youth Day for p4-p7 - Parents! If you have a child(ren) aged p4-p7 why not sign them up for *A Day with Mary* at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 11 May 2024**? It takes place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and is a chance for children to learn more about the Blessed Virgin in her month of May, while enjoying games and activities with kids from across the Archdiocese. Register at <https://bit.ly/daywithmary2024>

Mass for Married & Engaged couples - The annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples is at 7:15pm on **Wednesday 29 May 2024** at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Funding for teachers - Are you a teacher considering studying for the Catholic Teacher's Certificate to teach Religious Education? The Archdiocese will pay half the cost of this course for 20 teachers working in our Archdiocese. For an application form please email kay.leslie@staned.org.uk

Funding to Study Theology - SAAS funding is available for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary’s University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>. A webinar takes place on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Register now at <https://bit.ly/theologywebinar>

Events in the Archdiocese - For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Peter Maurin

Co-founder of the Catholic Worker (1877-1949) – Feast Day: 9 May

"The future will be different if we make the present different."



Peter Maurin was born on 9 May 1877, in the ancient Languedoc region of southern France. He was one of twenty-three children, born to a peasant family who could boast of a claim to the land they farmed dating back fifteen hundred years. Educated by the Christian Brothers, he had breathed in the atmosphere of Catholic populism, then in ferment in France, before sailing for North America in 1909. For twenty years he drifted through America performing various kinds of hard manual labour. Like St Francis, he embraced Holy Poverty as his bride, dining in skid-row beaneries and sleeping wherever he could find a bed. What little money he earned he either spent on books or gave away to those in greater need. His mind was elsewhere. As he roamed the country, breaking rocks and mending roads, he was all the while engaged in his true work, an effort to

devise a synthesis in the area of Catholic social philosophy.

The main problem with society, as Maurin saw it, was that sociology, economics, and politics had all been separated from the gospel. In the process, society had lost any sense of the ultimate, transcendent purpose of human activity. Social life had come to be organized around the drive for production and the search for profits, rather than the full development of persons. Human beings, rather than co-creators with God, had become alienated cogs in a machine. The church, in Maurin's view, had an answer to all this, but it had failed to act on it. There was "dynamite" in the Gospels, but the clergy preferred to keep it under lock and key. What was necessary was to "blow the lid" off that dynamite.

Maurin's program was a *"personalist revolution,"* which called for *"building a new world within the shell of the old."* Rather than waiting for the correct *"objective circumstances,"* one should begin at once to live by a new set of values. *"The future will be different,"* he said, *"if we make the present different."*

He had set his ideas into "Easy Essays," designed for street-corner declamation:

The world would become better off if people tried to become better.

And people would become better if they stopped trying to become better off.

But with his thick French accent, shabby appearance, and visionary gleam, Maurin was considerably more successful at formulating principles than translating them into actions on a scale larger than himself.

All this changed in 1932, however, when he was directed to meet a young journalist, Dorothy Day, a Catholic convert with a history of involvement in radical social movements. She had been seeking a sign as to how to combine her religious faith with her social vision. In Peter Maurin, who began to indoctrinate her within minutes of their first meeting, she believed she had found the answer to her prayers.

Maurin had a three-part programme, which involved starting a newspaper *"for the clarification of thought";* organizing "houses of hospitality" for the practice of the works of mercy (feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc.); and the organization of farming communes as the first step toward a decentralized, communitarian economy, the kind of society *"where it would be easier to be good."*

With her background in journalism, Day immediately responded to the first suggestion. The result was the *Catholic Worker*, first distributed in Union Square on 1 May 1933. The newspaper gradually evolved into a movement based in rural and urban communities across the land. Imbued with the radical spirit of the Beatitudes, the *Catholic Worker* promoted such themes as voluntary poverty, community, solidarity with the poor and oppressed, and gospel nonviolence. As a prophetic voice in the American church, the Catholic Worker movement exerted an enormous influence beyond the numbers of its subscribers and its committed activists.

Though the message of the movement came to be identified more with Dorothy Day, she always credited Maurin with its inspiration. In later years she would say, *"If he had said, 'Go to Madison Square Garden and*

speaking these ideas', I would have overcome all sense of fear and would have attempted such a folly, convinced that though it was the 'folly of the Cross' and doomed to failure, God Himself would take this failure and turn it into victory."

