

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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23 NOVEMBER 2024 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



"So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." (John 18:37)

WELCOME.... If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, **you are most welcome** in our sister parishes. We are delighted you have joined us. If you are new to the parish, please make yourself known to Fr Jock and ask for details of how to register on the parishes' roll.

Today, the Feast of Christ the King, we warmly welcome the parishioners of St Mark's Episcopalian Church, who will be celebrating their Sunday Eucharist in St John's for the first time at 11.00am – and will continue to do so over the coming months during their renovations. They will also be joining us for tea and coffee in St John's Hall after our Mass – and before their Eucharist.

This Feast of Christ the King is also one of our two 'Nametag Sundays' in the year. ... and a chance to learn the name of the person who has sat near you in Church for so long that you don't feel you can ask them. Very sadly, **the Slavonic Choir** will not be joining us as planned at the Vigil Mass as their conductor Vadimir is ill. We pray for him, and that the choir will be able to sing and with us in the not distant future ...

Next Saturday is the **Feast of St Andrew**, our country's Patron Saint. There will be **Mass** at 10am in St John's.

Special Collection for SCES - The annual special collection for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service - part of Catholic Education Week - will take place next Sunday, 1 December.

St Andrew's Night Concert – 7.00pm – St John's – this Friday 29 November

THE PERFORMERS

The Feast of Life Choir with songs you know and love
and will find yourself clapping (and maybe even singing) along with:

I Can See Clearly - Nash arr. Allen

James Bond Medley - Norman/Harry/Hamlisch/Adkins arr. Allen

Carol of the Bells - Leontovich/Wilhousky arr. Kupferschmid

In the Stillness - Sally Beamish

The Laidback Choir

Our own **Jeremy Thorp** with a beautiful slow piano piece (*Solace* by Scott Joplin) and then joined by **David Simpson** (clarinet) (*East of the Sun*) and **Louise Holden** (vocals) (*Pick yourself up* and *Shadrac*) for music with a bit of swing to it.

Emily Mitchell & Jerome Knox – who will regale us with songs ranging from Burns through the Great American Songbook to some of the popular gems of light opera. (Emily and Jerome are professional opera/classical singers who were married in St John's in September this year – do google them)

And all this, plus a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval, is **free!**

(Of course, we will also be doing our best to encourage you to buy raffle tickets and make donations towards our parishes' appeal for the STEKA Women's Hostel.)

NB The Raffle has fabulous prizes – meals in *Giuliano's*, *La Grotta* or the *Scottie*, bottles of spirits, and so many more wonderful prizes. **Tickets on sale after all the weekend Masses and at the concert on Friday 29 November.**



A Talk by Fr Jock to the Newman Society – 'Forgiveness: an Exploration'

Monday 25 November 2024 - 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Bernadette Campbell, secretary of the Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association, writes: 'All are warmly invited to attend at Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ.

A suggested donation of £5 is requested from non-members to cover our costs of the talk. Thank you.'

Prayer at Night 2024

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent

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 9 pm. 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.

St John's Finances

Gary Zoltie, Treasurer, writes: 'Following our Stewardship Mass in October and subsequent questions at last Sunday's Open Parish Meeting I would like to re-communicate **the St John's bank account details for parishioners who wish to set up or amend standing order donations:**

Bank Account Name - St Johns Church Sort Code - 804653 Account Number - 10765768

Standing orders can be easily set 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. I am very happy to help you with this process if you need it so, please call me on 07768647923 for advice or support.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 23 November - 12.30pm – St John's – Baptism of Solomon Hunter Murphy
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 24 November – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (Name Tag 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** with silver wedding renewal
of vows of Francis and Inviolata – *livestreamed*

2.00pm – St John's – **Baptism of James Johnston and Keaton Gallagher**

Monday 25 November - 10.00am – St John's – Mass – *livestreamed*

6.45pm – 2 Eskside East, EH21 7RU – House Group - **The Chosen (Series 2)**

7.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church, EH9 1TQ – **Forgiveness: An Exploration** (a talk by Fr Jock)

