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11 FEBRUARY 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to," he said, "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. (Mk 1.40-41)

Today (Sunday 11 Feb) is World Day of the Sick. Archbishop Leo writes: 'It was introduced by Pope St John Paul II to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers. He chose this day because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lourdes being a place of pilgrimage renowned for healing. Please pray for the sick of our parish and the family members, friends and professionals who help them.'

With this newsletter, there is a special Lenten message from Archbishop Leo.

This Monday at 2.30pm in St John's, we celebrate our monthly Mass of Healing – with the anointing of the sick. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent.... There will be Masses at St Mary Magdalene's at 10am and St John's at 7pm, with the distribution of ashes at both....*Ash Wednesday is one of two days in the year – along with Good Friday - which all those between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to observe as Days of Fasting and Abstinence. ('Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal, and two smaller meals - not to equal two full meals. Abstinence involves refraining from eating meat.')*

Day of Prayer for Those who Suffered Abuse – Friday 16 February - In September 2016, at the request of a clerical abuse survivor from Canada, Marie Collins, herself a survivor of sexual abuse by a priest as a child, proposed to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, of which she was then a member, the idea of a universal Day of Prayer because prayer is one part of the healing process for survivors and the community of believers and public gatherings for prayer also help raise awareness about the issue. Pope Francis received and accepted the proposal and asked that national bishops' conferences choose an appropriate day on which to pray for the survivors and victims of sexual abuse. The Bishop's Conference of Scotland identified the First Friday of Lent, as our designated day. **Our Mass on Friday – 10am – St John's Hall – will be offered for their intentions.** You are warmly encouraged to come along as a sign of solidarity with those who have been abused.

We will be celebrating the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' with lunchtime prayer, soup and sandwiches at 12.30pm in different churches in the area – between Monday 19 and Friday 24 February.

Women's Hostel for STEKA Skills

Ss John's and Mary Magdalene's Fundraising partnership for 2024

Gerry Power, the co-ordinator of our fundraising group, will be speaking at all our Masses this weekend. He writes: Further to Gary Zoltie's piece in the 4th Sunday of the year's Newsletter, we hope to launch our fundraising drive supporting the STEKA Women's Hostel at next weekend's Masses, the 1st Sunday of Lent. This will take the form of a leaving collection.

I appreciate that there will be a number of calls for alms giving during the Lenten period and that there are many good causes worthy of support. SS John's and Mary Magdalene's parishioners have in the past been extremely generous in their support of STEKA and in giving alms during Lent you may wish to consider supporting the Women's Hostel Fund.

It is impossible to emphasize the difference a Hostel will make to the security and safety of women attending STEKA vocational skills centres, many of whom are vulnerable and have to travel long distances to reach the centres. We have an opportunity here to really make a difference.

More information on the need for a women's hostel is available on the Steka website (Steka .com).

Baskets will be available at the back of the Church and we hope to have card readers available for digital payments.'

In addition, in a fortnight's time, there is a jazz cabaret - "Roving Mad" – with all the proceeds going to the Hostel (*Saturday 24 February, 8.00pm, St John's Church Hall - (1h 15min, doors open at 7.30pm) – Jazz cabaret style seating. BYOB (soft drinks provided)*)

'Roving Mad (Travel to Odd Places in Story and Song) had a highly successful run in the 2023 Edinburgh Fringe, and The Swells are delighted to bring their show to St John's church hall for a repeat performance. Join **The Swells** - *Jeremy Thorp* (keyboard), *Malcolm Windsor* (vocals) and *Nick Gent* (guitar) - as they tell their stories of travel to odd places, accompanied by songs chosen for the poetry of their lyrics, their rhythm and their melody. **Tickets** £12 from Jeremy Thorp: 07900 278043, jdt121@btinternet.com or Eventbrite (The Swells): <https://bit.ly/3vNYaLd>

Fr Jock will also be undertaking a sponsored slim for the Women's Hostel – if you feel able to sign up to support him, there will be sheets at the back of both churches.

Back to Basics with...the Alpha Programme – starting Sunday 25 February

Bronagh Power writes: 'Are you looking for something to do during Lent? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be part of a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome but you're invited!

The actual course starts at 6.30pm on Sunday 25 February in St John's Hall.... you can sign up for it from today. (Postcards will be given out for those who want them – or want to pass them on to someone else - this weekend). Do sign up on the lists at the back of both churches.

