

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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8 DECEMBER 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The word of God came to John, son of Zechariah...

"A voice cries in the wilderness;
prepare a way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.

And all mankind shall see
the salvation of God."

(from Luke 3:1-6)

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

WELCOME.... If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, **you are most welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

A Warm Welcome to Hilary Stafford Northcote, joining us for the 9.30am Mass on Sunday at St John's. Hilary and her husband Hugh were the donors of the Scottish sculptor Hew Lorimer's Statue of the Sacred Heart that adorns the Sacred Heart Chapel in St John's.

Entrance to the Catechumenate – 9.30 Mass – St John's

Since late October, the RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) group has been meeting each Tuesday in the parish house, led by our catechists, Colette Dempsey and Bronagh Power, with Fr Jock, and with other parishioners present as sponsors to support our enquirers. This year we have been blessed to be joined by the parish priest of St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith, Fr Ray Warren OMI, and several of their enquirers as part of the group. We have a good number 'enquirers' from our two parishes this year - **Ryan Atha, Jamie Archibald, Paul Dunleavy, Dean Giambianco, Stacy Johnston, Heather Murphy, Paddy Rodrigues and Alexandra Stefan**, as well as a 'returning Catholic, **Ray Neal**. One or two of them are away this weekend, but several **will at the 9.30am Mass today to enter the second of the four stages in the RCIA process, the Catechumenate** (period of instruction) – **Please pray for them and all in the RCIA group.**

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from Sunday)
– Mass will be at 10.00am at St John’s.

**NEXT SATURDAY - ADVENT CLUSTER RETREAT WITH FR PIOTR/PETER
KRAKOWIAK - ST MARY’S, LEITH -10am-1pm**

There is a **list** at the back of both churches for you to **sign up for annual Advent Cluster Retreat** – next **Saturday 14 December** at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - from 10am to 1pm – **led by Fr Piotr, the parish priest of St Ninian’s**, for our five cluster parishes of St Mary’s, St Mary Magdalene’s, St Theresa’s, St John’s and St Ninian’s. (Free – but donations welcome to cover our costs).

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY will take place next week-end, on Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses...between three and five priests will be available at each Mass to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. An **‘examination of conscience’ to help us prepare is included in this week’s newsletter.**

*Advent Carol
Service*



**JOINT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – 5.00PM - ST JOHN’S
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER**

It’s been a joy to welcome the congregation of St Mark’s to worship in St John’s for the coming months, celebrating their Eucharist at 11am just after our 9.30am Mass, but there is a danger that we end up as ships passing in the night (or, at least, on Sunday morning) – hence the St Mark’s Rector, Dr Sophia Marriage, and Fr Jock agreeing that **we share an Advent Carol Service next Sunday at 5pm**, with the musicians and readers from both churches – and from St Mary Magdalene’s – contributing to the celebration. Please do ‘come and join the celebration’.

Prayer at Night 2024

Prayer at Night will be online during Advent

Each night on Zoom from Sunday 1 December until Christmas Eve.
Prayer at Night starts at 9.15 each evening and lasts for around 10 minutes.
For ease, the Zoom link is the same each evening: <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>
(Meeting ID: 867 1177 8546 Passcode: prayer)



The Zoom room opens at 9pm. Please settle in before we start. Only those leading the prayer are visible or can be heard.
We will include the link in the parish newsletter each week and it will also be on the parish website and Facebook page.
This is an initiative of our two parishes, St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s. Because it is online, it is accessible from anywhere – so do invite others outside the parishes by sharing the link. All are very welcome.

Mass Times for Christmas:

Tuesday 24 December – 6.00pm – St John’s – **Christmas Children’s Vigil Mass**
8.30pm – St John’s – **Christmas Vigil Mass**
Wednesday 25 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Christmas Day Mass**

A Big Thank You from the J&P Group!