Tuesday 26 November

11.30am - Ampleforth Abbey – **Requiem Mass for Dom Edward Corbould OSB** (Fr Jock)

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Enquiry Evening 6**

Wednesday 27 November - 10.00am – St John's – Mass – *livestreamed*

5.30pm-8.30pm - St John's Hall – **Festive Fashion Sale** (all proceeds to *Smart Works Scotland*)

Thursday 28 November

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass for the Feast of St Andrew with St John's Primary School Children** – *livestreamed*

1.00pm – Parish Huse of St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - **Lunch for the priests of our five cluster parishes**

7.30pm – Parish House – **Baptism Preparation Course Evening 2**

Friday 29 November

8.30am – St John's Primary School – **Prayer Breakfast for Catholic Education Week**

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

7.00pm – St John's - **J&P ST ANDREW'S NIGHT CONCERT**

Saturday 30 November – FEAST OF ST ANDREW

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

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

Sunday 1 December – 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*

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



IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 2 December – 2.30pm – St John's – Healing Mass – *livestreamed*

Saturday 14 December – 10am-1pm – St Mary's, Leith – Advent Retreat for the 5 Cluster Parishes

Last weekend, we heard about the life and ministry of Fr Tommy Greenan. While he was ministering in El Salvador, he became friendly with some of the Jesuits who worked at the University of Central America...until they were brutally murdered on 16 November 1989

‘SAINTS’ OF THE WEEK – Ignacio Ellacuria and Companions Jesuit Martyrs of San Salvador (d.1989) – **Feast Day: 16 November**

"What is it to be a companion of Jesus today? It is to engage, under the standard of the cross, in the crucial struggle of our time: the struggle for faith and that struggle for justice which it includes."



(Ignacio Ellacuria)

On the morning of November 16, 1989, news photographers in El Salvador recorded a scene of abomination: the bodies of six Jesuit priests strewn across the garden lawn of the University of Central America. Those seeking a meaning for their deaths could look to the Latin American church's option for the poor or to the Jesuits' commitment to social justice. Indeed, they could look to the Sermon on the Mount. But the immediate context was the fratricidal war in El Salvador, which in November 1989 had reached a critical stage. For several weeks, the capital city of San Salvador was swept up in the most serious rebel offensive of the ten-year civil war.

As fighting spread to the formerly insulated neighbourhoods of the rich, the military responded with panic and desperation.

On the evening of November 15, in a meeting of top military commanders (as investigations would later disclose), the order was given to eliminate all suspected sympathizers with the leftist rebels and to wipe out their "command centres" in the city. One of those present was Colonel Guillermo Alfredo Benavides. Within his sector of command lay the Jesuit-run Central American University.

Later that night, in the early morning hours of November 16, a unit of the Atlacatl Battalion, an elite "antiterrorist" force notorious for its record of human rights abuses, stole onto the campus of the university. The troops had been told that the targets of their operation were the intellectual authors of the uprising. After locating Father *Ignacio Ellacuría*, rector of the university, along with five other Jesuits asleep in their community residence, the troops forced the priests outside, had them lie on the lawn, and then scattered their brains with machine-gun fire.

Aside from Father Ellacuria, fifty-nine, the other priests were *Ignacio Martín-Baró*, forty-seven, a psychologist and vice-rector of the university; *Juan Ramón Moreno*, fifty-six, a theologian; *Amando López*, fifty-three, a theologian; *Segundo Montes*, fifty-six, superior of the community; and *Joaquín López y López*, seventy-one, national director of the "Faith and Joy" catechetical movement. Unexpectedly, the troops also discovered a housekeeper, *Elba Ramos*, and her sixteen-year-old daughter, *Celina*. Ironically, the two women, frightened by the street fighting outside, had chosen to remain in the supposed safety of the university. They were also murdered.

