

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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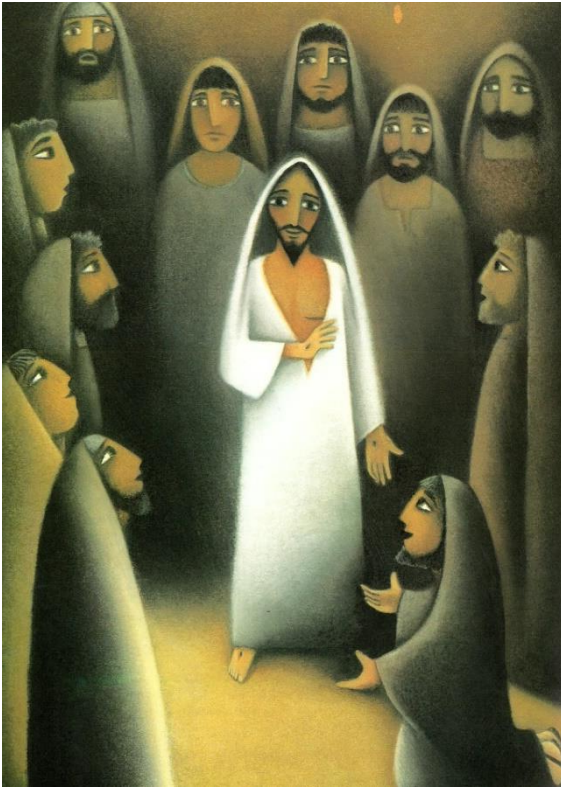
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## 7 APRIL 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY)



Jesus came to the upper room and stood among his disciples. Then he said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side.

They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the father sent me, so am I sending you." (John 20:19-21)

*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...*

**Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also the Feast of Divine Mercy.** As two parishes, we grieve **Canon Andrew Monaghan**, a good friend to our community, who died on Wednesday.

**On Monday, the great Feast of the Annunciation (postponed from 25 March)** we celebrate our monthly **Healing Mass – with the Sacrament of the Sick** – at 2.30pm in St John's. All welcome.

**Our next Baptismal Preparation Course** will take place this **Thursday 11 April** and next **Thursday 18 April** at 7.30pm in the Parish House at 7.30pm. If you would like to participate, please make contact asap with Fr Jock.

**With this newsletter is a 4-page handout from STEKA Skills**, launching our fundraising for the Steka Skills Women Hostel, near Blantyre on Malawi – and giving the background to both the Home and the Skills Centre, and to our two parishes' involvement with them.

# Welcome To Our Steka Women's Hostel Fundraising Club Draw

Gerry Power writes: 'Here's great way for you to support building the **Steka Women's Hostel in Malawi** whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

*Set up a standing order with your bank for £10 per month (St John's Church, sort code 804653, account number 10765768), or pay by cash or cheque (hand in your envelope to the Parish House). Forms and draw rules can be found at the back of the two churches (or you can download it from here: <https://bit.ly/4cK3sIx>)*

This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. All participants must be over 16.

The draw will take place alternately after the 9.30am Mass at St John's and the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's – on the last Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 26 May. If you win, we will send you a cheque in your name.

The prize money will be 25% of the membership fee taken each month. The remaining 75% goes towards funding the building of the Steka Women's Hostel.

The Fundraising Club Draw will run for 12 months, that is from May 2024 to April 2025 (last draw)

Any queries, please contact Gerry Power on 07954747791 or email [gerryporto@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gerryporto@blueyonder.co.uk)

Join our Steka Women's Hostel Fundraising club draw – you could be our first winner!

**Fr Jock's Sponsored Slim** – raising funds for the **Women's Hostel** – was eventually rather more effective than at one moment looked likely (blame it on the insulin...) in that he did manage to lose **6lb**. Thanks to all those who have paid their debts: and equally to those who will hand in their contributions in the coming days....including even those who kindly meant to sponsor him, but never quite got round to it...

## THIS WEEK

### Saturday 6 April

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

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

### Sunday 7 April – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

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

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Alpha Course** – Evening 6

### Monday 8 April - The Feast of the Annunciation

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

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/43Nbso3>

### Tuesday 9 April

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

7.45pm – Parish House - RCIA – **Mystagogia 1** (The period of 'Aftercare')

**Wednesday 10 April** - 10.00am – St John's Hall – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

### Thursday 11 April

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

7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptism Preparation Course** – Evening 1

**Friday 12 April** - 10.00am – St John's Hall – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

### Saturday 13 April

12.30am – St John's – **Baptism of Mia Dewar**

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

### Sunday 7 April – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Alpha Course** – Evening 7



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

## FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S "AD CLERUM"

**Mass with African & Caribbean community** - The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, **this Sunday 7 April at 2.00pm**. All welcome.