If you weren’t at our St Andrew’s Night concert on Friday 29th, you missed a fabulous night of music and song.
So a **Big Thank You** to:

- Our performers who gave us a wonderful range of music for all tastes, sung and played beautifully
- Our volunteers who made the evening go (almost) seamlessly
- The people who donated the raffle prizes
- Our audience, who bought raffle tickets and donated generously, in exchange for being royally entertained

One sign of the success of the evening was people leaving at the end with a smile on their faces. The other sign was the fact that we raised £1155 for the STEKAskills Women’s Hostel Project, which the J&P Group have rounded up to £1500.
....and from Emma Wood of Steka Skills: ‘We had a wonderful time attending the fantastic St Andrew’s Day concert organised by the Justice and Peace Group for our charity. We are so grateful to everyone involved in organising and performing and the STEKA family were also moved by all the effort everyone is making here to raise funds for our women’s hosteland please don’t forget to come to the Christmas Craft fair this Saturday between 9.30 and 1.30’.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 7 December

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

10.00am-2.00pm – St John's Church – **Christmas Craft Fair in aid of StekaSkills**

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Sunday 8 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am – St John's – **P4 Children's/Do This in Memory of Me Mass** – *livestreamed*

with Entrance to the Catechumenate of the RCIA enquirers

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

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

with a focus on the P3 Reconciliation children, including the baptism of Aoife Skene.

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Monday 9 December – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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

10.45am – St John's Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** (donations to 'Aid to the Church in Need')

6.00pm – MS Team – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/4gnilBH>

6.45pm – 2 Eskside East, EH21 7RU – House Group - **The Chosen (Series 2)**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Tuesday 10 December

7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Wednesday 11 December

9.45am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Thursday 12 December

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

1.00pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club Christmas Lunch** – with carol singing by St John's Primary

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Friday 13 December

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Saturday 14 December (Reconciliation Sunday)

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Leith – **ADVENT RETREAT FOR THE 5 CLUSTER PARISHES**

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Sunday 15 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Reconciliation Sunday

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

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

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

5.00pm – St John's – **St Mark's, St Mary Magdalene's and St John's ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 16 November – 11.45am – **Requiem Mass for Johnny McNeil**

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Francis Xavier (1506 - 1552) Jesuit Missionary – Feast Day: 3 December

"The dangers to which I am exposed and the tasks I undertake for God are springs of spiritual joy, so much so that these islands are the places in all the world for a man to lose his sight by excess of weeping: but they are tears of joy."



Francis Xavier was one of the original company of six who joined with St. Ignatius Loyola in taking vows in the Society of Jesus. Francis met Loyola, a fellow Basque, while he was studying at the University of Paris in the 1530s. In 1541, armed with a papal decree naming him apostolic nuncio to Asia, he embarked for a perilous journey to Portuguese Goa. It was the beginning of one of the greatest of all missionary journeys, lasting eleven years, and one from which he would never return. In his parting letter to Ignatius, he wrote, *"For what is left of this life, I am well assured, it will be by letter only that we shall be together - in the other we shall embrace face to face."*

Francis arrived in Goa after a fifteen-month voyage. Christianity of a sort had already been established there by the Portuguese, but the church was in a deplorable condition. He immersed himself in the local languages and used this port as a base for travels along the southern coasts of India. Through his preaching he won many conversions, almost all among poor, tribal, and lower-caste peoples. But he was constantly frustrated by the immorality, greed, and violence of the European colonists, which undermined the credibility of Christianity.

In 1546 Francis explored other islands in southern Asia. But by this time, he had begun to receive reports of the highly advanced kingdom of Japan, as yet unknown to Westerners. Determined to make Japan his next mission field, he eventually landed there, after many adventures, on August 15, 1549. Fortunately for Francis, his arrival came at a time of great political instability in Japan; 250 local rulers controlled the country, none able to achieve ultimate power. This left the country unusually open to the arrival of foreigners.

Francis quickly recognized the sophistication of Japanese culture and realized that special methods would be needed in order to preach the gospel to such a people. As he wrote to Ignatius,

It seems to me that we shall never find... another race to equal the Japanese. They are a people of very good manners.... They are men of honour to a marvel, and prize honour above all else in the world.... They like to hear things propounded according to reason; and, granted that there are signs and vices among them, when one reasons with them, pointing out that what they do is evil, they are convinced by this reasoning.

The experience of Japanese culture induced a change in Francis's approach to mission. Whereas before he had tended to see himself as building on barren ground, now he felt a need to comprehend the local culture, to discover its latent strengths and virtues and to find ways of connecting these with the gospel message.

Francis remained in Japan for twenty-seven months, long enough to establish several small groups of converts. It was only a beginning, but his work prepared the ground for the wave of Jesuits who would follow, many to lose their lives during later persecution. In the meantime, however, Francis had set his sights on yet another great, and as yet virtually unknown, frontier: China.