For years the Jesuits of the university had been a thorn in the side of the military and the ruling elite. This was not because they supported the rebels, but because they had consistently denounced the injustice and repression that fed the bitter war, and because they had sought to promote a negotiated settlement to the conflict. The Spanish-born Ellacuría had emerged as a particularly effective and eloquent advocate of national dialogue. But he was also outspoken in criticizing the injustices endemic to Salvadoran society, and he had earned the enmity of the military command with his frequent denunciation of their reign of terror. As a result, he was often identified by name in right-wing propaganda as the intellectual "brains" of the "communist" movement.

Ellacuría and his fellow priests were no communists. They were priests who had struggled hard to live out the church's proclaimed "**option for the poor.**" More specifically they had committed themselves to the vision of

the Jesuits' 1975 General Congregation, which defined the Society's mission in terms of "*service of faith and promotion of justice.*" As intellectuals, as well as priests, they had committed the university itself to this mission, believing that in a world of conflict a Christian university must stand for truth and with the victims of violence. Because of this stand, the university had become a frequent target of bombs and right-wing terror.

Ellacuría, the theologian, was increasingly moved to articulate the meaning of faith and the gospel from the perspective of the suffering poor. In an arresting phrase, he liked to speak of the "crucified peoples" of history. Thus, he compared the poor with the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant. In their disfigured features he discerned the ongoing presence and passion of Christ- suffering because of the sins of the world. In this light, the task of the Christian was not simply to contemplate the mystery of suffering, but to "**take the crucified down from the cross**" - to join them in compassion and effective solidarity.

Thus, the decade that began with the assassination of *Archbishop Romero* ended in this savage bloodletting. Romero had said, "*I am glad that they have murdered priests in this country, because it would be very sad if in a country where they are murdering the people so horrifically, there were no priests among the victims.*" Friends of the slain Jesuits felt it was significant that in their death they were joined by two humble Salvadorean women, representatives of the more than seventy thousand victims, mostly poor and anonymous, who had already died in that decade of war. So, in their deaths they joined their features to the face of the crucified people victims of the same sin, witnesses to the same hope.

Segundo Montes had spoken for all his brothers when he explained to an interviewer his decision to remain in El Salvador: "*This is my country, and these people are my people.... The people need to have the church stay with them in these terrible times - the rich as well as the poor. The rich need to hear from us, just as do the poor. God's grace does not leave, so neither can we.*"

See: *Jon Sobrino et al., Companions of Jesus: The Jesuit Martyrs of El Salvador (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1990).*

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!

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

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.

We will be selling SCIAF Real Gifts after all the weekend Masses 30 Nov/1 Dec and 7/8 Dec. Don't worry about not having enough cash – all major credit/debit cards accepted! Also, online at shop.sciaf.org.uk. 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.

AN ADVENT MEDITATION DAY – A JOURNEY OF ENDLESS GROWTH - Saturday November 30th – with ALEX HOLMES - Venue - Liberton Northfield Church, 280 Gilmerton Rd, Edinburgh EH16 5TT (There is free on street parking and the church is wheelchair accessible) Best public transport: Bus 3, 29 from Princes Street - Scott Monument (Stop PH) Bus 8 from West Granton. From south- Bus 3 from Dalkeith, 29 from Gorebridge - Exit at Claverhouse Drive. Please register with Clare Roller - clare.roller@icloud.com - 07762 299633

Alex spends most of his time working alongside refugees in the camps in Calais

Our next Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course will take place at 7.30pm in St John's Hall on **Monday 2 December, Thursday 5 December and Monday 16 December**. If you would like to recommend someone to serve in this way, either giving out communion at Mass or taking communion to the housebound (or both), please contact Fr Jock, Deacon Eddie or either of our two pastoral assistants, Chris Vinestock and Jennifer Morris.

