

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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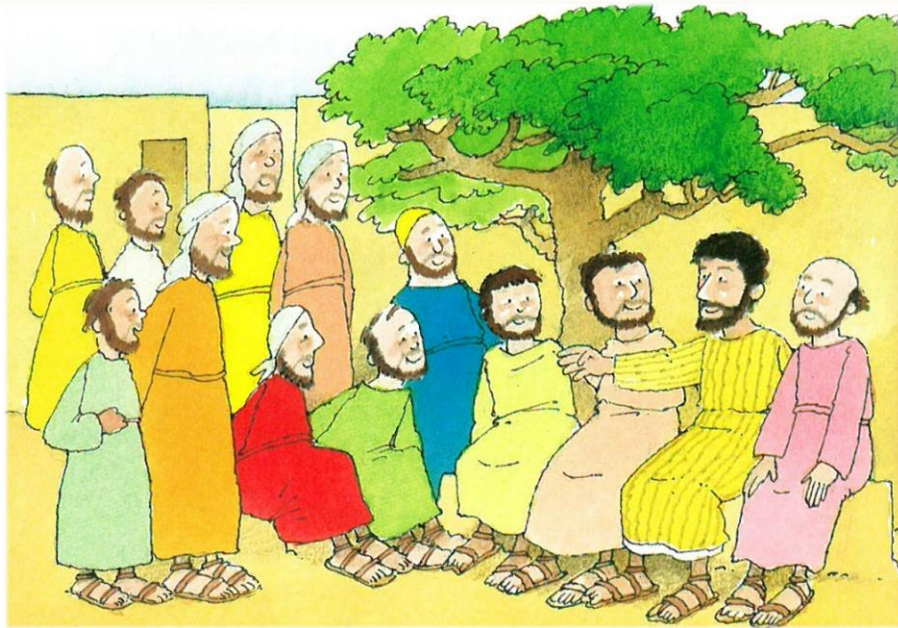
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12 MAY 2024 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



'Holy Father, your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.' (John, 17:18-19)

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...

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

Last Tuesday at 7.00pm we welcomed Archbishop Leo Cushley to St Mary Magdalene's where he confirmed 52 young people from our two parishes and from St Teresa's. Please continue to pray for them all and especially for Amilya Gilhooley whose name we unintentionally omitted from the list of children.

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

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday (and will therefore be one of our two Nametag Sundays in the year)– with this newsletter is a choice of novenas to pray in the coming week.

We hope at all three Masses next Sunday to have an abbreviated first reading (Acts 2:1-4) read in several different languages....please, if you can offer a language (and we will help you locate the reading in your language)and are willing to read it at Mass will you contact the administrator of our two parishes, Enrico Fertini – 0131 669 5447 or stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com

THE NEXT ST JOHN’S OPEN PARISH MEETING IS AT 7PM NEXT SUNDAY 19 MAY – PLEASE DO MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG...

Donald Scott, the St John’s Pastoral Council chair, writes: ‘All members of the parish are invited to the Open Parish Meeting at 7.00pm next Sunday 19 May. This is our twice-a-year opportunity to share, pray and reflect together about the life and direction of the parish.

This particular meeting falls on Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the empowerment of the Christ community by the Holy Spirit. It is also in a year when the synodality process will focus the contributions from the worldwide Church in an October gathering in Rome.

In our meeting we will explore the ways in which the Holy Spirit is speaking with us and leading us.

As always, the meeting will conclude with a buffet prepared by our parish Hospitality Team.’

Livestreaming in St Mary Magdalene's

Deacon Eddie writes: ‘Since we were forced to turn to Livestreaming during the pandemic, we have (as of Friday morning) streamed 1656 Masses and services and uploaded a further 146 pre-recorded Masses.

Perhaps Communications Sunday is an appropriate time to mention that the recent livestreaming in St Mary Magdalene's has been a challenge with our dependence on mobile Wi-Fi and the associated issues of signal strength.

This challenge has been made worse by the corruption of the actual sim card that we use for the mobile data and also by the fact that whilst our livestream team have generously been willing to use up their own personal mobile data, not every mobile phone provider has a good signal in Bingham.

The good news is that we will (FINALLY!!) be getting proper internet installed in St Mary Magdalene's in just over a week's time – which should resolve the recent issues.

Please join me in thanking the whole team of live streamers who work – often under real pressure – to ensure our Masses are available to our housebound parishioners, and who are responsible for welcoming some of our new parishioners too. This outreach work is invaluable.’