**James McMillan event** - Join Sir James MacMillan, one of the world's most successful living composers and Scotland's best known Catholic musician, for a free talk at *St Mary's Cathedral*, Edinburgh, on **Tuesday 23 April** at 7:30pm. Sir James will explore how chant, as the music of Faith, has influenced the history of music. Register at <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>

**Deeply Devoted** - Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on **Saturday 27 April** 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. *Deeply Devoted* features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

**Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh** - SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on **Saturday 27 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the Rosary at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

Just One Year

*Christ who was homeless, bless the wanderers. Christ who was hungry, bless the needy.  
Christ who was crucified, bless the fearful. Christ who was raised to life on Easter Day,  
Grant freedom and hope to suffering mankind.*

Christine Odell

### Colin Davey - A Reflection on Loss and Gain, great and small

*Psychologists will tell you that losing a tenner has a much greater, long-lasting emotional impact than finding one. I can sort of see that: we tend to 'blow' found cash as quickly as possible but spend that lost tenner in our minds many times over. Is it always the case, though, that loss brings more heartbreak than gain brings joy?*

*Back in the late 1970s I went on a school trip during 'activities week', camping, climbing and fell walking in north Wales. On one occasion we had to trek a few miles along the road to a village close by the mountain we were to climb. The teachers set us off from camp in pairs to see whether we could get a lift from passing motorists (unthinkable these days!). Off I hurried with my friend Simon (who is not also called Peter, but was nonetheless a rock to this small, quiet child). We were eager to get going, bag the first lift, get to the village before the others. However, turns out that the first ones in line will later be last, as our school chums waved in their successive pairs out the back of passing cars. Also turns out that Simon had his thumb out the wrong way up, which can't have helped.*

*Once regrouped ("... did you see us wave at you?"), we began to make our way up the mountain, only to encounter a traumatic sight. A sheep had become stuck by its front legs in a watering hole and, unable to struggle free, with no strength left to keep its head up, had drowned. Its lamb remained nearby, bleating in despair. It might have been there for some days already. I imagined that the shepherd came to rescue that little orphan. Perhaps we glimpsed him, later, on the descent, with the lamb in his arms. I'm pretty sure we did.*

*When I imagine how despairing Jesus' followers must have been at the crucifixion, it evokes this experience on the mountain, which for me as a child distilled all the power that loss had to offer. Only something as phenomenal as the resurrection could ever have got those disciples back on their feet; only receiving the Holy Spirit could ever have got the apostles out on the road to spread the Word in the face of indifference, hostility and even martyrdom. It could only have been these things.*

*Although the disciples experienced a crushing tragedy, losing everything at a stroke, in the process they found (and founded) something monumental. Just as with the tenner, gain was only made possible through loss. In this case, though, the treasure was lost once but has been found many times over, and each time with joy.*

*I recall the name of the village at the base of the mountain we climbed that day: it was Beddgelert. This derives from Gelert the dog, who, according to Welsh folklore, was a brave and faithful hound of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, remembered for suffering an unjust death at the hands of those whom he had in fact saved. Yet more tragedy. At least, in writing this, I'm over the whole sheep thing now.*

# 'SAINT' OF THE WEEK – Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

*Mystic and Scientist (1881-1955) – Feast Day: 10 April*

*"I want to teach people how to see God everywhere, to see Him in all that is most hidden, most solid, and most ultimate in the world."*



The work of the French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin lies behind many of the most creative movements in contemporary theology and spirituality. He was a prophet who laboured hard to reconcile the language of science and the language of religion. He was a mystic, afire with a vision of the divine mystery at the heart of the cosmos. He was also a man of profound faith who epitomized a spirituality of engagement in the world and its deepest questions.

Yet little of this was recognized in his life. Throughout his career he was denied permission by Rome and his religious superiors to publish any of his theological or philosophical writings, to lecture publicly, or even to accept any significant academic appointments. Such treatment caused him severe frustration and suffering. Yet he submitted in obedience, convinced that he served Christ best by faithfulness to his vocation. *"The more the years pass, the more I begin to think that my function is probably simply that... of John the Baptist, that is, of one who presages what is to come. Or perhaps what I am called on to do is simply to help in the birth of a new soul in that which already is."*

Teilhard was born on 1 May 1881, to a large family of noble lineage. The volcanic hills that surrounded his home in the Auvergne region of France stimulated a childhood fascination with rocks and fossils. He maintained this enthusiasm after entering the Jesuits at the age of eighteen. Thereafter his theological studies were pursued in tandem with research in geology and palaeontology.