FURTHER FUNDRAISING FOR THE STEKASKILLS' WOMEN'S HOSTEL IN MALAWI

*Saturday 7 December - Christmas Craft Fair - 10.00am-2.00pm – in St John's Church
(to coincide with the markets which run 9.30am-1.00pm in Brighton Park)*

Four Ways you can help make our Christmas Fair a Success

Please support our Christmas Fair on December 7th by:

1. **Booking a stall.** We want to prioritise parishioners and local people, so why not have a clear out before Christmas or fundraise for your club, society or favourite charity by paying £15 for a stall - just email stekaskills@gmail.com before Saturday 23rd November.

2. Contributing crafts, gifts, bric-a-brac to a STEKAskills stall

3. **Contributing to a home baking, tombola or Jolly Jam jar stall** (filling a jam jar with things you might like to have - goodies like sweets, small toys, stationary, craft items for example). These can be brought on the day or dropped off after church services.

4: Coming along and having fun!!

Please note that we have decided to focus all our fundraising efforts for the STEKAskills Women's Hostel before Christmas on running our Christmas Fayre and won't be holding a Christmas Shopping night. (And please save the date for our final events after Christmas. - January 18th: Bingo and afternoon tea 2-4pm (with Fr Jim as the caller); Sat January 25th: Burns Night 6-9pm)

With reference to the above event, **Pamoja Fashion Sales** will still be in St John's Hall on Saturday 7 December, 9.30am – 1.30pm, as normal with their monthly charity sale.

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Assisted Suicide - On 29 November, the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs as the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end-of life-care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen, and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP & MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

Nativity Blessing - Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at Mound Place, Edinburgh, at 3:00pm on Sunday 1 December.

The Visit of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem - Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on **Sunday 1 December**. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided over by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Advent Rosary - The annual Archdiocesan Rosary takes place each Monday at 7:45pm throughout Advent, beginning on **2 December**, Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

Zoom series on new Lectionary - The Archdiocese is hosting a series of talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec**. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent

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

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – JOHN 18: 33-7

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

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you choose? As a child, I loved 114 Thorndale Road in Sunderland for it marked the location of our family home, four cramped bedrooms housing 8 children and our parents: a tiny ‘scullery’, a bathroom to rival any Arctic research station, but a ‘front-room’ where the magic of Christmas and the joys of Sunday were given full vent and expression, with a hearty fire for comfort. It was in this room that I first tasted the Christmas treat of a ‘port and lemon’ – but I have shared that episode with you on previous occasions. Its heady delight may have once lifted me, but I would never again experience that first hit. Dad died when I was 18, but mam more than adequately filled the resulting gap. Even after I left home, the pull remained: there was always a sense of security whenever I returned. Then she died, and though one of my siblings continued living there, the aura was gone. It no longer held such a magnetic pull. My time in seminary now held a different pull. It was good to get away in June, but I was always ready for September when the resumption of community life more than compensated for the institutional food and tensions of living in close proximity. I would come close to this feeling of security in each of the two residential therapy centres, as I squared up to my addiction and addictive personality – once unsuccessfully but the second eventually enabling me to learn enough skills to hold the upper hand. Both centres were awash with tears and the mini victories to be enjoyed as a deeply held secret was liberated from its dark place to be replaced by a newfound freedom from the past. Oh, the headiness of it all. Over the years I have come to the slow realisation that I can indeed live anywhere in the world, as long as God’s love prevails and lives there – and I mean anywhere!

Sometimes we find that love in the most unexpected of places. Last Saturday, I bumped into the shagpile family once more. You’ll maybe remember them from a few weeks back: the tiny fingers of three-year-old twins as they played with the shaggy tufts and warmth of their new rug under the protective guard of their eight-year-old brother. There was no need of conversation – there’s nothing really to say. I don’t want to appear like a stalker so smile instead, and mam smiles back, unspoken communication that is powerful because it is uncluttered. I am going through a bit of a flower stage. There are bargains to be had amidst the yellow stickers, and I have learned a technique that might impress Lazarus. On the same day I carefully placed my bargain bouquets on the conveyor belt – always at the end so no milk or flour can fall and crush them as the belt makes its shaky progress. *‘There’s something impressive about a man not embarrassed by flowers’*. I turned and was surprised to see a man in the queue behind me. He too was buying flowers. We conversed. His wife had died two years ago, and every Saturday he bought fresh flowers for the house. While she was alive, he bought flowers every Friday on his way home from work. One week he forgot, or he was in a rush. His wife did not hide her disappointment and played over and over again, Barbra Streisand and Neil Diamond: *You don’t bring me flowers, you don’t sing me love songs....* He never forgot and his love for her lives on. As he said to me – she’s always there, as long as there are flowers. I imagine he would never want to live anywhere else in the whole wide world. Why would he?