2 Appeals from the Justice and Peace group:

‘A request from Fresh Start (*Fresh Start is an organisation which helps homeless people who get their own home for the first time, providing them with starter packs of crockery, kitchen utensils, bedding etc.*) – “We are in desperate need of kettles, toasters, pots & pans for our essential starter packs. We have been in very short supply of these items recently and had to use vital funds to purchase them – to allow people to make a hot meal, a warming cup of tea or have breakfast, things we take for granted. If you are having a Spring clean, or just have one in the cupboard you no longer use, please consider donating it to Fresh Start to help make someone’s house a home.” Donations should be left at the back of either church, and the J&P Group will arrange to transport them to Fresh Start. Thank you.”

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

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

Goods can be left in the ‘*Food Boxes*’ in the porch of either of our churches, Money donations can be given to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris and any other member of the J&P Group or handed into the Parish House.

Type of goods needed – *breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, other cooking sauces, baked beans, other tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, stock cubes, instant mash, UHT milk, Fruit juice, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert, jam and biscuits. Toilet paper, household cleaning materials, toothpaste, soap etc.* are also welcome.'

A REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FROM CATHERINE MCANENNY – RUNNING THE EDINBURGH HALF MARATHON FOR ST COLUMBA'S HOSPICE IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN BROGAN

Catherine McAnenny writes: 'I am running the Edinburgh half marathon on Sunday 26th May 2024 in memory of my friend and fellow parishioner from our community of St John's Church Portobello and St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham, **Maureen Brogan**.

Maureen sadly passed away, peacefully, on Thursday 13 July 2023 after a very brave battle with cancer. Her last days were at St Columba's Hospice where she received wonderful care & support from the staff.

Any funds raised from your donations will be going to the hospice to help support the important work they do in offering the much needed and tremendous end of life care that they give to their patients and for the incredible support they offer to their family's and loved ones.

Please donate to Catherine's JustGiving Crowdfunding Page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/catherine-mcanenny-2?utm_term=DGbx2Xg3J

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass with P4** ('Do this in Memory of Me') – *livestreamed*

Monday 13 May

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

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3wsXjjU>

Tuesday 14 May

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

NO RCIA THIS WEEK

Wednesday 15 May – 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 16 – 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Friday 17 May – 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Saturday 18 May –

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Remesmee Kerr**

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

Sunday 19 May – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

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

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **OPEN PARISH MEETING**



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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 21 May – 10am – St Joseph's, Whitburn – **Requiem Mass for Sam Burns**

(*Scott Craig and Sam's sister Jessica are keen to get an idea of the numbers from our two parishes who plan to go to the funeral and the meal that follows it.... if you are intending to go, could you let Una Gallagher know either on Sunday or by text – 07460 273001*)

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

By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: svpedineast@gmail.com

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Heloise

Abbess of the Convent of the Paraclete (1100-1164) – Feast Day: 16 May

"You know, beloved, as the whole world knows, how much I have lost in you."



The story of Heloise, inseparable from that of her beloved Abelard, is one of the most memorable episodes in medieval literature. Though it has been frequently recounted, the story retains its poignant mystery.

Heloise, a beautiful and exceptionally intelligent girl, was raised by her uncle Fulbert, a canon of the Cathedral in Paris. Such was her brilliance that Fulbert hired the most famous scholar in France, the renowned Peter Abelard, to be her tutor. Heloise was about seventeen, while Abelard, then at the peak of his powers, was in his mid-thirties. In his later account of

their affair, Abelard blamed himself for seducing Heloise. Nevertheless, however ignoble his initial intentions, the two were soon passionate lovers. Their lack of discretion led to tragic consequences.

Heloise became pregnant and bore a son. Fulbert was enraged, and he was not appeased by the couple's secret marriage. Hoping to resolve the conflict, Abelard sent Heloise to a convent. In the meantime, however, Fulbert's men broke into Abelard's chamber one night and violently castrated him. In agony and shame Abelard retired quickly to a monastery, intending never again to see his wife or the son she had borne.

Years passed. Abelard had suffered much, both from his public humiliation and a series of bruising theological controversies. But as a monk he had gradually regained a good deal of his former renown. He had even had some indirect contact with Heloise. Having learned that her religious community was without a home he established them in the Oratory of the Paraclete, which he had founded. There remained, however, much unresolved business between them.

In 1132 Abelard wrote a letter to a fellow monk, a "History of My Misfortunes," in which he recounted in intimate detail the story of his relationship with Heloise and its tragic denouement. The text found its way to Heloise, now abbess of the convent in which she had so long lived. It was many years since she had taken her final vows as a nun, but the wounds of her abandonment by Abelard had never healed. In his self-centred "History", she was shocked to find another betrayal of their relationship, and so at long last she was moved to break her silence.