Lenten Series – “Whatever You do to the least of my sisters or brothers, you do unto me ...” (Matthew 25-

During Lent this year we will be focusing on an important theme raised during our synodality conversations - How we can be more inclusive of people who are marginalised in society or made to feel unwelcome in the church? Many people in the synodality events commented that Jesus emphasised reaching across the barriers that exclude people. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a powerful example.

A small group has been meeting with Fr Jock to look at plans for a Lent programme to help us become better informed about those communities and people that find themselves marginalised by society, including by the church.

So, during Lent this year we are holding 5 evening meetings to look at this topic and to deepen our understanding. The title for these talks is taken from the parable of the sheep and the goats in Matthew chapter 25.40 - “Whatever you do to the least ...” This parable tells us that Jesus meets us among those who seem most ‘outside of’ society.

Each meeting will look in a positive way at the inclusion of a particular group. We will have speakers who are directly involved who will share their experiences – of both joy and challenge.

These evening meetings will be at 7.00pm in the Parish House starting on Thursday 22 February and run weekly until 21 March.

The topics will be:

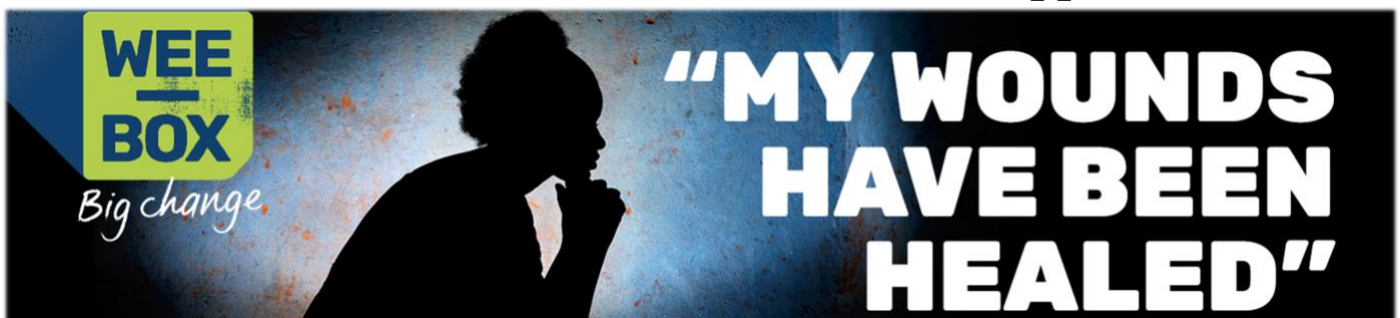
- 22 Feb: L'Arche - living with those who are disabled by society.
- 29 Feb: LGBTQIA - how to promote a sense of belonging for this community.
- 7 Mar: Bethany Care Van and Welcome Centre - providing meals for those who are homeless.
- 14 Mar: Host families - welcoming and supporting refugees.
- 21 Mar: Multicultural family Base - working with diverse and minoritised children and families.

HOUSE GROUPS FOR ‘THE CHOSEN’

*One of our other Lenten initiatives will focus on **The Chosen** - we have organised **two house groups** that will meet to look at different episodes and then discuss them...again sheets available at the back of both churches.... One, led by Diane Devlin, and hosted by Catrina McGillivray at 2 Eskside East, Musselburgh, will take place at 7pm on Monday evenings (beginning 19 February), the other, **led by Sheila Tansey will take place in Joyce Martin’s house each Wednesday of the 5 middle weeks of Lent (beginning 21 February at 7pm).***

(THE CHOSEN is an historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the various episodes are based on the Gospels and offer an authentic and intimate look at Jesus’ life and teachings. While some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed this use of artistic imagination is designed to support the intention of the Scriptures....)

SCIAF - WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal.



On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF will launch the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal. *Last year, our two sister Parishes raised £735.00 to help improve life in Zambia. This year’s Lent appeal focuses on communities in Rwanda. In April 1994, 100 days of mass genocide began in Rwanda. Thirty years on, Rwanda and its people are still recovering from the genocide that ripped their country apart and the deep trauma it left*

behind. In Rwanda, many women and girls suffer directly from gender-based violence. Your donations, prayers and actions make a real and lasting difference in their lives. This Lent, use your WEE BOX to make a BIG CHANGE. To find out more please visit <https://bit.ly/49nqp1S> or call 0141 354 5555.

Two messages from The Legion of Mary:

‘The **January Charity Coffee Morning** raised £250.00 for Sightsavers. Many thanks to all who came along and gave so generously. The **February** Coffee Morning will be held on Monday **19 February** after Mass in St John's Parish Hall. Donations will be given to "Aid to the Church in Need". Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee, home baking and great company.

