

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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(Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.00am to 3.00pm & Friday 11.00am to 4.00pm)

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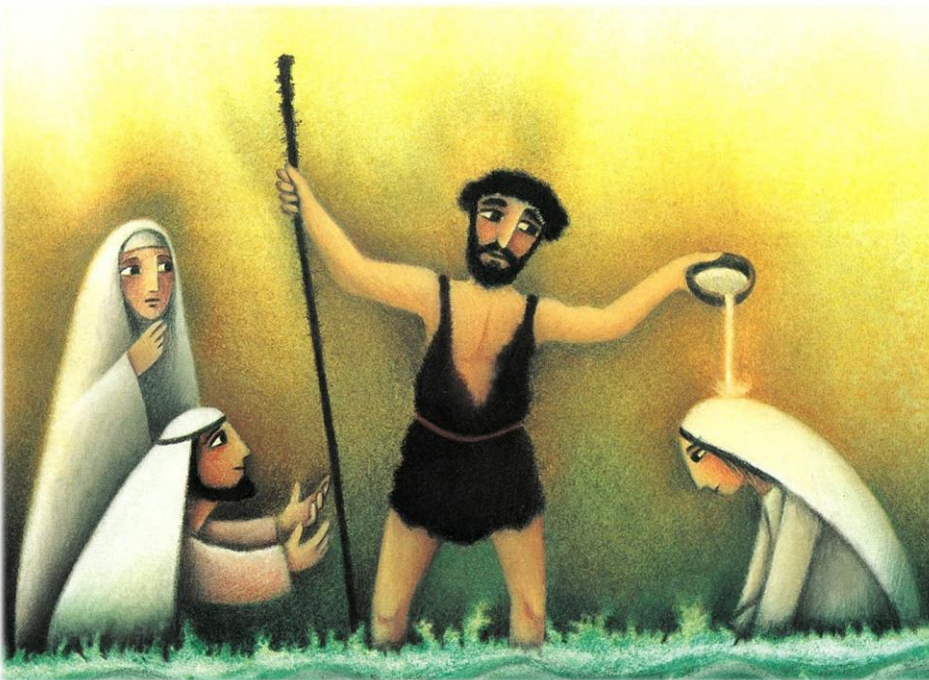
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15 DECEMBER 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*John [the Baptist] said,
'I baptise you with water,
but he who is mightier
than I is coming, the strap
of whose sandals I am not
worthy to untie.
He will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit and fire'.*

(Luke 3:16)

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

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY - RECONCILIATION SUNDAY will take place this week end, at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses... **Fr Jim**, **Fr David Stewart SJ**, and **Fr Jock** will be available at all three Masses to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation – and will be joined by **Fr John SMMM** from St Teresa's, Craigmillar, and **Fr Ray OMI** from St Mary's Leith at the beginning of the 9.30am Mass. An 'examination of conscience' to help us celebrate will be given out at the start of each Mass.

*Advent Carol
Service*



JOINT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – 5.00PM - ST JOHN'S THIS SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER

It's been a joy to welcome the congregation of St Mark's to worship in St John's for the coming months, celebrating their Eucharist at 11.00am just after our 9.30am Mass, but there is a danger that we end up as ships passing in the night (or, at least, on Sunday morning) – hence the St Mark's Rector, Dr Sophia Marriage, and Fr Jock agreeing that **we share an Advent Carol Service this Sunday at 5.00pm**, with the musicians and readers from both churches – and from St Mary Magdalene's – contributing to the celebration. Please do 'come and join the celebration'.

THIS SATURDAY - ADVENT CLUSTER RETREAT WITH FR PIOTR/PETER KRAKOWIAK - ST MARY'S, LEITH -10.00am-1.00pm

The retreat will take place this **Saturday 14 December** at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - from 10am to 1pm – **led by Fr Piotr, the parish priest of St Ninian's**, for our five cluster parishes of St Mary's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Theresa's, St John's and St Ninian's. (Free – but donations welcome to cover our costs). Do just turn up...