In a long letter she addressed him with blunt irony: "To her master, or rather her father, husband, or rather brother; his handmaid, or rather his daughter, wife, or rather sister; to Abelard, Heloise." She described her emotions upon reading his letter - pity for all his sufferings, mixed, however, with a certain resentment. What of *her* sufferings?

Why, after our entry into religion, which was your decision alone, have I been so neglected and forgotten by you?... It was not any sense of vocation which brought me as a young girl to accept the austerities of the cloister, but your bidding alone, and if I deserve no gratitude from you, you may judge for yourself how my labours are in vain. I can expect no reward for this from God, for it is certain that I have done nothing as yet for love of him.

In responding Abelard tried to turn her bitter thoughts to some spiritual resolution. Their love could not be. She should try to love him in Christ. Heloise in turn accused herself of hypocrisy. The world thought her devout and chaste when all the while her body burned with the memory of their illicit union. It was for love of him that she had taken the veil: "Look at the unhappy life I lead, pitiable beyond any other, if in this world I must endure so much in vain, with no hope of future reward." Abelard urged her still to accept their condition as a fact, and to seek in suffering the path to sanctification.

At this point Heloise abruptly changed course. She gave up her personal appeals and asked him instead to give her a rule and instruction for her monastic community. Obviously relieved, Abelard responded with

several long treatises. They never again referred to their common history. Abelard died in 1142 in the midst of a theological dispute that brought him close to official condemnation. His abbot arranged for him to be buried in the abbey church of Heloise's community. She lived on for another twenty-one years and died on 16 May 1164. Her body was placed beside her husband's.

Over the centuries Heloise and Abelard have attracted their respective champions. Certainly, Heloise was one of the great women intellectuals and writers of the Middle Ages. Was she also, as some have suggested, a kind of saint? The answer depends to some extent on whether one accepts, at face value, her own assessment of her condition. Did she ever achieve the peace of mind to which Abelard had urged her? Is that the best criterion of holiness?

Under her administration the Paraclete became one of the great religious communities of Europe, and Heloise was widely revered as a wise and holy abbess. Is it possible, as Etienne Gilson has said, that "*Heloise did not know everything about her own situation*"? Because she would not renounce her human love for the love of God, she believed herself a hypocrite. But who can say whether God desired such renunciation? Perhaps it was her insistence on the integrity of her love - even at the cost of great suffering - that was her own path to sanctification. In any case it was sufficient to sustain her through a lifetime of prayer and service.

In returning Abelard's body to the Paraclete, the Abbot of Cluny, Peter the Venerable offered a touching acknowledgment of Heloise's claims, both in this world and in the light of eternity: "*Christ cherishes him in your place, indeed as a second you, and he will restore him to you of his grace on the day that the Lord shall come down from heaven.*"

See: The Letters of Abelard and Heloise (New York: Penguin, 1974); Elizabeth Hamilton, Heloise (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1967); Etienne Gilson, Heloise and Abelard (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1960).

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S "AD CLERUM"

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

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

The translation of the Bible that we hear at Mass is changing this Advent. - The Archdiocese has organised a day of prayer, study and discussion to learn more about this and to reflect on the gift of the word of God for the Church. *Treasuring the Gift* takes place on **Saturday 8 June 10:00am-3:00pm** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/treasuringthegift

St Margaret's Pilgrimage - Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate Scotland's patron saint in Dunfermline on Sunday 23 June 2024. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church at 2:00pm, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayers at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes - Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Down's Syndrome - The different time limit for babies with disabilities promotes inequality and sends a message that disabled people are less worthy of life and protection. Fifty MPs are supporting an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's Syndrome in line with the time limit for babies without disabilities. Please ask your MP to support this amendment and stop abortion up to birth for babies with Down's syndrome. Visit <https://dontscreenusout.org/timeforchange>

*Come Holy Spirit, Creator,
and infuse in us the inspiration and power of Jesus.
Without your prompting and grace we will not succeed in believing in him;
We will not have the courage to follow his footsteps;
the church will not be renewed;
our hope will die out.
So come and create in us the life-giving spirit of Jesus.*

Jose Pagola

NOTICEBOARD

A Warm Welcome to Fr Jim Smith, kindly celebrating Mass from Tuesday to Friday this week, while Fr Jock disappears off to Ayrshire for his annual May break/retreat/holiday with the four other members of his priests' support group – 'the J's' - Mgr Gerry Hand, Canon James Tracey, Canon Jeremy Bath and Mgr Philip Joseph Kerr – all (increasingly) venerable priests of our archdiocese....While there, some of them will go to the Requiem Mass in Renfrew on Tuesday of Isobel Stewart, mother of Fr David Stewart SJ, a good friend of our parishes (not least on our Reconciliation Sundays). Please pray for Isobel, and for Fr David.