During Lent from Wednesday 21 February, the Legion of Mary will lead Stations of the Cross in St John's Church after Mass each week. The Rosary at Our Lady's altar will continue on Fridays for a change in attitudes to abortion after Mass. Please join us for these devotions. Thank you’.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 February - 6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 11 February – **SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (World Day of the Sick – the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)**

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass with baptisms of Jeff and Jonathan Gamado and Jay-Jay and Jasmine Adamczyk** – *livestreamed*

Monday 12 February

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass** – *livestreamed*

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

7.00pm – Parish House – **Alpha Team Training Meeting**

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

Tuesday 13 February

10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Linda Fuller** – *livestreamed*

12 noon - Seafeld Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Des Tod** (Fr Jim)

7.00pm – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 9)** – Mass and Meal to celebrate the ending of the catechumenate...

Wednesday 14 February – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

7.00pm – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 15 February

10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Nora Bruce** – *livestreamed*

6.00pm – Parish House - **Preparation for Reconciliation for P3 ‘Parish Children’**

Friday 16 February - 10.00am – St John’s Hall – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Saturday 17 February

11.00-4.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Parish Marriage Preparation Day**

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

Sunday 18 February – **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – with RCIA Rite of Pre-
Inscription

12.00pm – St Mary’s Cathedral – **RCIA Rite of Election with Catechumens and Candidates from the whole Archdiocese**



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

'SAINT' OF THE WEEK – Dom Helder Camara

Archbishop of Recife (1909-1999) - Feast Day: 7 February

"We who are charged with announcing the message of Christ need to learn the incomparable lesson that he taught us by his own example. He taught first of all with his life, and only then did he preach."



7 February is/was the birthday of Dom Helder Camara who, at eighty-eight, was still alive at the time of this writing. [1990] In principle this volume features only those whose earthly pilgrimage is done. And yet it seemed unthinkable, in any list of saints and witnesses for our time, to omit the name of Dom Helder. This courageous and prophetic bishop served as one of the century's great apostles of Christian nonviolence. He embodied the church's *"option for the poor"* and defined through his actions the intimate relationship between love and justice.

Camara was born in 1909 in Fortaleza, Brazil, the twelfth of his parents' thirteen children. By the time he was eight he had already discerned his vocation. When he informed his father, a masonic freethinker, that he wanted to be a priest, his father told him, *"Do you know what it means to be a priest? It means to belong to yourself no more. The priest belongs to God and to others."* To this, young Helder brightly responded, *"But that is exactly what I want to be!"*

Camara was ordained in 1931. At that time the church's principal concerns were combatting communism and religious indifference. Camara joined a conservative political movement, the Integralist Party, which was inspired by Italian fascism. Their motto was "God, Country, Family." Within a few years, however, he had broken with the movement. While engaged in pastoral work in Rio de Janeiro he had become increasingly affected by the poor, the inhabitants of Rio's squalid slums, or favelas. In trying to relate the message of the gospel to their sufferings he would undergo a steady and radical conversion until he reached the point where he himself was labelled a communist.

Camara was named a bishop in 1952. Around the same time he was instrumental in founding the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, the first such body of its kind in Latin America. Camara himself served as its secretary general for twelve years. Under his leadership this body became a vigorous advocate for the poor and defender of human rights. As an auxiliary bishop of Rio, Camara himself organized many social services for the poor. But he came to the conclusion that charity was not enough. What was needed was social justice. This in turn required empowering the poor to be the agents of social transformation. Thus, he began to put more emphasis on grassroots education, or *"conscientization."*

In 1964 Camara was named archbishop of the archdiocese of Recife and Olinda in the impoverished northeast region of Brazil. His appointment came within weeks of a brutal military coup. Immediately he stepped forward as a champion of democracy and human rights, a role that earned him the sobriquet *"the red bishop."* His outspoken witness for peace and social justice came many years before such positions were widely shared by his brother bishops. His message was reflected as well in a new style of episcopal leadership. Instead of a pectoral cross of gold or silver, he wore a simple wooden cross. He moved out of the bishop's palace and lived in a humble house. He encouraged the training of lay catechists and opened the seminary doors to lay people and women. His own door was always open to any who sought him, and he presented himself truly as the servant of his people.

