

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

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## 10 MARCH 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



There was one of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, a leading Jew, who came to Jesus by night....

(John 3:1)

*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 weekend there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (75% of which goes to SCIAF) at all Masses:** "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world - we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent." (Archbishop Cushley)...there is also a **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brian McGee**, the Bishop President of SCIAF, enclosed with this newsletter.

**We welcome to the Vigil Mass pilgrims from the Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage** coming together for its first ever Scottish Reunion.

**Sunday is also Mother's Day** - so we remember with gratitude all Mums, Grandmas, Great Grans, godmothers and spiritual mothers - and ask God to bless them....do please read and pray the beautiful Prayer for Mothers on the back of the Examination of Conscience that accompanies this newsletter. ....A **Mother's Day initiative**... STEKASkills has organised a bake sale for Mothers' Day after the 9.30 and 11.15 Masses - all money raised will go to the St John's and Mary Magdalene's fund for the STEKASkills women's hostel.

Steka has produced a delightful video for Mother's Day.. the link is: <https://bit.ly/4a6k37i>

## **Lenten Series – “Whatsoever You do to the least of my sisters or brothers, you do unto me ...”**

*The topic this week will be: ‘Host families - welcoming and supporting refugees’.*

Last Thursday, we heard from volunteers with the Bethany food van and Welcome Centre about the involvement of our parishes in this important work with people who are homeless. The discussion included both the importance of this work and concerns about the increasing levels of homelessness.

**This Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, at our fourth meeting, we will hear about the joys and challenges of welcoming and offering hospitality to refugees.** We welcome everyone who is free to join us at The Parish House at 7.00pm on Thursday.’

And the topic for the coming and last week on Thursday 21 Mar will be ‘**Multicultural family Base - working with diverse and minoritised children and families.**’

## **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.’

**Next weekend is Reconciliation Sunday...**several priests will be available at the start of each Mass to celebrate reconciliation...please prepare **with the Examination of Conscience that accompanies this newsletter.**

## **Under the Hammer – the Musical!**

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

**Jim Roarty writes on behalf of the Justice and Peace Group:** ‘As we trailed in last week’s newsletter, we are having a fundraising auction and disco in St John’s Church Hall on Saturday evening 16 March at 8pm to support the suffering people of Gaza. Tickets only £5 (including a refreshment) will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend.

**To whet your appetite, here is a list of the auction lots going under the hammer that evening.**

- Tickets for two for a concert at the Castle – choose your concert from Madness, JLS, Manic ST Preachers & Suede, The National, Skippinish or Paul Weller. Tickets worth £65 each
- One night dinner, bed and breakfast in the beautiful Green Park Hotel, Pitlochry – overlooking Loch Faskally - would cost £294.
- 2 Hibs tickets to Category B game – worth £35
- A voucher for a cut & blow dry at Charlie Miller’s
- A voucher for a Bliss (Portobello High Street) cut & blow dry
- Golf Lessons at Liberton Golf Club (2 lots, each for 4 lessons) £80 for each block of lessons
- A round of 18 holes of golf for four people at Liberton Golf Club worth £120
- Bayliss & Harding luxury Pamper gift set
- An Oral B Series 3 Electric Toothbrush – retail value £40
- Three beautiful prints of Portobello prom and beach
- A bottle of 12 year old Highland Park malt whisky worth £40
- £30 voucher for Bonoful restaurant
- A beautiful print of Edinburgh Castle by Mike Kinane (reserve price £45)
- 2 tickets to visit the Royal Yacht Britannia
- How can you resist – Ear Wax removal at Portobello Surgery – worth £55

.....and more, to be announced later! (Note: If you are not able to make it to the disco, you can submit a sealed bid for any particular lot – give your bid to any member of the J&P Group.)