The Pamoja Fashion Sale Team raised £350.00 last Saturday. As always, many thanks to all those who support this Charity.

A message from the Justice & Peace Group: 'Following the recent publication of the parishes' accounts in the newsletter, we thought it would be a good idea to publish the J&P accounts for last year (ending 31 March 2024) to let you see how the money you have donated in various ways has been used.

BBF	£12		
Income		Expenditure	
Gift Aid Tax Refund	£2,205	Gathimba Edwards Foundation	£650
Regular Monthly Donations	£1,474	SCIAF Ethiopia Appeal	£500
Bethany	£1,097	SCIAF N Africa Appeal	£1,630
SCIAF Real Gifts	£1,635	Bethany	£1,057
St John's Parish SCIAF N		SCIAF Israel-Gaza Appeal	£3,800
Africa Appeal	£627	Edin Children's Hospital Charity	£1,000
Water for a Village	£2,657	SCIAF Real Gifts	£1,635
Sr Andrews Night Concert	£1,708	SCIAF Water for a Village	£2,700
Donation from the Mansfield		Bethany OWC expenses	£273
School of Music	£300	Credit Card transaction fees	£27
SCIAF Gaza Appeal			
(Auction/Raffle)	£2,288		
Total Income	£13,990	Total Expenditure	£13,273
		BCF	£718

As you will see, HM Revenue & Customs is our most generous donor – a big thank you to all who have Gift Aided their donations. This year the taxman has been even more generous - £2233.00!

If you would like to contribute a few pounds per month to the work of the J&P Group, please contact Jennifer Morris, Jim Roarty or any member of the J&P Group to get a monthly standing order form. And finally, a big thank you for your generosity without which none of this could happen.'

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Acts 1 15-17; 20-26; 1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11-19

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

Are you in a vale of tears – or, like Pistol in the Merry Wives of Windsor is the world your oyster, an endless vista of opportunity: *The world is mine oyster, which I with sword will open.* I was thinking of Pistol yesterday. For reasons that are very involved and would need a whole chapter to elucidate, I found myself yesterday walking through the streets of Walthamstow, London. The sun was bright, the air warm, traffic noise oppressive. For someone used to the clean air brought by the ever present in the foothills of the Pennines with Song - thrush, wren and sheep vying for my attention, it was something of a shock to my senses. The bustle and business was clear for all to see and feel. Shops and stalls unfamiliar to me offered a selection of goods and wares, fruits and pastries that tempted and intrigued. Two thoughts struck me – I was not scared or fearful of the strangeness that assaulted my senses. I found myself right in the middle of a cosmopolitan throng with tongues and dialect unfamiliar to me as, I imagine, the hearty song of a tiny wren would be to them. The second thought arose from the words I had heard when listening to one of the radio phone in programmes which are such a personal favourite With all of the racist bigotry that is the dress code for the far right the caller announced: *I want my country back.* The host asked *What country is that? The country of Boudica and Julius Caesar, or that of William the Conqueror (from France) or perhaps the country of Churchill and his war against fascism, or the country of Thatcher who decimated mining communities? Which country is it that you want back?* The caller couldn't really answer because what he wanted to say was the country that is all while and English is the only tongue spoken. Those who are with the caller are probably living in a vale of tears. It may have been different in the dead of night, but at 2.30pm fear was completely absent yesterday Life is very difficult for so many people - including you and I. This is an inescapable truth. Once we recognise our predicament, we can begin to do something about it. Arrogance is our number one enemy in this regard because arrogance prevents us from recognising our need for help - and it prevents us from accepting help and guidance from others. In this weekend's Gospel passage, Jesus has a simple prayer: *I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one.* This world is where we live. We may gaze longingly at the other man's grass, we may wish that life had dealt us a better hand, but this is where we are. As I have often shared with you in the past: "If this is where we are, then this is where we are." The recognition of this truism constitutes our first step on the path to wisdom.