Among those who once knocked on his door was a hired assassin. When Dom Helder answered the door and identified himself, the man was so undone by the sight of the frail and diminutive bishop that he abandoned his deadly mission: *"I can't kill you,"* he said. *"You are one of the Lord's."*

It was not the only time Dom Helder was close to death. His house was sprayed with machine-gun fire. The diocesan offices were repeatedly ransacked. For thirteen years he was banned by the military government from any public speaking, and the newspapers were not even permitted to mention his name. Such persecution did not discourage him. But though his life was spared, he endured a more painful fate. That was to see his friends and colleagues - priests, catechists, and lay people - repeatedly imprisoned, tortured, or killed simply because of their association with him.

The government's fear of this single pastor seemed almost comical in light of his appearance. At just over five feet tall and weighing no more than 120 pounds in his traditional soutane, Dom Helder hardly looked the part of a dangerous revolutionary. Yet those who underestimated his strength of will were soundly corrected. For all his anger in the face of injustice, Dom Helder conveyed a deep spirit of interior peace and even joy. He rose every night at two to pray and recite his breviary. His day formally began with Mass at six. Thus, rooted in prayer, he was able in each situation or encounter to discern the face of God. Within the body of this frail old man, there beat the ardent heart of a troubadour. Like St. Francis, he had the habit of speaking to animals and even inanimate objects that crossed his path. Often, he interrupted a conversation to wave at a flock of passing birds or even an airplane overhead. Everything he encountered received his blessing.

One of his constant themes was the importance of an "Abrahamic minority," the small community of those in each generation who keep hope alive and who are willing to risk security and comfort to seek the "promised land." From his see in Recife, Dom Helder became an inspiration to that minority, a universal bishop to the poor, a friend and pastor to all who struggled for peace and justice. When he retired as archbishop of Recife his conservative successor reversed nearly all of his initiatives. Thus, he lived on to see much of his work swept away. But in a deeper sense he left an indelible impression on the universal church. [Though he died on August 27, 1999, his spirit lives on.] *From Robert Ellsberg – All Saints, 1997*

See: Vickie Kemper and Larry Engel, "Dom Helder Camara: Hope against Hope," in Jim Wallis and Joyce Hollyday, eds., Cloud of Witnesses (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1991); Mary Hall, The Impossible Dream: The Spirituality of Dom Helder Camara (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1980).

A prayer for Ash Wednesday

*Lord, you are rich in mercy and you call us back to you.
Open our hearts as we seek this Lent to draw closer to you.
Fill us with your love and lead us in turn to act with love
towards all our sisters and brothers. Amen. (*
(Cafod)

NOTICEBOARD

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...

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

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



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. Thank you to those who have already given so generously'.

The Pamoja fashion Team raised £458.50 last Saturday, so many thanks to all who supports this charity.

Foodbanks – A message from the Parishes' Justice & Peace Group

'Are you giving up something for Lent? Often, we think of giving up an item of food or drink. For some people that is not a choice as they struggle every day to afford food and household essentials.

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.

We are putting this note on the newsletter to let people know the type of goods needed and update that regularly. *Goods can be left in 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, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert, jam and biscuits. Toilet paper, household cleaning materials, toothpaste, soap etc. is also welcome. Thank you.

Another note, our **Christmas Buy a Bed appeal** helping to support financially the Welcome Centre raised **£1057**, for which generosity, grateful thanks. Our parishes are among those providing a hot meal for the homeless using the Welcome Centre; so far, we have done this on 12 evenings with another 8 scheduled before the Centre closes at the end of April. Thank you'

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Leviticus 13:1-2; 44-46; Mark 1:40-45