Teilhard went on to become a scientist of the first rank. He published over a hundred scholarly articles and took part in excavations on three continents. He was part of the team that discovered the remains of "Peking Man," at that time the oldest human ancestor on record. But all the while he was working out a profound theological synthesis, integrating the theory of evolution with his own cosmic vision of Christianity.

According to Teilhard the history of the earth reflected a gradual unfolding of the potentialities of matter and energy. Inanimate matter gave way to life; simple life forms gave way to ever more complex organisms. All this culminated in human consciousness. But was this the final terminus of evolution? Teilhard believed the process must continue, though now across the threshold of consciousness. Where was the destination of this process? Teilhard called it the Omega Point - the horizon in which spirit and matter must eventually converge. As a Christian, he identified this Omega with Christ, the beginning and end of history. In Jesus, God-made-flesh, we had a guarantee of our ultimate destiny. Here the spirit of God and the principle of matter were definitively joined.

Teilhard's spirituality was marked by a strong apprehension of the Incarnation. With a mystic's eye he perceived the face of the divine in all of creation. In part this vision was forged in the midst of death, while he served courageously as a stretcher-bearer during World War I. He later described an experience that had occurred as he sat in a chapel near the battlefield of Verdun, meditating on the consecrated host. It seemed as if the energy of God's incarnate love expanded to fill the room, and ultimately to encompass the battlefield and the entire universe. For Teilhard, as for the Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, the world was *"charged with the grandeur of God."* Similarly, in a *"Hymn to Matter,"* he wrote:

*Blessed be you, harsh matter, barren soil, stubborn rock: you who yield only to violence, you would force us to work if we would eat. ... Blessed be you, mortal matter! Without you, without your onslaughts, without your uprooting of us, we should remain ignorant of ourselves and of God.*

Teilhard spent the years 1923 to 1946 doing research and field work in China. The assignment was a kind of exile, the result of his superiors' desire to keep him far from the theological limelight in Europe. But it was there that he worked out his most mature thought. He was thrilled with the idea that through work in the world human beings were participating in the ongoing extension and consecration of God's creation. This insight was especially nourished by his devotion to the Eucharist. But many times, while on the road he lacked the requirements for Mass. Thus, he was inspired to write his **"Mass on the World."**



*Since once again, Lord, ... I have neither bread nor wine nor altar I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and suffering of the world.*

Copies of Teilhard's writings were passed from hand to hand among a select audience of friends and fellow Jesuits. But he was repeatedly denied permission to have them published. Although he was never formally condemned, his career was continuously frustrated and clouded by the disapproval of Rome. His work might have disappeared altogether if Teilhard had not taken the mildly rebellious precaution of naming a laywoman friend as his literary executor. To this initiative was due Teilhard's posthumous fame and influence.

Teilhard's last "exile" was to the United States, where he spent his final years in New York. He once noted, *"I should like to die on the day of the Resurrection."* So, it came to pass. He was felled by a heart attack and died on 10 April 1955, Easter Sunday. In dying, his vision was at last released to the world:

*The day will come when, after harnessing the ether, the winds, the tides, and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And, on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.*

*See: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, The Divine Milieu (New York: Harper & Row, 1957); Ursula King, Spirit of Fire: The Life and Vision of Teilhard de Chardin (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1996).*

## NOTICEBOARD

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

By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: [svpedineast@gmail.com](mailto:svpedineast@gmail.com)

**Maria Igoe writes:** 'The March Charity Coffee Morning raised £240.00 for Steka Women's Hostel. This was an excellent result, many thanks to those who gave so generously.'

**The April Coffee Morning will be held on 15 April** after Mass in St John's Parish Hall. Donations will be given to **"Malaria No More"**. I have had many mosquito bites and they have been very unpleasant, but the mosquitoes, which bit me, did not carry malaria. Malaria kills children. The charity will provide vaccines and nets. **Malaria must die so millions can live!**

**St John's Gift Aiders** - The new gift aid envelopes for financial year 2024/2025 are available for collection in a basket at the back of the church. If you are a taxpayer but not currently signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme and you would like more information, please feel free to speak to Enrico Fertini (Administrator), Gary Zoltie (Treasurer) or Fr Jock. Many thanks to all who already support this scheme.

**Please continue to pray for our Alpha Group...** The Alpha Team writes: 'Seven 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 meet 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 is a special time for reflection on our faith and offers an opportunity to make good connections with fellow parishioners.'