There are at least two ways of looking at the world. We can see it as a vale of tears or we can see it with Pistol in The Merry Wives of Windsor, as a land of endless opportunity: "The world is mine oyster, which I with sword will open". Sometimes life thrills and excites and at other times it drains away our very life blood, sapping our energy and drive. Steering a course through life is rarely straightforward and Jesus is nothing if He is not compassionate. He understands because He has lived as one of us, he lived among us and he knows of what we are made. Aware that we will be subjected to all sorts of distractions, all sorts of empty promises and siren voices, Jesus prays to his Father: *Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.* If we bind ourselves closely to the love and teaching of Jesus Christ, then we have no need of fear in our lives. God is love; anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him. Is there any difficulty in life that will not melt before the radiant power of such a message?

We are nearing the end of the Easter Season and Jesus is preparing his apostles for the day when he will no longer be their earthly companion. He is telling them that he will not abandon them. Soon he will send His Holy Spirit to be a different companion but who will still guide them and us along the simple truths He has taught - *as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.* Roll the clock forward and we see in the first reading this weekend how the early Church is faced with the task of electing a successor to Judas. There had been Twelve tribes of Israel and it was right that the number of Apostles be set at twelve to signify continuity between the old and the new order. Judas has created a vacancy; there is a post to be filled. Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles tells his readers that, faced with the task of choosing a successor from the two nominees, Joseph and Matthias, the whole congregation prayed: *they then drew lots for them and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.* There is an overwhelming sense of trust that runs through the whole episode. Every single member of the congregation will have had personal experience of Jesus. They had heard him, walked with him and learned from him. They had absolute confidence that he would not renege on his promise nor abandon those who meant so much to him. The congregation prayed and cast their votes in complete trust and the lot fell to Matthias.

Jesus wants his apostles - and us - to know peace of mind. He will never abandon us, he will protect us. *I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them...* This is his prayer and his promise, and it is our comfort blanket when life becomes difficult, as it surely will. In return, we pray, and we trust. Love conquers all. It always has and it always will.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Pamela Hanlon, who will celebrate her 60th birthday next Wednesday, 15 May

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Sam Burns - Tommy Muir
Baby Paddy Glynn - Nan Morris*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Frank Saddler - John Rennie
John Norman - Sandra Elgey
Len Kirkland - Brendan Boyle
Christine Pugh - Cillian Dempsey
Theresa Chapman - Maureen Collie
Dolores Jones - Cathy Hall*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Maureen Clark, Patrick McGrath, Barbara Durkacz, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Mairi O'Connor, Betty Dougal, Robert Clark, Eddie Clark, John Lawler, Jimmy Curnyn, Pat Gilmartin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Irene Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Rose Thornton, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Jean Douglas, Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, Eleanor Campanile, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

THANK YOU

Offertory 5 May 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £314.22 total, including £159.22 Offertory and £155.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1237.50 total, including £271.00 Offertory, £161.50 Gift Aid, and £805.00 average weekly online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

May 11: Veronica Ginnelly (2001); **May 12:** Theresa Chapman (2023); Cathie Young (2020); Ian J Berry (2013); Helen McGuire (1991); Kathleen Ogilvie (1970); Ninian Connolly; **May 13:** John Bonar (2005); Sr. Marie McAllister (2001); Rena Tow (1992); Edward Black Sen. (1985); **May 14:** Frank Bell (2022); Cecelia McKenzie (2009); John Gordon Kerr (1994); Sr. Mary Tait (1994); James Waugh (1979); Ann (McCann) Murphy (1956); **May 15:** Harry Haston (2021); James Kelly (2004); John O'Brien (1954); **May 16:** Maureen Collie (2018); Bill Hunter (2017); John Rooney (1984); Vincent Rowley (1981); Sarah Taylor (1981); Mary Anne McGrory (1947); Philip Haslett; **May 17:** Christine Pugh (2013); Killian Dempsey (2005); Mary (Thomson) Macnamara (1996); Joseph Passmore (1963);

St Mary Magdalene's:

May 12: Dorothy McEwan (1995); **May 16:** Ian Graham (2003); Joseph Flynn (1974); Catherine Tough (1970);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Kathie Kramers, Helen Bird, Sheila O'Laughlin, Diana Williams, Fiona McDermott, Tommy McPake, Nicola Murray, Helen Campbell, Coralie Isherwood, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, Edith and Bill Edgar, Shirley Robertson, Norah Hardie, Catherine Princess of Wales, King Charles, Brian McGhee, Jennifer Lackie, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Mark McCann, Elizabeth McKenzie, Jim Gray, Michael McKean, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Raymond McCabe, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Barbara Duff, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona McDermott, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Miranda 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 11), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Rita Noonan, members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 6), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, James O'Rourke, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.