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

Do you remember what you were doing on March 23rd, 2020. For most of us, the date is not seminal – though its significance for the UK was of tremendous importance. It was the date that Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister of the UK, stared into the camera and announced to each of us: ‘You must stay at home’. These five words heralded the largest restrictions ever imposed on a population in peacetime. Life changed for everyone apart from a handful of staffers who opted to ignore the instruction. The reality that is dawning on many, is that there are a number in the population for whom the instruction to ‘stay at home’ has yet to end. Large swathes of the British population are lonely, dispirited, friendless and subject to a seemingly constant barrage of scammers, desperate to authorise a refund of £189 into their Bank Account in return for a few personal details. Their crimes, even more despicable because they prey on those for whom the comfort of another voice in their world is as treasure. For countless months now I have been a friendly voice to someone suffering such isolation. He now has early onset dementia. Separated by over 300 miles our daily ‘phone calls cover the same ground – what sort of day are you having? Have you had your lunch? What did you have? Then there are times when I must go into a more protective mode. On Tuesday, a workman appeared at his door claiming to be working on the property behind. He wasn’t. He was lying. ‘I need your telephone number in case we do any damage and need to make good’. Foolishly my friend gave the number then immediately wished he hadn’t – particularly as there was no evidence of anyone working on any house nearby. I called the Metropolitan Police who, although I was over 300 miles away, reacted promptly and efficiently. The Police reassured my friend. They advised him what to do to keep himself safe. That afternoon, a further ‘phone call to my friend told him the caller needed £6000 to authorise the installation of a water pump as there was a burst main ‘just around the corner’. My friend called me again, and again I called the Metropolitan Police. (I now had a case number as part of my armoury!) In an era when it’s easy to criticise the overstretched police force, they reacted promptly. To cut to the chase, so far, we have been successful in repelling this bullying programme of exploitation. My instinct is to change his number, but given his age and vulnerability, I didn’t want to do anything that would make him more isolated. I have no difficulty remembering my own number – not everyone is equally certain or confident when it comes to numbers. It made me realise how vulnerable we are when forced into a state of isolation. In years to come, historians will argue as to the significance of Boris Johnson’s words: “You must stay at home”.

In this weekend’s Gospel we encounter a man who had been forced to isolate because of his leprosy, and then, following their encounter, Jesus, too, is forced to isolate. He had been spotted by some sort of biblical Dido Harding. (Do you remember her? I wonder if we’ll ever find out what happened to the £39 billion cost of her flirtation with history.) Jesus is told, you have been in contact with a leper – you must isolate! Mark tells us: *Jesus could no longer go into any town but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.* Not only had he conversed with the leper he had also ‘touched’ him. Thus, he rendered himself unclean and the harsh treatment towards Jesus was stipulated in the Law and is reflected in the reading from the Book of Leviticus: *he must live outside the camp.* Jesus was not afraid to touch the leper, just as the late Princess Diana showed us that we would not be harmed, should we embrace an AIDS sufferer.

Isolation is not good for any of us, unless we have been called by God to a life of contemplation. From time immemorial ‘solitary confinement’ has been used as a punishment precisely because it dehumanises. In today’s Gospel Jesus says to the leper ‘*Of course I want to – be cured.*’ Lent is looming. Oh! No! not again – 6 weeks. Aaagh! Penitential Services, Stations of the Cross, Fasting, Are you sure it’s been a whole year?! So, why not this year opt for the 45-day challenge? Reach out to a different person from your circle every day. Let your love touch them. We may have fallen out with some – and yes! It might have been their fault, but that doesn’t stop anyone from stretching out a hand of love and friendship. Heal their isolation. Isolation is good for no-one. Jesus saw that – he touched the leper – reckless behaviour but imagine the joy in the leper’s heart. We have the wherewithal to bring that same joy. Will we use it?

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Margaret Troupe - Orla Twomey

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Canon Albert Franklin - John Newall
- Jimmy Sangster - Margaret Scott*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Feb.10: Edward McCabe (2008); David Young (1985); D V McCaughan (1984); Mary (O'Brien) Callan (1926); **Feb.11:** Guido Torino (2014); Marie Buchanan (2005); Lucy Hughes (1989); Hannah Knowles (1964); Canon Albert Franklin (1955); **Feb.12:** Pat Kelly (1997); Bill Jacob (1984); **Feb.13:** William Lawrie (1973); John Duffy; Annie Nicholson; **Feb.14:** Jimmy Sangster (2020); Margaret Scott (2018); Mary Kathleen McConvill (2002); Bernard Halpenny (1985); William Hughes (1978); Patrick Gilroy (1966); **Feb.15:** Francesco Crolla (2022); Violet Donaldson (2021); Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll (1997); John Duffy; **Feb.16:** Charles Malcolm (1993); Betty McGuire (1987); John Denning (1959);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Feb.11: Ian McLeod (1996); **Feb.12:** Mary Tully (2007); **Feb.15:** John O'Keefe (1982); **Feb.16:** Ellen Conway (1972);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Ian Thompson, John Carr, 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, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Canon Andrew Monaghan, Jim Gray, Michael McKean, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Jennifer Lackie, Raymond McCabe, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Baby Thomas Hayward, 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.

Offertory 4 February 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £282.05 total, including £191.05 Offertory and £91.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1261.70 total, including £274.40 Offertory, £222.30 Gift Aid, and £765.00 online donations.

THANK YOU!