

# 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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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 21 JULY 2024



So as Jesus stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

(Mark 6:33-34)

Here are the two sheep from a 6th century Byzantine mosaic in the church of Saint Apollinaris in Classe, Ravenna, Italy

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

**Monday 22 July is the Patronal Feast for St Mary Magdalene's** - there is Mass in St MM's at 10am, and tea and coffee in the Hall afterwards. We will also celebrate after the 11.15 Sunday Mass.

Next Sunday is the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**.

**From Archbishop Leo's Ad Clerum** – 'To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the National Marian Shrine, Carfin, on **Sunday 28 July** at 3:00pm. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese), who is President of the Bishops' Conference Marriage, Family and Life Commission. The Café will be open for refreshments.'

**The next Baptismal Course** for our two parishes will take place on **Thursday 15 and 22 August** in the Parish House at 7.30pm – if you would like a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

## THIS WEEK

**Saturday 20 July** - 6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

**Sunday 21 July – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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

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

**Monday 22 July – FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE**

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass for the Patronal Feast** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3SefaT8>

**Tuesday 23 July** - 7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

**Wednesday 24 July**

**9.00am -9.40am** – St John’s – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

**Thursday 25 July – Feast of St James**

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

12.00 midday – St John’s – **Funeral Service for Pat Gilmartin**

**Friday 26 July**

9.15-9.55am – St John’s – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

12.00 midday – Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Valentino Pacitti**

**Saturday 27 July** - 6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

**Sunday 28 July – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

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

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

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



## IN THE COMING WEEKS

Wednesday 31 July – 10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Irene Flynn**

## NOTICEBOARD

**Pamoja Fashion** raised £379.00 during their last sale in St John’s - many thanks to all who support them.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP PAUL BAKYENGA

**10AM – SATURDAY 3 AUGUST – HOLY CROSS, FERRY RD**

Mgr Gerry Hand writes: ‘Archbishop Paul Bakyenga, the Archbishop of Mbarara, in southwest Uganda, died a year ago in his home diocese. He was a former student of the then St. Andrews and Edinburgh diocesan seminary at Drygrange, near Melrose, from 1967-1971. He was the third Ugandan student that studied at Drygrange between 1959-71. Several students of Drygrange, Frs. Gerry Hand, Dick Holuka and Michael Johnston taught in Mbarara diocesan junior seminary between 1969-72.

He maintained contact with this diocese through several priest friends and parishes he had special contact with. One of the final contacts with the diocese was with St. Mary Magdalene's, Glenrothes, the parishioners of which helped develop a medical centre in the Mbarara diocese.

On Saturday 3rd August at 10.00am there will be an anniversary Mass in Holy Cross Church, Bangholm Loan, Ferry Rd., Edinburgh EH5 3AH. All old friends and acquaintances are invited to take part in this Mass to thank God for the life of Archbishop Paul both in Uganda and Scotland.'

**Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):**  
By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: [svpedineast@gmail.com](mailto:svpedineast@gmail.com)

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

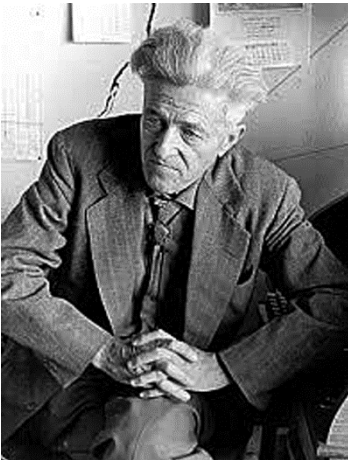
## **‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Ammon Hennacy (1893-1970)**

**“One-man Revolution” – Feast Day: 24 July**

*"Love without courage and wisdom is sentimentality, as with the ordinary church member. Courage without love and wisdom is foolhardiness, as with the ordinary soldier. Wisdom without love and courage is cowardice, as with the ordinary intellectual. The one who has love, courage, and wisdom is one in a million, who moves the world, as with Jesus, Buddha, and Gandhi."*

Ammon Hennacy was born on July 24, 1893, in Negley, Ohio. He was active in the radical political movements of his day and campaigned vigorously for the Socialist Party. In 1917, with America's entry into World War I, Hennacy was arrested for refusing to register for the draft. He was sentenced to five years in Atlanta Penitentiary and served two, almost half of it in solitary confinement. It was a crushing but ultimately formative experience for the young Hennacy. While in solitary, with nothing to read but the Bible, he underwent a deep religious conversion. He concluded that Jesus Christ, who sought to transform the human person from within, represented the greatest revolutionary of all time.