At that time China remained closed to foreigners. Nevertheless, Francis believed that this would be the grand prize of all his missionary endeavours. But this prize would elude him. In 1552, after finally finding a ship to take him to China, he became seriously ill. He was taken off the ship on the unpopulated island of Sancian near the Chinese coast. His condition deteriorated, and he died on December 3 at the age of forty-six.

Xavier was canonized in 1622. In 1927 he was named, along with St. Therese of Lisieux, patron of foreign missions.

See: Jean-Marc Monguerre, St. Francis Xavier (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1963); Andrew Ross, A Vision Betrayed: The Jesuits in Japan and China, 1542-1742 (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1994).

NOTICEBOARD

Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):
By phone or text: 07752 682213 - email: syvedineast@gmail.com

*This Saturday 7 December - Christmas Craft Fair - 10.00am-2.00pm
in St John's Church*

(With Pamoja Fashion still have their monthly Charity Sale in St John's Hall from 9.30am to 1.30pm.)

Parishes Gift Aid Scheme

Gift Aid is a scheme run by the government that enables charities (including churches) to increase the value of your donations by reclaiming basic income tax on the amount you have already donated. At the moment, we can claim 25p per £1 donated, so on a donation of £100, we will actually receive an extra £25, at no cost to you as long as you are already a taxpayer. What do you have to do? If you already pay tax, please sign a Gift Aid Certificate then pay by Standing Order or use an Offertory Envelope.

Parish Account Details:

St Johns Church – Sort Code 804653 – Account Number 10765768

St Mary Magdalene Church – Sort Code 801831 – Account Number 00277159

Standing Orders can be easily set using either your banking app or online banking. If you do not have access to either of these, you can pick up a standing order form at the back of the church or from the Parish House and once completed these should be handed in to your bank branch. Gary Zoltie (07768647923), St John's Parish Treasurer, and Enrico Fertini, our Parishes' Administrator (0131 669 5447) who is looking after St Mary Magdalene's Finances at the moment, will both be very happy to help you with this process,

An Invitation from the J&P Group - Your Christmas present problem sorted out!

Your Christmas present problem sorted out! As usual, your friendly neighbourhood J&P Group is on hand to solve the problem of what to get for people who already have everything – and the beauty of the solution is that, in the process, you are helping people who have almost nothing!

Bethany Buy-a-Bed - For just £25, you can buy a Gift Card to give to someone, telling them that this gift is enough to cover the cost of a homeless person getting a bed in the Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre as well as access to housing guidance, mental and physical health support in addition to the many other professional support services available at the Welcome Centre.....To buy a bed, ask Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any member of the J&P Group. Alternatively, buy online at bethanychristiantrust.com/buy-a-bed.

And a special offer – Buy-a-Bed Donations from this week will be matched by The Big Give, to a maximum of £50000, so every Buy-a-Bed donation of £25 will be worth £50 to Bethany Christian Trust

SCIAF Real Gifts. Think how pleased your friends and family will be to receive a gift of a flock of chickens, a goat or a vegetable garden! As usual, we have a stock of gifts aimed at helping people suffering poverty, famine, lack of clean water and so many other problems. As in previous years, these gifts come in the form of an attractive gift card explaining the benefits of your gift for those who will receive the support of SCIAF.

Real Gifts on sale after all Masses this weekend – all major credit cards accepted

Also, we have a stock of tastefully designed **SCIAF Christmas cards** at £4.50 for a pack of 10. These can be obtained from Jennifer Morris or Jim Roarty.

Keep Telling of Gaza
An evening of words, prayer and silence.

Khawla Badwan and Alison Phipps
Wednesday 11th December
7:00 – 8:30pm

Art work by Imad Abu Slayyah

Logos: OPEN HOUSE, SCIAF (Uniting for a just world, Caritas Scotland), and others.

**This Wednesday 11 December 2024
Online ~ 7:00pm-8:30pm [UK Time]**

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/3CPvEMJ>

or click [HERE](#)

OPENING OUR SPIRIT AS MARY DID

Remember Mary's yes to God's request to bear divinity within her.

Hear her response: "Be it done to me according to your word."

Mary was an open vessel.

She heard the surprising request made to her.

She struggled with uncertainty. She questioned. Listened.

Responded with yes.

Mary was receptive to the incredible mystery of Divine Love.

Imagine your spirit is like the inner space

of a beautiful golden bowl.

Look inside the space of that bowl.

See how spacious your inner self is,

how much room there is for filling.

Take a deep breath and breathe

in the goodness of the Holy One.