**In addition**, we are so keen to give away things that we are also having a **raffle**, prizes including whisky, brandy, lots of wine, stuff to make you look and smell nice etc. **Tickets will be on sale this weekend after all the Masses** and the results will be announced during our disco on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

## THIS WEEK

### 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) – *livestreamed*

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

### Monday 11 March

**9.45am [NB change of time]** - St John’s Hall – **Mass** - *livestreamed*

11.00am – Warriston Crematorium – **Funeral Service for David O’Flaherty**

7.00pm – St John’s – **First Reconciliation Service for P3 Children**

4.30pm – Parish House – **Justice and Peace Group Meeting**

7.00pm – 2 Eskside East, Musselburgh (or, this evening, in the Parish House Meeting Room)

- **‘The Chosen’ Monday House Group**

8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3PcFH10>

### Tuesday 12 March

11.00am – Mortonhall Crematorium- **Funeral Service for Tony Lawson**

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA** - Lent 4

### Wednesday 13 March

10.00am – St John’s – **Mass (with Primary 5 of St John’s Primary School)** – *livestreamed*

10.45am – St John’s – **Stations of the Cross** (led by the Legion of Mary)

12.00pm – Seafield Crematorium – **Funeral Service for James Auld**

7.00pm – 38 Milton Rd West (but this week, in the Parish House Meeting Room)

- **‘The Chosen’ Wednesday House Group**

**7.00pm – Zoom – The Tablet Lenten Reflections Series of webinars – The Sacrament of Holy Orders (with Fr Jock)**

### Thursday 14 March

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

7.00pm – Parish House – **Lenten Sessions** – fourth night: **‘Host families - welcoming and supporting refugees’**

### Friday 15 March

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

7.00pm – Parish House - **‘The Chosen’ Friday House Group**

### Saturday 16 March

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

8.00pm – St John’s Hall – **A Musical Auction (Proceeds to the Gaza SCIAF Appeal)**

### Sunday 17 March – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (RECONCILIATION 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 4

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

# ‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Alexei Navalny (1976 - 2024)

*Russian opposition leader, lawyer, anti-corruption activist and political prisoner*

## Michael Bird - Alexei Navalny was inspired by the Sermon on the Mount

On 16 February last month, the Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny died in prison. The cause of his death is still unknown, but what we all know is that anyone in Russia who defies President Putin ends up exiled, missing, imprisoned or dead. Navalny was merely the latest dissident de jour to be murdered by the Russian regime.

Yet one thing that stands out about Navalny was his Christian faith. Navalny, during his show trial in Moscow in 2021, said: *“The fact is that I am a Christian, which usually sets me up as an example for constant ridicule in the Anti-Corruption Foundation [the organisation he ran], because mostly our people are atheists, and I was once quite a militant atheist myself.”* He continued: *“But now I am a believer, and that helps me a lot in my activities because everything becomes much, much easier.”*

Navalny went on to stress how he was especially motivated by the words of Jesus: *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied”* (Matthew v, 6).

In a world of injustice, cruelty, greed and inequality, many know that same thirst. While powerful men hunger for power, to acquire it and preserve it, even if it means slaughtering their own people, there are others who thirst for a world put to rights.

Navalny could not find a place for himself, for his faith, in the Russian Orthodox Church, a once great church that has turned itself into a fawning chaplain of the Russian state and degraded itself into the spiritual sycophant of Putin’s regime. Putin’s façade of Russian Christianity is a twisted parody and pernicious privation of true Christian religion. Such a church, which willingly subordinates itself to the regime in the interest of attaining a stake in state power, makes for an insidious idolatry. Even worse, the Russian church blesses and baptises the violence of their self-aggrandising dictator who transfigures the church into a monument to his own depravity.

Navalny’s faith convictions would not allow him to join with Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and condone the evils that God condemns, to turn a blind eye to the corruption, brutality and the horror of a state that claims to be all-powerful.

Navalny’s faithful defiance is one that cost him his life. But he is not alone.

Many civil rights movements have deep religious roots and its leaders also paid for their courageous testimony with their lives. People like Martin Luther King Jr (the US), Óscar Romero (El Salvador), Clement Shahbaz Bhatti (Pakistan), Miriam Rodríguez Martínez (Mexico), Lin Zhao (China), Dorothy Mae Stang (Brazil) and thousands of others whose faith fuelled their convictions and courage to speak out against injustice.