Prayer at Night 2024

Prayer at Night will be online during Advent

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

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



Mass Times for Christmas:

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

On sale now in both Churches the 2025 Archdiocesan Catholic Directory – price £3

THIS WEEK

Saturday 14 December (Reconciliation Sunday)

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Leith – **ADVENT RETREAT FOR THE 5 CLUSTER PARISHES**
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Sunday 15 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Reconciliation Sunday

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
5.00pm – St John's – **St Mark's, St Mary Magdalene's and St John's - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Monday 16 December

11.30am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Johnny McNeil** – *livestreamed*
6.00pm – MS Team – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3OUUnlr>
6.45pm – 2 Eskside East, EH21 7RU – House Group - **The Chosen (Series 2)**
7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Eucharistic Ministers' Training Night**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Tuesday 17 December

4.30pm – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**
7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA**
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Wednesday 18 December

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Thursday 19 December - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Friday 20 December - 10.00am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Saturday 21 December
6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Sunday 22 December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
11.00am – St John’s – **St Mark’s Episcopalian Eucharist**
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

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

Christmas on the edge

*Christmas sets the centre on the edge;
The edge of town, the outhouse of the inn,
The fringe of empire, far from privilege
And power, on the edge and outer spin
Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars
That edge a galaxy itself light years
From some unguessed at cosmic origin.
Christmas sets the centre at the edge.*

*And from this day our world is re-aligned
A tiny seed unfolding in the womb
Becomes the source from which we all unfold
And flower into being. We are healed,
The end begins, the tomb becomes a womb,
For now in him all things are re-aligned.*

(Malcolm Guite)

IN THE COMING WEEKS

On **Friday 3 January**, the annual **EPIPHANY MEAL** our two parishes host for and with **the Edinburgh L’Arche Community** will take place at 12.00pm in St John’s Hall...Mary Iannarelli and the Hospitality Team would welcome assistance – **please contact Mary (07534 666439) or Fr Jock if you are willing to help....or just turn up on the day for what is a wonderfully heartwarming and joyful occasion...**

What is L’Arche, Edinburgh?

It is a Community of around 80 people including people with and without learning disabilities, support assistants, volunteers, friends and neighbours, based in the Leith and Restalrig areas of Edinburgh.

L’Arche Edinburgh was founded in 1991 and is one of over 150 L’Arche (The Ark) communities in all five continents. It has many long-standing connections to local faith communities (including St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s), universities and other community groups, and more recently to the local Ukrainian community. The community is home to 16 people with learning disabilities, who are supported at home, as well as volunteers, friends, neighbours and L’Arche assistants. There are a mix of supported living houses, where the people supported share their home with other people with learning disabilities and with live in assistants. 4 people are also enabled to live more independently in their own flats.

MORE BACKGROUND TO THE WORLD IN WHICH FR TOMMY GREENAN MINISTERED...

‘SAINTS’ OF THE WEEK – The Martyrs of El Mozote (d. 1981)

El Salvador – **Feast Day: 11 December**

"I was afraid that I would cry out, that I would scream, that I would go crazy. I couldn't stand it, and I prayed to God to help me. I promised God that if He helped me I would tell the world what happened here."

Rufina Amaya



On December 10, 1981, scores of Salvadoran troops, part of the elite, U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion, entered the town of El Mozote, a small hamlet in the Salvadoran province of Morazán. Their mission was code-named "*Rescue*." Its objective was to pursue guerrilla troops, cut off their supply lines, and eliminate suspected subversives.

No one had ever accused the people of El Mozote of being subversives. They were, in fact, something of an anomaly in this province, otherwise largely under guerrilla control. More than half of the townspeople were born-again evangelicals, a fact which may have accounted for their

determination to remain neutral in the ongoing civil war in El Salvador. On the day of Operation Rescue the town was in fact swollen with refugees from the countryside, drawn by the belief that El Mozote would provide a safe haven amid the encircling fighting. They were wrong.

On the first day the soldiers gathered the townspeople and roughly interrogated them for information about the guerrillas. The people had no information to give. At some point the decision was made simply to destroy the town. For the next two days the soldiers systematically gathered the townspeople into small groups of men, women, and children and massacred the lot of them. It was exhausting work, carried out with extraordinary brutality. All the while the air was filled with screams and cries, punctuated by bursts of gun fire. Having begun the task, the soldiers were determined to leave no survivors. But they failed.

A peasant woman, *Rufina Amaya*, was put at the end of a line of women taken out to be executed. She had already seen her husband decapitated. When she arrived at the site where she was to be killed, Rufina fell to her knees: "*I was crying and begging God to forgive my sins. Though I was almost at the feet of the soldiers I wasn't begging them I was begging God.*" But in a moment when the soldiers weren't looking, she seized the opportunity to crawl away and hide herself in some bushes. She remained there for days - shivering, thirsty, bleeding - watching and listening as the soldiers completed their mission. The children were the last to go. Rufina had to listen to the sounds of her own children being killed, biting her tongue to keep from screaming.