Fill your golden bowl with the beauty,

richness, and power of Christ's love.

Offer thanks to the Holy One

for this beautiful love that is ready

to fill the vessel of your deep self.



Joyce Rupp (extract)

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Advent Rosary - The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (9 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Fr Peter Shankland (St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk). Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

Explore the new Lectionary - Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm this Wednesday (11 Dec) on Zoom as he continues his series exploring the new Lectionary. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent. Catch up on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh.

Lourdes Carol Service - The annual Carol service organised by the Lourdes Hospitalité Committee takes place on Sunday 15 December 2024 at 3pm in St Margaret's Church, Davidsons Mains, Edinburgh. All welcome.

Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year - Archbishop Cushley will solemnly open the Jubilee Year 2025 for the Archdiocese with Holy Mass and the blessing of the Jubilee Cross at **St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 29 December**. Follow 'Holy Year Scotland 2025' on Facebook and visit www.iubilaeum2025.va for more details about this special year.

The Diploma in Catechetics is filling - Register now...Live your faith more integrally in 2025 through the *Diploma in Catechetics*. The course explores the fundamentals of Catholicism in an engaging manner. Beginning in January, it consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Non-Catholics welcome. Learn more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

Justice & Peace Scotland updates - See all the latest activities and campaigning across the J&P network in the latest newsletter, available at www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk. Includes info as to how you can become involved and play your part.

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



NB If you are wondering why the hard copy of our newsletter has been in colour these last three weeks, it is because our supplier is kindly offering us free colour copies for a month...so please don't get too used to it!

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LUKE 3:1-6

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

I was 10 years old in 1963. On Friday evening's, I was allowed to stay up until 9 pm, something that distinguished me from my younger sister and brother. TV offered either BBC or ITV. BBC2 would appear in late 1965 for those of us 'up north'. Those in the south could access it in 1964 (what's new?). On 22nd November 1963, programmes were interrupted to carry a 'Newsflash'. President Kennedy of the USA had been assassinated. Grainy film footage, satellite-signal fuzziness and confused reports left us hanging. Had he survived? Surgeons were operating on him – he might survive. Dad, always proud of his Irish Catholic roots, roots shared with the President, made us all kneel and say the Rosary. The TV sound was turned off, but the grainy pictures continued to flicker in the corner of the room. I kept peeping, only to be prodded by Mam as a reminder to concentrate on the Rosary! Prior to that seminal Friday night, I cannot ever remember knowing or hearing about President Kennedy or, as I would later hear him referred to, 'JFK'. Rosary finished, I could resume watching the unfolding drama. He had definitely died, surgeons had been unsuccessful, Jackie had not had time to change out of her blood-spattered suit, and a new person who I had DEFINITELY never heard of, was sworn in as President on some aircraft or other, an assassin had been arrested. I was mesmerised and managed to blend into the two-seater burgundy and mink coloured vinyl sofa (no leather in those days – not unless you were loaded and had a leather Chesterfield!) then I heard: 'Bernard, look at the time - it's gone 10 O'clock. Up the wooden hill you go' (the strange name given to the staircase.) Next day, Dad came in from Forbuoys armed with copies of all of the main newspapers. Editors had all gone into collective overdrive. News and pictures were devoured voraciously, quaint pictures of his two children playing at his feet as he sat in what I learned was The Oval Office. Over the next few weeks, the British were fed (mainly by the newsprint), tales of JFK, how he had called the bluff of someone called Khrushchev from Russia in somewhere called the Bay of Pigs. My 10-year-old brain was in new and uncharted territory. I watched as a three-year old saluted the biggest coffin I had ever seen. My curiosity had been aroused and over the following years I was sucked into – and believed – the Kennedy myth. I learned of Rose Kennedy – a matriarch to end all matriarchs. I learned of brothers and power and all of it rooted in Irish Catholicism. Then, slowly, I learned the truth: I read accounts of infidelity and philandering, lies, backhanders and corruption: shady deals done in secret. The illusion had been shattered and I was confused – and saddened. Confusion and sadness. Is there a worse combination? The romantic inside me wants to believe in fairytales and fairytale endings – but this is fools' fodder.