*Gradually I came to gain a glimpse of what Jesus meant when he said that the Kingdom of God must be in everyone.... To change the world by bullets or ballots was a useless procedure. Therefore, the only revolution worthwhile was the one-man revolution within the heart. Each one would make this by himself and not need to wait on a majority.*



When he was released from prison Hennacy devoted himself to realizing that ideal of the "one-man revolution." Among other sacrifices he became a vegetarian and stripped his life down to the level of bare necessities. He refused to pay taxes (which could be used in part to finance war). When withholding taxes were introduced, he deliberately worked at common day-labour picking cotton or other field work so that he could be paid in cash. In any case, he made it a point to subsist at a level beneath the taxable minimum.

Hennacy described himself as a Christian anarchist - a position that for him denoted the gospel call to personal responsibility, the insistence on returning good for evil, and his respect for the sovereignty of free conscience. "An anarchist," he used to say, "is someone who doesn't need a cop to tell him what to do."

York and joined the Catholic Worker community of Dorothy Day. He had long been attracted to Day's commitment to non-violence, and her paper had published a number of his articles about "life at hard labour." Both Hennacy and the Worker were permanently marked by this association. In his years in New York, Hennacy prodded the community to undertake a more active and visible stance on behalf of peace. He delighted in selling the Catholic Worker newspaper on street corners, an opportunity to engage in a kind of soap-box apostolate. In one of his most effective protests, he organized a campaign of civil disobedience against the city's annual compulsory civil defence drills. In Hennacy's view, these drills, ostensibly intended to prepare the city for a nuclear attack, were actually exercises in folly, if not something worse. They would do nothing to save lives in the event of an attack, while such drills did have the effect of preparing the public for the inevitability of war. Hennacy felt it was the Christian's duty to refuse to collaborate with this dangerous farce. As a result, he along with Dorothy Day and others were repeatedly jailed until the drills were finally abolished.

In joining the Worker, Hennacy was at the same time moved to join the Catholic church. He was duly baptized, with Dorothy Day as his godmother. Hennacy tried hard to reconcile his anarchism with the spirit of Catholicism. But he was never particularly suited to "thinking with the church," or with any other community or organization larger than himself. He was acutely sensitive to the dangers of compromise and



hypocrisy, and he could not abide the spectacle of priests and bishops who casually gave their blessing to war. After fifteen years, Hennacy dropped out of the church. He remained, however, a devout "nonchurch Christian," who set a standard of obedience to gospel values that few "orthodox" Christians could hope to match.

Eventually Hennacy left New York and moved to Salt Lake City. There he opened Joe Hill House, a house of hospitality for the indigent and homeless, named after the great labour martyr who was one of his heroes. Hennacy continued his work for peace. Every August he undertook a public fast to atone for the dropping of the atomic bomb, adding an additional day of fasting for each year since 1945.

Radical that he was, Hennacy enjoyed the fantasy of one day dropping dead on a picket line. This wish was essentially fulfilled. On January 11, 1970, he collapsed with a heart attack while picketing to protest the impending execution of two convicted murderers. He died three days later.

Dorothy Day, while hurt by Ammon's defection from the church, continued to give him credit for his enormous faith, courage, and prophetic witness. She was convinced that he was "*the most ascetic, the hardest working, the most devoted to the poor and the oppressed of any we had met, and that his life and his articles put us on the spot. He was an inspiration and a reproach.*" She regarded him as a modern day John the Baptist, making straight the way of the Lord. Thus, she found it easy to overlook his many faults, "*knowing so well his own strong and courageous will to fight the corruption of the world around him.*"

See: Ammon Hennacy, *The Book of Ammon* (Ammon Hennacy, 1963); Patrick C. Coy, "The One-Person Revolution of Ammon Hennacy," in Patrick Coy, ed., *A Revolution of the Heart* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1988).