That night she overheard some of the soldiers discussing the faith of the people they had killed. One young girl in particular remained on their minds. While they had raped her repeatedly, she had continued to sing hymns. Even after they shot her in the chest she sang. They shot her again, and still she sang. And then "*their wonder began to turn to fear - until finally they had unsheathed their machetes and hacked through her neck, and at last the singing stopped.*"

Rufina alone survived to tell the world what had happened at El Mozote, where as many as a thousand people were killed. It was the largest massacre in modern Latin American history.

For more than a decade, years after the end of the civil war, the town of El Mozote remained abandoned. In the meantime, forensic investigators, sponsored by a U.N. Truth Commission, sifted through the gruesome evidence, confirming Rufina's account of the terrible events she had witnessed. Eventually people began to return and rebuild. But not Rufina. She could not bring herself to return. She lived on in a nearby town, where she remarried and bore new children. But despite the pain of her memories, she kept her pledge to recount the story of the massacre to any who asked.

A memorial in the town square of El Mozote bears the inscription: "*They did not die, they are with us, with you, and with all humanity.*"

See: Mark Danner, "The Truth of El Mozote," The New Yorker (December 6, 1993).

NOTICEBOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

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

Advent Rosary - The annual Advent Rosary continues on Zoom this Monday (16 Dec) at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Sr Mary Joseph who is based in Aberdeen Diocese. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

Explore the new Lectionary - Join **Fr Jamie McMorris** at 7:00pm **this Wednesday (18 Dec)** on Zoom as he continues his series exploring the new Lectionary. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent. Catch up on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh.

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

Diploma in Catechetics -The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course beginning in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

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

Lourdes 2025 - The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>

Marriage, Family and Life - The Catholic Families for Life Newsletter is available to read online. Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

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

AN INVITATION TO A HOGMANAY VIGIL
from the St Ninian's, Marionville, Care for Creation Group

Looking Forward as Pilgrims of Hope

A vigil of reflection, silence and prayer
for our broken world and wounded earth

on Hogmanay, **31st December**

3 – 4pm, followed by refreshments

In St Ninian's hall, Marionville Road, Edinburgh
(Buses 19,34,25,21,49)

*Bring yourself, a candle
a reading, reflection, poem, prayer, silence*



It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness

Care for Creation news - This week the MSP, Monica Lennon, supported by many other MSPs from across the political spectrum, and many members of the public, was hoping to introduce a draft bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. Watch this space for updates.



*St Anthony asking God
what he did to deserve
an eternity of looking
for everyone's car keys...*

Parishes Gift Aid Scheme

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

Parish Account Details:

St Johns Church – Sort Code 804653 – Account Number 10765768

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

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

An Advent Prayer of Abandonment to God

*I am your servant, Lord.
let what You have said
be done to me
(Mary)*

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LUKE 3: 10-18

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

I well remember my teenage years as my mind was opened to ‘fashion’. A burgeoning, if misguided, fashion sense beckoned seductively. Friday nights out to the Town Centre involved the donning of a green suit, bottle green shirt with gold coloured knitted tie – and all topped or should that be bottomed with a pair of brown suede hush puppies! Good grief, I hear you say. You might remember those ties, never more an inch wide the whole length, sort of crocheted and always in bright colours. I must have looked like a forerunner to the Grinch, though I was never quite as miserable. If neighbours were laughing, it was discreet laughter. Mind you, ever hath it been, that only a fool dares to comment to a teenager’s face as to their fashion sense! As a general rule, when it comes to teenage fashion, stay silent. One of my nieces went through her ‘Goth’ stage with great enthusiasm. No-one dared comment. No-one, that is, except my mother, who possessed all of the subtlety of Donald Trump dancing in front of his adoring brown-nosed fans. For some reason, known only to the brain-dead, he chose to dance to the Gay anthem ‘YMCA’ by Village People. Very MAGA! Perhaps it was those years when fashion sense took me down strange paths that I was bitten by the glitter-ball bug, and when purple, fluorescent tubes were introduced picking up the smallest specks of dust in their unforgiving glare, the bright lights had me hooked.