Peter Maurin lived to see his ideas put in action at last. But his years of activity in the *Catholic Worker* were limited. He died in 1949 at the age of seventy-two. In his last five years he had been mute and feeble, disabled by a stroke that impaired his mind and left him, in his own words, "unable to think." Day considered the manner of his death instructive. Peter had been the poor man of his day. He had stripped himself of everything else, and finally he was stripped of the one thing he cherished. This man of vision had, in the end, to be dressed and fed like a child. Yet he never complained. He accepted his condition with grace and patience. Some years before his death, he gave the community a fright by disappearing for several days. When at last he returned, confused but apparently pleased with himself, he explained that he had felt like going for a ride on a bus. Thereafter, a note was pinned on his suit: "*I am Peter Maurin, founder of the Catholic Worker movement.*"

See: Peter Maurin, Easy Essays (Chicago: Franciscan Herald, 1977); Dorothy Day, The Long Loneliness (New York: Harper & Row, 1952); Marc H. Ellis, Peter Maurin: Prophet in the Twentieth Century (New York: Paulist, 1981).

NOTICEBOARD

Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):
By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: svpedineast@gmail.com

The Newman Association - Edinburgh Circle Meetings - *Promoting open discussion and greater understanding in today's Church. Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ*
Monday 6 May - 7.30-9.30pm - "Paul's Disciples and their Changing View of Women", with Prof. Helen Bond, Professor of Christian Origins, at the School of Divinity in New College, Edinburgh University. All are warmly invited to attend.

Bake sale - St John's P6 children have started fundraising for their final year trip to Benmore at the end of the year. **They are organising a bake sale to be held at tea & coffee after the 9:30am Mass at St John's on 12 May in the Church Hall.** Thank you for supporting them.

Conor Dempsey runs the Copenhagen Marathon this Sunday, 5 May, and his Mum, Colette, has walked the equivalent 26.2 miles around Edinburgh – both for the STEKASkills Women's Hostel

'Conor Dempsey is running the Copenhagen Marathon (and his mum, Colette, is walking the same distance over 3 days here in Edinburgh to help the STEKASkills build a desperately needed women's hostel in Malawi).

STEKASkills is a grassroots Malawian-led charity that endeavours to tackle the huge inequalities and poverty faced, particularly by women, in that country. Malawi is the fourth poorest country in the world, with 70 percent of its population living on less than \$2.15 a day; only 1% of people can go to college, and only 11% can complete primary school. So however ambitious they are, most people can't get the skills they need to get work and can become vulnerable to traffickers.

The volunteers who run STEKASkills have campaigned tirelessly to help build a STEKA Centre for Vocational Skills and Community Enterprise, so that people living in poverty can develop the skills they need to live sustainable, independent lives.

But gender inequality and systematic abuse have prevented a number of women from being able to complete training at the Centre. This can be solved by building a women's hostel where women can live safely together whilst they study and develop their confidence and ambition to gain the skills they need to sustain themselves and their children.

Colette visited Malawi in 2020 – on our Parishes' Pilgrimage - and saw firsthand what an impact is being made by STEKASkills there. Her experience has motivated Conor to support the women's hostel through his marathon run. Colette is also raising funds through her walk and more fundraising initiatives through our two churches.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/conordempsey?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fconordempsey&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

And you can find out more about STEKAskills' campaign for a women's hostel on the website:

<https://www.stekaskills.com/about-5>

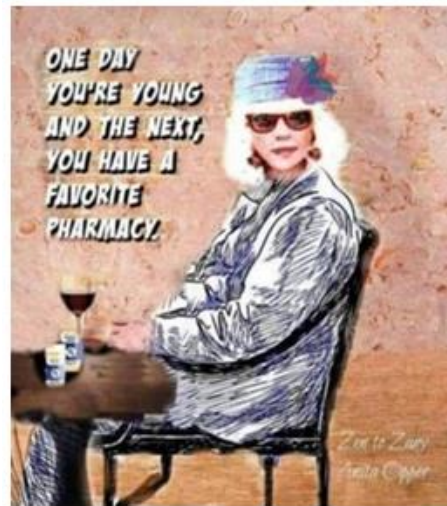
Colette will be at the back of both Churches at the end of all Masses this and next week to collect 'off-line' donations.

On the funny side ...

Going to be a great summer ... I'm staying local this year ...