Christianity, far from being the opiate of the masses to accept oppression, is often the catalyst to defy Caesars, tsars, generals and dictators in the quest to realise biblical ideals of justice and peace.

In the face of tyranny and terror, what is to be done? We can cherish Navalny’s memory, pray for his work to continue. But above all, we take solace in the fact that Jesus says: *“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”* (John xvi, 33).

Death is the tyrant’s ultimate weapon to terrorise, to force people to suffer in silence, to make them accept enslavement and despotism as normal and unchangeable. But the promise of resurrection means that God intends to undo whatever the tyrant does. The worst of evil is no match for resurrection, the goodness of God’s power and the power of God’s goodness. God’s promise of the believer’s resurrection is not pious longing, but a political doctrine, the hope for creation to be renewed, powers to be reconciled, and all things to be put to rights.

Faith in God’s life-giving power is our defiance against evil powers *“against the leaders, against the authorities, against the powers that rule the world in this dark age, against the wicked spiritual elements in the heavenly places”* (Ephesians vi, 12). And defiance is contagious.

That is not a dream or a distant hope, it’s a promise, a promise we make good with our prayers, our protests, our energy, and efforts to build for the kingdom, to prepare the earth for the day when tyrants, terror and tears are no more. By doing such things, we in effect erect a billboard saying: *“The powers will be pacified, the lost will be found, the darkness will be cured by light, the world’s injustices will be undone, and God’s love will reign supreme.”*

As Soren Kierkegaard famously said: *“The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins.”*

(This article was originally published in The Times )

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# NOTICEBOARD

## The Tablet Lenten Reflection Series of webinars

Join our distinguished guests for this year's Tablet Lenten reflection series where we focus on some of the Roman Catholic sacraments.



### Wednesday, 13 March – The Sacrament of Holy Orders

**Speakers:** Maggie Fergusson, the deputy editor of *The Tablet*, Fr Roderick Strange, an ordained priest of the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury, and Fr Jock Dalrymple, parish priest of St John's, Portobello, and St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, Edinburgh.



### Wednesday, 20 March – The Sacrament of the Sick

**Speakers:** Maggie Fergusson, *The Tablet's* deputy editor, Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, a British Catholic writer and priest, and Sue Gaisford, former literary editor of *The Tablet*.



All webinars will run from 6pm – 7pm GMT  
To purchase your ticket visit [www.thetablet.co.uk/events](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/events)

## This is what life is about.

*It is being sent on a trip  
by a loving God,  
who is waiting  
at home for our return  
and is eager to watch  
the slides we took  
and hear about the friends we made.  
When we travel with the eyes and ears  
of the God who sent us,  
we will see wonderful sights,  
hear wonderful sounds,  
meet wonderful people  
and be happy to return home.*

(Henri Nouwen, 1932-1996)

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

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

## 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.'

(Many many thanks to Lynda Kazimoglu, who has stepped down after 8 years as our parishes' representative on the Holiday Club organising team – if anyone is willing to step into her shoes, please contact Fr Jock).

## From the Legion of Mary

A 'Soup and Pud' Charity lunch 'will be held in the resident's lounge Clifton Mews, 43 Baileyfield Road at 12.30pm on Monday 18 March in aid of Mary's Meals. There will also be the showing of a short film, "Love Reaches Everywhere", starring Gerard Butler, who visits Liberia and Haiti with Magnus McFarlane Barrow, the founder of Mary's Meals.

The Charity has a crisis appeal for Ethiopia, where millions of children have missed out on school due to war, and drought has caused food insecurity and hunger. There is no charge, but it is hoped that those who come for lunch will give generously to this wonderful charity. ‘

The Legion of Mary **Acies Ceremony of Consecration to Our Lady** will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette Church, Larbert, on **Sunday 24 March at 3.00pm**. ‘Travel arrangements are still to be arranged. It is possible to travel by train. Several people travelling together can get a discount. We will certainly receive a wonderful welcome at Larbert, and generous refreshments will be supplied. The Consecration to Our Lady is a highlight for active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary. For further information please contact Maria Igoe on 07981333219.’