Please do keep the participants in your prayers over the coming weeks as we continue our journey and for the fruitfulness of the course for us all.'

**White Flower Appeal 2024 - John Deighan, SPUC Chief Executive, writes:** 'Thank you very much for your contribution of **£440.72** to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's annual White Flower Appeal. The White Flower Appeal is so important to SPUC's work. I cannot thank you enough for your support, and for all that you do for the defence of unborn babies in the UK. Thank you again, with all my heart and please do thank your wonderful parishioners too.'

*Jesus Christ, inner Light, you came not to judge the world but so that, through you, the Risen Lord, every human being might be saved, reconciled.*

*And when the love that forgives becomes a fire within us, then the heart, even when afflicted, can begin to love anew.*

Brother Roger Schutz (founder of Taizé Community)

## Deep Sea Divers - Portobello Holiday Club 2024 – 15-19 July

**Michelle Brown writes:** ‘Our seventh Portobello Holiday Club will take place on 15-19 July 2024 from 9am to 12:30pm at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church and at St Mark’s Scottish Episcopal Church. Our theme is Deep Sea Divers, and we will be diving into the Gospel of Matthew with several stories about Jesus. Six local churches are working together to bring a fun filled week of games, crafts, gardening, science, bible study, music, storytelling, baking and much more for children currently in P1-P7. We have a big team of youth volunteers as well.

**We are looking for volunteers for group leaders, group helpers, arts and crafts, nature, snacks, team challenges, gardening and general help.**

If you are interested in helping, please email [portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com) to be sent an online form to volunteer or chat with your church’s holiday club representative (Michelle Brown or Lourens de Jager at PJPC, Heather Williams or Morven Wraight at PBC, Bridget Blackmore at St Mark’s or Fr Jock Dalrymple for St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s). New volunteers will also need two references and you need to complete a PVG safeguarding application with your home church for working with children. Youth helpers are also welcome!

**Registration is now open for children currently in P1-P7.** Email [portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com) to be sent an online form to register for holiday club. The cost to attend is £15 per child for the full week or £3 per day per child. If cost is prohibitive, please speak with Michelle Brown as some funded places are available. We would also love donations of home baking for the volunteers and donations of undersea themed decorations.’

### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

**‘Divine Mercy Sunday** (known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is celebrated on **the Second Sunday of Easter**, which concludes the Octave of Easter. The feast day was originally based on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that St Faustina Kowalska (1905-38) reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

St Faustina, a Polish nun, reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with him. He asked her to paint the vision of his merciful divinity being poured from his Sacred Heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, so that mankind would take refuge in him.

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy (*Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia*) in the General Roman Calendar. On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

*Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.*

The liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reflects the devotional elements of Divine Mercy – the first prayer of that Mass beginning with: ‘*Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.*’ This opening prayer refers to divine mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave his only son for the redemption of mankind, after the fall of Adam.

John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized together with Pope John XXIII on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis.

The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of St Faustina, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins. Additionally, a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) is granted with the recitation of some simple prayers.’

*Further Reading - Came, David (2009). Pope Benedict's Divine Mercy Mandate. ISBN 978-1-59614-203-9. Kowalska, Faustina (2003). Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul. ISBN 1-59614-110-7. Full text at the Wayback Machine (archived 22 September 2004)*

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - JOHN 20:19-31

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

Like you I have experienced many moments of sheer enlightenment – occasions when, like Saint Paul, the scales fell from my eyes. There was the time I first read ‘The Little Prince’ by Antoine de Saint-Exupery; the day I turned the final page of ‘God exists, I have met Him’ by Andre Frossard (what is it about French authors?) and there was the time I sat in the Palladium Cinema in Durham and watched the film ‘Soldier Blue’. Prior to seeing that film, I had believed the Hollywood narrative that portrayed Native American Indians as savages. In the film Soldier Blue, I witnessed horrors visited upon Native Americans by white Settlers. The film told the tale of the destruction of a way of life where man and nature lived in harmony in favour of a way of life that sought to exploit nature and rape her resources. It was shortly after viewing this film that I met Edward Echlin, an American Jesuit who opened my eyes to the realisation that we do not OWN any of nature. As I look out over the sadness that is the garden in its present state, the thought occurs that it’s wet enough to grow rice but certainly not warm enough. Being self-sufficient may be an attractive idea in theory but much more difficult to put into practice. God has placed this world into our hands, not to own but rather to be its custodians for the generations who will follow. We are nature’s caretakers. I try not to be exploitative but it’s well-nigh impossible not to become part of the manipulation that goes on around us. My daily cocktail of medications is produced from ingredients and processes and chemicals – and yes, experimentation. It’s impossible to live a purely eco-friendly life though we are all able to reduce our cravings for fossil fuels. It’s not so much their use that is the problems, it’s the byproducts of that use that is the issue. The stick deodorant that I apply may not have been produced using parabens and aerosols but it still has been part of a manufacturing process involving a carbon footprint and the use of the earth’s resources – and as you and I both know, you can never recycle a deodorant, nor can you re-use one of my other indulgences - ‘Sauvage’ by Dior. If others derive as much pleasure from smelling the scent on me as I derive applying it, then I can be confident that I spread as much of the fairy dust of happiness as Peter Pan’s pal Tinkerbell.