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News from the Legion of Mary

Medjugorje pilgrimage: ' On Wednesday **8 May** a small group will set out to Medjugorje again. 3 are parishioners of St John's, 1 of the Cathedral, 1 of Falkirk, 1 of Nunraw and 2 of Glasgow Diocese. We have all been before and know each other very well. This trip we are travelling by a different route. It is not such an early flight, but the journey takes the same time. Most of us will be in Medjugorje for 2 weeks and we are looking forward to a peaceful, prayerful and relaxing time with our friends. Be assured that we will be praying for our Parishes and for our sick. We will remember all those who used to come to Medjugorje with us but are no longer able to travel. May Our Lady bring us closer to her son.

The **April Charity Coffee Morning** raised **£240.00** for "Malaria No More". Thank you to those who gave generously and made the event a friendly and companionable time. The **May Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 27 May in St John's Parish Hall after Mass.** This is due to the trip to Medjugorje. **Donations will be given to Mary's Meals**, which is working to alleviate hunger in Tigray, Ethiopia. The situation is desperate there at the moment. Please come along and enjoy home-baking, tea, coffee and good company.

Participation in the Pro-Life Chain - Last Saturday **27 April**, Sandra Cooper and Maria Igoe took the bus to Lothian Road to join the Pro-Life Chain. It was a lovely sunny day and there was a large crowd gathered. We stood holding a placard, quietly giving witness. Then we said the Rosary together. We met some people, whom we know, from Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow. The event started with the rosary in the Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am and then the group moved to Lothian Road, outside the Sheraton Hotel. At 1.00pm the event closed and those present went to the Sacred Heart Hall and had soup, crusty bread, doughnuts and drinks. The Hall was full, and everyone had a lovely time. This year 200 were present. This was an increase on last year, when 120 were there. It is great to see so many young people. It is well worth attending this event.



Legion of Mary Thanksgiving Day -- On **26 May** the Legion will gather from all over Scotland to celebrate at Carfin with Holy Mass at 3.00pm. We usually go early to have lunch and have a walk around the grounds. If you would like to come to this event, please contact Maria Igoe 07981333219. If you are able to help us with transport, please let us know. Any help will be very much appreciated.'

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – JOHN 15: 9-17

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

There is growing evidence that the ‘smart’ ‘phones on which so much of modern life depends are listening in to our day-to-day interactions and conversations. For this reason, I am a little mistrustful of Alexa. Let me re-phrase that: I am very mistrustful of Alexa. Being the great conspiracist that I am, I read and hear of too many tales of Alexa listening in. Who on earth is Alexa. She is Amazon’s creation: she sits in any or all of your rooms and retains the power to control many aspects of your life. ‘Alexa, play some Beatles music’. Like a modern-day genie of the lamp, she obeys and soon the lounge is filled with music. Music too loud? ‘Alexa – volume 4, please? The music is softened. Whatever you ask Alexa to do, she will obey but rather like Meatloaf who once cried ‘I would do anything for love, but I won’t do that!’ - neither will Alexa (as far as I am aware.) Alexa is banned from our house. She is too close to Jeff Bezos and Amazon’s quest for world domination. There are too many cautionary tales of targeted advertising appearing on home computers, prompted by a conversation in the home that Alexa has overheard.

I prefer Siri. Siri is Apple’s equivalent. For some inexplicable reason, I am more trustful of Siri. I like to think I have his measure – but probably haven’t. If I want information on some recipe, or some other matter, I mention loudly in conversation that I think I might make or want..... just before going to bed. Sure enough, next morning, recipe suggestions and product endorsements appear on my iPhone as if by random. I pretend to be surprised. ‘*How spooky is that? I was just talking about Hungarian Goulash last night.*’ I profess consternation. A double bluff has been played – or was it treble bluff? Or quadruple bluff? Then there is the car. I press and hold the microphone button on the steering wheel. ‘*What is my tyre pressure today?*’ She reels off the values. ‘*Your front nearside is 2.1 bar as is your offside. Your rear nearside is 2.2 bar and the offside 2.3 bar. Would you like me to check tyre temperature?*’ I feel like Lewis Hamilton. ‘*Yes, please.*’ Who doesn’t want to know tyre temperature – and what is a ‘bar’; anyway? If not king of the road, I certainly feel king of the car with such a helpful travel companion. ‘*Plot a route to Sainsbury’s in Throckley and tell me what the weather is like there?*’ ‘*I have displayed a route for you: your travel time is expected to be 47 minutes. Currently it’s raining in Throckley.*’ I don’t need to know the weather – but I enjoy being able to ask. Modern life is made easier by such gadgetry. No longer do we have to grapple with the 3 volumes of instructions that accompanied the TV and Sound System. Now all that is required is a few personal preferences before the electronic circuits are left to their own devices. Modern devices make life simpler – but are designed to enslave us. They invariably succeed. Think of the panic that coursed through your veins the day you thought you had lost your ‘phone.