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

**Phyllis McLeay writes:** ‘**A request for washable nappies, baby and toddler clothes continues** – in aid of a local maternity hospital in Africa. Donations can be handed in to the Parish House. Thanks to those who have already given so generously we were able to buy ten dozen nappies!’.

**The Pamoja Fashion Sale team** would like to thank the wider community as they raise £480.00 during last week’s charity sale in St John’s Hall.

**Jeremy Thorp writes:** ‘Many thanks to all who supported “*Roving Mad*”, the concert given by The Swells on 24 February. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£821.01** for the STEKASkills Women Hostel in Malawi’.

**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 week 5, **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 5: John 12,20-33**. This will not be “bible study” in the traditional sense, but a time to share together.’

**Rose White from Portobello Older People Project SCIO writes:** ‘Portobello Older Peoples Project is a small lunch/social club which runs on a Tuesday and Wednesday and gives older people the chance to get out of their homes, enjoy a meal and socialise with others. **We are currently looking for a volunteer to join our team on a Wednesday**. As part of the team you will help prepare the hall, provide a welcome (and a cuppa) when the members arrive and serve lunch. You will support members to take part in activities such as quizzes, singing, reminiscences sessions & outings. Making time to chat is also an important part of the day. At times you will also help on the bus that brings the older people to the club and home again at the end of the day. We are looking for people who are available between 9.30am & 2.00pm (& until 3.30pm when helping on the bus) on a Wednesday each week. If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact me on: rose.white166@outlook.com or 0747264626. Thank you’.

## FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO’S “AD CLERUM”

**Vacancy** - The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Chief Operating Officer. Job description and application details are in the news-events section at [archedinburgh.org](http://archedinburgh.org). Closing date for applications is **Friday 22 March 2024**.

**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](http://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](http://bit.ly/calledtobesaints)

**Holy Week Webinar** - Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary’s Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place **at 6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March) on Zoom**. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ’s Passion. Register at [bit.ly/passionevent2024](http://bit.ly/passionevent2024)

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – JOHN 3:14-21

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

It doesn't cost a great deal to be kind and friendly – but it is not without its pitfalls and dangers. I learned this lesson to my cost on Wednesday. I was in the queue at the Yorkshire Trading Company. (These reflections are in danger of turning into a consumer's guide to Hexham shopping.) The Queue was long and painfully slow. I took a call from a friend, and we whiled away the time as I inched forward. "Eugene, I'll have to go. I'm in the queue at the Yorkshire Trading Company and I've reached the business end. I'll call you back in a minute!" The till operator thanked me profusely for being courteous as I stopped talking on the 'phone and gave him my undivided attention. He scanned my basket. He was politeness personified and spoke with an accent that made King Charles sound like a cockney barrow boy. The cut-glass accent was one thing, the totally shaved head and the tattoos all over his neck, face and exposed skull were something else. He wore a pair of spectacles around his neck. They hung on a chain – which on closer inspection showed themselves to be a rather ornate set of Gothic-type Rosary beads. If I was given to hyperbole I would suggest that the word eccentric was tailor made for him. Our transaction ended – my iPhone was waved at him; musical beeps filled the air like an electronic symphony and money changed hands. Cue clumsy friendliness on my part. "With an accent like that, how have you ended up working here?" Stand back! Whoosh! Up went his rocket. "How DARE you make judgments about me because of my accent. You're VERY rude." I found myself in a huge hole but was unable to take Dennis Healey's advice because it wasn't me that was doing the digging. He reeled off his educational qualifications and background with all of the speed of an Uzi machine gun in the hands of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Eventually he burnt himself out and then he brought his hands together, pulled them towards his chest, bowed imperceptibly and said, quite simply, Namaste! go gently my friend!" Another lesson for the chapter of my book entitled 'Experiences of Life'. I know it won't stop me being kindly and friendly – but it'll make me more respectful and aware of differences.