This weekend's Gospel sees Luke putting everything down in plain sight so that there can be no confusion for his readers. Luke is also credited with the Acts of the Apostles. Both books are addressed to 'Theophilus' which translates as someone who is(be)loved by God, or friend of God. We are all 'Theophilus'. Luke wants us to know he is a serious historian, and a serious thinker. So, today's passage begins: *In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah.* He wants his reader to be in no doubt. Two things are verified – the exact point in time and the event, namely God's Word comes to John. It's a date as seminal as 22nd November 1963. That same Word is addressed to you and me. Can I suggest you find a quiet place this weekend. Open your hands on your lap, as if in readiness for a large present, the sort of Christmas present you hoped for as a child. Close your eyes, de-clutter your mind, open your heart. John the evangelist tells us that Jesus is the **Word** made flesh, Luke tells us that the **word** of God came to John, son of Zechariah. Accept that word now. In an age when the word of almost everyone else is questioned, when illusions are shattered, the one thing of value is the Word of God. That same Word of God tells me that I am created in his image and likeness. He calls me by name, He knows my hopes and my fears, He will never abandon me, and He is the one Word I can trust completely. To paraphrase the meditation of Cardinal Newman: *God has created me for a definite purpose, He has not created me for naught. He knows what He is about. Therefore, I will trust Him.* Once we can absorb this truth into every fibre of our being, every breath we take, every act of love that we share, then we realise just how immense the wealth we have been given. Money may make us rich but trust in God makes us wealthy, because trust takes us deep into His bosom. Place your head on his breast. Feel the rhythm of his heart. Breathe to that rhythm, and you will be. You will live.

PARISH REGISTER

Welcome to the world Jacob John Quin, born Monday 2 December, a little brother for Alba and Reni, a first son for Hannah and Kevin, and a first grandson for Anne-Marie Lofthouse ...

Warm birthday greetings to Tracy Burgess, who celebrates her 60th birthday on Tuesday 10 December....and belated birthday greetings to Theresa Durkin-Spence, 70 on Friday 15 November

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Vic Legrix – Jane Gow

Margaret Meek – Cassie Bradley

Rose Mary Mattison – Mary McCulloch

Ellen Madden – Neil Nicolson

Canon John Urquhart

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Winnie Casey – Stan Tweedie

John Ritchie – Jane Wright – Patrick McHugh

Myles Durkin – Fr John Robinson

Kathleen Codling – Jenny Wormald

Anna Butler – Jean McCraw

Maria Juska – Agnes Stone

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Ann McBurnie, Pamela Hanlon, Kathy Gallagher, May Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Sheila Tansey, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Moira McAfferty, Helen Kilgour, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, , Lesley O'Donnell, Gerry Cannon, Doreen Jones, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, John Lawler, Jimmy Curnyn, Charlotte McGregor, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, Rose Thornton, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Maureen Scott, Jean McNally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, Tom Kay, John Flanagan, Eleanor Campanile, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Margaret Ryan, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

Offertory 1 December 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £251.50 total, including £173.50 Offertory and £78.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1329.90 total, including £393.90 Offertory, £126.00 Gift Aid, and £810.00 average weekly online donations.

Catholic Education Special Collection:
£328.44 from both Parishes

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.7: Charlie DiCarlo (1997); Thomas Holt (1972); John Tweedie; **Dec.8:** Margaret O'Brien (2001); Robert Taylor (1998); Kathleen M Codling (1977); James Waldie; **Dec.9:** Yolanda Volante (2022); Ann O'Brien (2021); Mary Salvona (2017); Jenny Wormald (2015); May Maclean (2007); S. M. Nelson (1985); Frank McGuire (1979); Bridget Lawrie (1990); **Dec.10:** Winifred Casey (2022); Jimmy Duke (2014); Vincent Kelegher (2003); Margaret T Ward (2001); Mary McLauchlan (2000); Joseph Dykes (1985); Maggie Bonner (1982); Michael Keogh (1948); James Anderson; Nancy Christina Dobson; **Dec.11:** Anna Butler (2023); Stan Tweedie (2014); Mary Meehan (2006); Bridget & Michael Meldrum; Annie Shrivener; **Dec.12:** Jean McCraw(2019); John Ritchie (2016); Valerie Messent (2003); Myles Durkin (1975); Margaret Riach (1960); Ann Cassidy; James Daly; **Dec.13:** Jane Wright (2016); John Dalrymple (2016); James Quinn (1991); Joseph P Gannon (1968); Agnes Stone (1964);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.7: Thomas Burdell (2000); **Dec.9:** Richard Sheppard (1973); Mary MacDougall (1969); **Dec.10:** Maria Juska (2015); **Dec.11:** Winifred Graham (1981);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

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