Sometimes scales fall from our eyes in a gradual process, other times with mind-shattering suddenness and brutality. For many people, such an occurrence took place in the early hours of Wednesday morning as the news slowly filtered through of the violent deaths of relief workers trying to bring respite to the downtrodden and innocent Palestinians of Gaza. My conscience has been troubled since October last. The actions of Hamas were atrocious – but I never believed the lies promulgated by the Israeli government. They whipped up public opinion into an emotive frenzy with talk of children being beheaded but never produced a shred of evidence to support this statement. The maxim had been proved yet again: once a lie is told, it will be half-way round the world before the truth even has its trousers on. Mission accomplished; public opinion was on Netanyahu’s side. Carte Blanche had been dealt. It would be used and many thousands of innocent people would be extinguished in the pursuit of Hamas. All around the world, people protested at this cruel annihilation, the South African government brought a successful prosecution and still the killings went on. We never knew the names of the Palestinian victims, but then we did hear some names. They were the names of relief workers, they were British, they were white, they were volunteers doing their bit to help the innocent – and they were slaughtered. The sound of falling scales could be heard on the moon. The realisation is dawning that even one bullet supplied by Britain snuffing out the life of a five-year-old child means the UK government is complicit in war-crimes. Senior UK judges and lawyers agree with this view. There is no other way to dress this up – and, in my conscience and heart of hearts I feel sure that this is what the Risen Christ would say.

Faith is a personal journey. None of us can force or be forced to believe. It is all about individual choice. I choose to believe, and I yearn for others to experience the peace of mind and contentment that faith brings, but they too, must decide for themselves. This weekend we are meeting Thomas. He is like so many, like you and I. He refuses, point blank, to accept the testimony of his close friends. He wants to see for himself, reach his own conclusion. Make his own decision.

*Unless I can see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, ....., I refuse to believe.* Well, when it comes to Gaza, now the world has seen. The world must decide. You and I must decide. A choice must be made.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Many Congratulations to Hannah Dobson and Dominic Suominen, married on Friday 5 April.*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Sr Margaret Service - Dave Hall  
Canon Andrew Monaghan  
Rita Molloy (Bronagh Power's mother)  
Norman Hay - Paddy Brock  
Pat Synott*

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:*

*Vincent Wallace - Pierino Crolla  
Fr Roland Walls - Barney Quinn  
baby Alasdair Fagan - Joan McGuinness  
Adrian Aylward*

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**Apr.6:** Barney Quinn (2017); Betty Munro (1997); Elizabeth Rennie (1997); **Apr.7:** Pierino Crolla (2014); Fr. Joseph Magee (1992); Patrick Taylor (1990); **Apr.8:** John Haddow (2006); Elizabeth Gibson (1999); Aaron Duffus (1997); Catherine McAllister (1986); Elizabeth Dyer (1926); **Apr.9:** Bob Grierson (1997); Agnes Christie (1995); Hugh Lynch; **Apr.10:** Patrick Cafferkie (2014); Anna Maria Nicholson (1999); George Lawler (1994); Gino Nicora (1981); Mary (Hazlett) Thorburn (1979); William Finn (1945); **Apr.11:** George Peddeson (1998); **Apr.12:** Mary Quadbeck (2006); Alexander Holligan (1998); Elizabeth Meagher (1998); Janet Clark (1990);

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**Apr.8:** Jean King (1993); **Apr.10:** Elizabeth Moohan (1983); **Apr.12:** Jean Newlands (1972);

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

Robert Clark, Eddie Clark, Ian Thompson, John Lawler, Christina Wilson, Jimmy Curnyn, 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:

Jean Douglas, 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.

*Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:*

Catherine Monaghan, Norah Hardie, Jada Napier, Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles, Silvestro Demontis, Brian McGhee, Hal Hoare, Jennifer Lackie, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Mark McCann, Lochie Murray, 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, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnell, 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, 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.

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