This weekend we commemorate the Kingship of Jesus Christ. The full title of the Feast is: **Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Universal King**. He is King of everyone and everything: the smallest robin back in the garden for winter, the delicate rose petals, the saffron coloured stamen dwelling in the oh so strong lily that leaves its permanent mark on the crispest of white tablecloths. God is love – and everyone who lives in love, lives in God and God lives in them. It really is very, very simple. The gospel passage is familiar to us from the Passion on Good Friday. It is John’s account of the trial, and we read of Jesus before Pilate. Pilate is caught on the horns of a dilemma. He can find no wrong in Jesus, but he dares not anger the Scribes and Pharisees. He desperately seeks for a way out of his quandary: *‘So, you are a King, then?’ ‘It is you who say it. Yes! I am a King, I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth and all who are on the side of Truth listen to my voice’*. And we might add: *And I know they are listening to my voice by the love they share with each other*. As the Meerkat might say: *simples!*

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Murty Herbert (Peggy Ferguson's brother)
Gabriel Doherty - Johnny McNeil*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Jim Walsh - Evelyn McFall
Thomas Tracey - Jean Bonar
Willie Robertson - Ernie Moran
Josephine Connelly - Nancy Orr Ewing
Denise O'Donnell - Helen Reid*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Ann McBurnie, Kathy Gallagher, May Flynn, Mike Iannarelli, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Moira McAfferty, Helen Kilgour, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Pamela Hanlon, 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 McNally, 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 17 November 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £265.02 total, including £153.02 Offertory and £112.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1334.00 total, including £369.00 Offertory, £155.00 Gift Aid, and £810.00 average weekly online donations.

The Beit Afram Home for the Elderly Special Collection: £318.40 both Parishes

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Nov. 23: John McGrory (1997); William McPartlin (1997); Rose Ann Kane (1989); Thomas McFadyen; **Nov. 24:** Euphemia Connolly (2000); Mary Annie Meechan (1994); Patrick McAuley (1965); Robert Phair; **Nov. 25:** Winifred Maugham (2017); Denise O'Donnell (2017); Sr. Bernadette [Poor Clares] (1990); Josephine Connelly (1973); William Moir (1973); Billy McGuire (1945); **Nov. 26:** Michael McFadyen (1995); Charles Conlon (1989); Norah Lawler (1968); Maria Teresa D'Arcy; **Nov. 27:** Jean Bonar (2022); Helen Reid (2016); Jean Melrose (1993); Francis Bell (1991); Joseph Mullan (1978); Margaret Brennan (1948); **Nov. 28:** William McGill (1990); Margaret Knowles (1960); Michael Murphy (1945); Angelo J Scott (1937); Winifred Greenan; **Nov. 29:** Margaret M Freeman (2012); Catherine [Rena] Begg (2010); Margaret Philips (1989); James Magee (1976); Henry McKenna;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Nov. 23: Frances Casement (2021); Annie Fitzsimons (1999); **Nov. 25:** Annie Brown (1992); Catherine McGee (1982);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Juan Ignacio de Vicente Lara, Tom Cullimore, David Paterson, Kay Leslie, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Katie McAnenny, Peter Higgins, Young Lily Webber, 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, Margaret Meek, 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, Diana Williams, 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, Michael McKean, 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, Rose May Mattison, Saramma Samuel, Peter Robinson, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, 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.