### **A Reflection on Mary Magdalene by Pat Martin**

*The appearance story in John 20 is about the gradual coming to faith of the church. Mary comes to the tomb while it is still dark. She sees the open tomb, but still does not see (believe) its significance. She goes and gets Peter and the Beloved Disciple, and they return to the empty tomb. Mary's belief at this point is exactly what early critics of the church had said about the resurrection -- Someone removed the dead body.*

*The two Apostles depart and Mary remains, weeping at the tomb. Her encounter with the risen Christ happens in stages. She sees two angels (messengers) inside the tomb who ask her why she is weeping. She says, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him."*

*She mistakes Jesus for the gardener as he also asks her why she is weeping and what she is looking for. It is only when Jesus says her name, "Mary," that the truth dawns on her fully. Jesus has risen from the dead. The richness of the story means that many truths can be found in it....but perhaps for all of us, the key question has to do with our Easter faith. Without our own encounter with the risen Christ, personally and in our faith communities, our Christian discipleship is still incomplete, our faith still in the darkness before dawn.*

*....Mary was baptised by her own tears at the tomb, where she came because of her love for Jesus. Because of her persistence, her eyes were opened, and she was granted intimate knowledge of the mystery of Jesus. She is the Apostle to the Apostles. She is the patroness of our own journey toward deeper faith.*

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – MARK 6:30-34

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

Since Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> this year I have felt more relaxed. Everything seems calmer, less frenetic. The British Prime Minister appears to be going about his business of governing and serving the country without continually looking over his shoulder, keeping an eye on warring factions within his own political party. It feels that the General Election of Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> made a difference.

My euphoria was short lived. A block of ice, the size of the state of Florida has broken away from the polar ice cap and is rapidly melting. Listening to the radio during the week I was able to self-diagnose as suffering from something called ‘Climate-Change Anxiety’. I kid you not. It’s a recognized condition. It’s quite prevalent, according to the psychologists and psychiatrists on the panel, amongst young people. They didn’t advise on their assessment of ‘young’ but I do become quite agitated internally when I broaden my awareness of what is going on around me. I watched an interview with a fisherman trying to eke a living from the Indian Ocean. You and I have on average 4000 pieces of microplastics in our body. These tiny pieces are directly connected to the fisherman’s struggle for survival. The value of his catch drops daily. He showed us why. He opened one of the fish he had just caught. Its stomach and insides were full of plastic ingestions. The fish did not feel hunger because its stomach was full. Not feeling hunger, it had no urge to feed. Its muscles were wasted. It wasn’t heavy enough to sell. He rather plaintively turned to the camera – but there was anger in his voice. He waved his hand towards the sea. This is their home: it’s not ours, it’s theirs – and look what we are doing to it. How would you like it if someone came into your home and just vandalized it?

While he struggles to eke a living from the trashed oceans, £480 million is spent on a wedding nearby. Anant Ambani, son of an Indian billionaire, married Radhika Marchant, daughter of another. Lavish foods and sweetmeats made from the finest ingredients, prepared by a phalanx of chefs and sous-chefs, could not avoid the digestive process on the way to the same sewage systems utilised by the fisherman. Madness – and, as the daily appeal on my TV reminds me, just £3 can save a child’s sight in some of the poorest parts of the southern hemisphere. That is 143 million sights saved. My anxiety is not misplaced. Then, like some sort of decorative sparkler adorning a ridiculously expensive cocktail there was an assassination attempt, **THAT** assassination attempt. On top of my mounting anxiety, this was the last thing I needed...I just feel so lost. So, I turn to today’s Gospel:

*As he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and **he took pity** on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, **and he set himself to teach them at some length.***