I have always had a large soft spot for Nicodemus. Why? Well, he was the subject of my first ever sermon, given in English Martyrs Church, Stockton in 1975. Terrified of drying up, the whole sermon was written word for word, and delivered metronomically from two sides of A5. I was fascinated by Nicodemus because he was a seeker, a searcher, though fearful at first. Earlier in John's Gospel we had learned that he approached Jesus at night – furtively moving amongst the shadows, anxious not to be identified. From this we can surmise that he was someone of note and influence. John tells us he was a leading Pharisee, not an anonymous member of a crowd. It's a bit like Rishi Sunak approaching Sir Keir Starmer for advice – or the fake orange one with the strange hair asking Joe Biden for guidance. Absolutely preposterous. And yet, not only does Nicodemus approach Jesus by night, but as this weekend's episode describes they talk at length – quite possibly into the wee small hours as we often so quaintly put it. Nicodemus was seeking an understanding of his life and God. He's not so dissimilar to you or I. The next time we hear of him, is when they take the body of Jesus for burial. John gives us a peculiar detail, informing us that he took with him about 100 pounds of costly ointments with which to anoint the body, a final act of kindness and respect. No-one needs a 'Sun Life Over-50's Funeral Plan' with people like Nicodemus around. Nicodemus will have been obliged to combat the mistrust of the early disciples who will always have looked upon him as an establishment figure. That was before the secret meeting held in the darkness, and the enlightenment that followed.

An inevitable part of the aging process involves a reflection on the past, even when the past is as recent as a trip to the Yorkshire Trading Company on a Wednesday. We know that our allotted time span is running out and, almost inevitably, we look back at the journey we have been on. Our journey is an integral part of who we are, as it was for Nicodemus. From a meeting in the dead of night, to the burial of the lifeless body of Jesus, his salvation and personal journey is inextricably linked with the life of Jesus Christ – Jesus, who was rejected by Nicodemus' fellow Pharisees but recognized by him. He believed him when He said: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved. And so can we....

# PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Paul Donald - John Carr  
Edward Larlham - Andy Rae  
Dick Heatherill - Peter McCann*

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

*Mgr David Gemmell - Alf O'Brien  
Mgr Tony McNally - Lizzie Orchard  
Alison Thompson - Alex Connelly  
Noel Whyte - Patricia Sibbald*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

Benny Small, Robert Clark, Eddie Clark, Ian Thompson, 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,

## *Offertory 3 March 2024*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £254.25 total**, including £156.25 Offertory and £89.00 Gift Aid.

**St John's, £1177.10 total**, including £293.70 Offertory, £118.40 Gift Aid, and £765.00 online

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**Mar.9:** Margaret McMillan (2011); James Docherty (2008); James A McGrory (1976); Michael Murphy (1975); Charles McCole (1973); Joseph F Gallagher (1966); **Mar.10:** Alison Thomson (2020); Mary Teresa Glancy (2019); Alfred O'Brien (2009); Mary D'Arcy Hughes (2007); Edward Quin (2007); Michael D'Arcy; **Mar.11:** Noel Whyte (2022); Dorothy Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O'Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan; **Mar.12:** Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A McGrory (1967); Wood family (1955); **Mar.13:** Jessica Quinn (2000); Thomas Henderson (1984); Cecily Docherty (1972); Patrick G Hunt (1968); John T Clarke (1943) - killed in action; Roseanne D'Arcy; **Mar.14:** Mary Kelly (2000); Elizabeth Binnie (1987); **Mar.15:** Greta Clarke (2013); Very Rev. Charles Canon Brodie (1999); John Barber (1998); Alexander Connelly (1985); Rebecca M O'Kane (1981); James Waugh (1979);

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**Mar.10:** John McPhee (2004); Annie Dalgleish (1997); John Barrett (1995); **Mar.12:** Jeannie Docherty (2010); **Mar.13:** Patricia Sibbald (2014); Gertie Urquhart (1980); **Mar.15:** Robert Harris (1981);

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

Hal Hoare, 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 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 Heaney, Mary Whyte, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, Mary Wallace, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 10), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 6), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth 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.