Today’s Gospel sees Jesus in his final discourse giving the simplest of instructions: *This is my commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you.* If the apostles were feeling anxious as to what the future held, then the simplicity of his message will have brought reassurance. Just as it will have consoled them, it should also console us. The message is simple. The living of it requires effort and it will cost us. Sometimes it will cost us not less than everything. It’s the cost of discipleship and therein lies its difficulty. It’s effort that is the killer in life. I only became free when I was able to hand over everything to God – only by trusting Him, did I experience freedom. But that was my most costly investment. Addiction and behaviours had brought me to rock bottom. The only way was up – but until I released my vice-like grip on the seabed, I stood absolutely no chance of floating to the surface.

It’s hard to be a disciple and preach the Gospel of Love because of the moral vacuum in which we live. It should be easy to preach effectively because nature abhors a vacuum. But it’s so difficult to make the Gospel heard. ‘*Alexa play some Beethoven. Alexa, fill my peace with clutter – any clutter will do if it stops me having to think.*’ The Gospel is simple. We make it more complicated than it need be. To take an example in point – we know we should not talk of revenge so instead tie ourselves in knots with definitions of a ‘just war’, ‘restorative justice’ It’s the practice, the effort that causes the problem. Just love. For God’s sake – just love. For your own sanity – just love. It really is a very simple message. It is life enhancing. It embodies freedom. Just show love – the same love He has shown you.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

George McDermott - Johnny Jones

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Barbara Blackburn - Rustom Carpo

Charlie Nowosielecki - Jamie Clark

Bridget McTighe - Vincent Collie

Kevin Ketchum - Martin Gaughan

Samuel Wright - Audrey Tait

John Prior (snr)

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Patrick McGrath, Barbara Durkacz, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Mairi O'Connor, Betty Dougal, Robert Clark, Eddie Clark, John Lawler, Jimmy Curnyn, Pat Gilmartin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, 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, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Jean Douglas, Monica Gorman, Sam Burns, Aisha Montgomery, Eleanor Campanile, 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.

THANK YOU

Offertory 28 April 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £240.53 total, including £159.53 Offertory and £81.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1306.40 total, including £378.50 Offertory, £221.90 Gift Aid, and £706.00 average weekly online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

May 4: Charlie Nowosielski (2020); Henry Stuart Mackersy (1994); John McElroy (1987); Peter Moran (1985); **May 5:** Kevin Flynn; **May 6:** David M Metcalfe (2006); Theresa Henderson (1995); Edward Hanlon; **May 7:** Jamie Clark (2020); William Hobb (2020); Veronica Mackenzie (2015); Lorna Demarco (1971); James H McGrory (1957); Mary Macnamara; Bridget Murray; **May 8:** Bridget McTighe (2018); John Rennie (2011); Jim Ponton (1986); John Kane (1949); Mary Taylor; **May 9:** Rosanna O'Neill (1970); Bruno Nicora (1932); **May 10:** Vincent Collie (2023); Kevin Ketchum (2022); Michael McGovern (2004); William Cunningham (1984);

St Mary Magdalene's:

May 5: Joseph Robertson (1998); **May 6:** Bridget Dowie (1968); **May 7:** William McPhillips (1998); Margaret Hanlon (1994); **May 8:** Martin Gaughan (1998); Thomas Murphy (1968); **May 10:** Audrey Tait (2023); Samuel Tosney (1999); Patrick Walker (1991);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Tommy Muir, Sheila O'Laughlin, Diana Williams, Fiona McDermott, Baby Paddy Glynn, Tommy McPake, Nicola Murray, Helen Campbell, Coralie Isherwood, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, Edith and Bill Edgar, Shirley Robertson, Norah Hardie, Catherine Princess of Wales, King Charles, Brian McGhee, Jennifer Lackie, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Mark McCann, 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 McDermott, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, 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 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 11), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Rita Noonan, members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, 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, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.