The episode starts with Jesus wanting to take his disciples for some down time, to go away on a half-day of recollection. It ends with him responding to the anxieties and needs of the crowds that presented themselves. Having guessed his destination, they arrived there before him. He would sate their appetite. Somewhat akin to the euphoria experienced on the morning of July 5<sup>th</sup>, I well remember the feeling I enjoyed after my first full ‘dry’ day, a whole 24 hours without alcohol. I had made it. That was some 20+ years ago. I soon learned that 24 hours do not a decade make. Heavy lifting lay ahead, as well as days of freewheeling downhill, legs akimbo, pedals whirling with a life of their own. Then a slight incline – back to the pedals and the graft. There could well be steep inclines ahead. One of the major blessings of being in therapy is that, by and large, the therapists were themselves recovering addicts. They knew what we were going through. They could feel for us. They felt our angst – our turmoils, unresolved anger, wounds in need of healing. Each one an angel sent our way. Today we reflect that we have more than angels by our side. We have the Son of God. And he feels for us. He feels for us: *He took pity on them for they were like sheep without a shepherd.* So today, I will stay close to Him. I cannot change yesterday and have no control over tomorrow. All I can manage is TODAY. Today is manageable – and living it well is a task made easier with Him at my side.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Welcome to the World...Edward Simon Hugh Fraser (to be known as Freddie), born Sunday 14 July, a first child for Sarah and Hugh, and third grandchild for Rosemary and Eddie Clark.*

*...and many congratulations to Emilia Lauder, who graduated with an MA with Honours in Scottish Literature from Edinburgh University last Saturday, 13 July*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Tommy Naughton - Valentino Pacitti*

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

*Patrick Roarty - Sally O'Connor  
Mary William Whyte - Alison Connarty  
Jimmy Kesson - Andrew Banks  
Erminia Notarangelo - Mary Caffarkey  
Emma Williams - James McQuade*

## **Anniversaries:**

### **St John's:**

**July 20:** Charles Bowyer (2013); Ellen Brennan (2005); Margaret Robertson (1995); Patrick Roarty (1992); William Holligan; **July 21:** Sally O'Connor (2020); William Whyte (2020); Bernard Flynn (1997); Bridget Ginnelly (1986); **July 22:** Mary Beatson (2003); Catherine Iannarelli (2003); Christina J Walker (2002); Peter Loftus (1985); Rose Maloney; **July 23:** Bridget Whigham (2010); James Tiernan (2006); Agnes McFadyen (1999); May McPhillips (1999); Michael Tierney (1993); Dominic Knowles (1986); Elizabeth Cordery (1959); Sarah Somerville; **July 24:** Alison Connarty (2018); Mary Cafferkey (2016); Catherine Tierney (2003); Francis J Meechan (1992); **July 25:** Marie Brown (2011); James Dignan (1995); Robert Clark (1981); David Gowans (1974); James Forsyth; **July 26:** Mary Elliott (2002); Michael O'Neill (1999); Alexander Binnie Jnr. (1967); John Trower (1942).

### **St Mary Magdalene's:**

**July 20:** Jimmy Kesson (2018); Sheila Foster (1975); Patrick Burns (1968); **July 24:** Andrew Banks (2022); **July 25:** James O'Hara (1982); **July 26:** Erminia Notarangelo (2015); Richard McIntyre (1996).

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### **St. John's:**

Eddie Clark, Prisca Kemp, Maureen Clark, Mary Slight, Barbara Durkacz, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, Betty Dougal, Robert Clark, John Lawler, Jimmy Curnyn, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Rose Thornton, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizer, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, 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:**

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, 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:*

Mike Foy, Jean Cooper, Kirsty McCrimmon, Ann Thorp, Noel Power, Chris Frost, Lynda Young, Mary McCormack, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Helen Bird, Sheila Laughlin, Diana Williams, Tommy McPake, Helen Campbell, Coralie Isherwood, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, Edith and Bill Edgar, Shirley Robertson, Catherine Princess of Wales, King Charles, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth McKenzie, Jim Gray, Michael McKean, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, 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, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 11), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, 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, Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, 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.

## **Offertory 14 July 2024**

**St Mary Magdalene's, £218.66 total, including**  
£122.66 Offertory and £96.00 Gift Aid.  
Sea Sunday Special Collection - £139.89

**St John's, £1498.10 total, including**  
£400.20 Offertory, £339.90 Gift Aid,  
and £758.00 average weekly online donations.

**Sea Sunday Special Collection – £425.65**