Perhaps this accounts for my annual fascination with BBC’s *Strictly Come Dancing*. Who doesn’t like a glittery shirt and a chance to skip the light fandango, turning cartwheels ‘cross the floor? (as Procul Harum might say). If you, likewise, are victim of the ‘Strictly’ bug, chances are you’ve heard of Chris McCausland. He is blind and odds-on favourite to win this year’s competition. Watching him dance, the viewer is forced to suspend belief. *‘Surely he cannot be blind – can he?’* You may well have heard of him, but I wager my rainy-day emergency fund (which these days would struggle to provide cover for a solitary raindrop) that you have completely forgotten about Arthur Labinjo Hughes. Three years ago, we saw, read and heard of his death – murdered at the hands of his father and stepmother. We watched in horror at video footage of his tiny, emaciated body, clinging to a filthy duvet for comfort and heard some of his final words as he pleaded to the video camera, installed so that his parents could monitor him; *‘Why does nobody love me?’*. Politicians and care professionals alike assured us that it must not be allowed to happen ever again. And yet, this week we witnessed the final act in the trial involving the father and stepmother of 10-year-old Sara Sharif. Collectively we wrung our hands and beat our breasts - *This must not be allowed to happen again.*

This week the people of Syria have exhaled a collective sigh of relief. They cannot possibly know what the future holds – to their eternal frustration the West cannot either – they reason that it cannot possibly be as bad. We can only hope their optimism is well founded, but if Israel’s behaviour this week is anything to go by, then it might be just as bad. America supplies the bombs, and the Israeli Air force deliver them with reckless enthusiasm. I am sure good people live in Israel, as there were good people in the (former) ruling party in Syria. The latter will have been terrorised into silence, the former’s voices are being drowned out by those who know nothing but hate. The story is told of Michelangelo who, having finished his masterful depiction of Moses, struck the statue on the knee and cried out: *Speak, damn you Speak!* I wonder if the people of Israel have that same exhortation in 2024. *Speak to us, Moses. Speak! We need your help and guidance.*

What must we do then is the question posed to John the Baptist in this weekend’s Gospel: It’s important to note that John the Baptist does not give his listeners a licence to stay schtum. He does not allow them to hide behind a desire to not rock the boat or avoid hurting the feelings of their friends. He doesn’t call for an offensive attitude, but nor does he allow for inactivity. *If you have two tunics, give one away; if you have food in the house share it with those who have none; tax collectors do not take more than your due.* If you are a soldier then *no intimidation, no extortion.* It is good practical advice: come to think of it, would that not be our cry to John the Baptist this weekend. *What must we do then?* Will we heed his exhortation? Or will we disappoint him and keep schtum?

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Ron Murray

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Una Johnston - Jim Duffy - Jim Marin

Margaret Knowles - Mary Salvona

George Smith - Sandy Mackay

baby Coin Newall - Mary McInally

John Cahill - Maureen Callaghan

Robert Greenan - Linda Fuller

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

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

St Mary Magdalene's:

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

Offertory 8 December 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £300.20 total, including £139.20 Offertory and £161.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1451.40 total, including £360.40 Offertory, £281.00 Gift Aid, and £810.00 average weekly online donations.

Pamoja Charity Sale:

£570.00 from both Parishes

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.14: John Cahill (2017); Isabel Garvie (2015); Peter Brown (2004); Annie C Dobson (2002); Margaret Donaldson; Margaret Ward; **Dec.15:** Maureen Callaghan (2019); Sarah Carty (2001); Janet Peters (1993); William Cotterell (1984); Jeannie O'Brien (1959); Edward D Maher (1958); Catherine Carvell; Catherine Connell; **Dec.16:** Una Johnston (2021); Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; **Dec.17:** Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; **Dec.18:** Nan Rostant (2020); Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964); **Dec.19:** Michael O'Brien (2017); Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan; **Dec.20:** Linda Fuller (2023); Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.11: Winifred Graham (1981); **Dec.15:** Baby Colin Newall (1968); **Dec.16:** Patricia Scott (1999); **Dec.19:** Mary McInally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979); **Dec.20:** Jim Marin (2010);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Kate Titterington, Diana Williams, Fr Alex Davie, Juan Ignacio de Vicente Lara, Tom Cullimore, David Paterson, Kay Leslie, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Katie McAnenny, Peter Higgins, Tricia Murphy Black, Anne Claveirole, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Revd Peter Millar, Ann Dooley, Ewa Kiersztejn, Veronica Monbieni, Fr John McFadden OMI, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Caitriona Stark, Fernando Cervantes, Pat O'Kelly, Angela Whyte, Mike Foy, Jean Cooper, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Chris Frost, Lynda Young, Mary McCormack, Helen Bird, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Coralie Isherwood, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, Edith Edgar, Shirley Robertson, Catherine Princess of Wales, King Charles, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth McKenzie, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Saramma Samuel, Peter Robinson, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, Tom Heeney, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John Havard, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 11), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Eunice McDonald Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 17), Michael Doherty, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 7), Jennifer Kay, Kazim Kazimoglu, Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Dani Miniette, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.