

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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## 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



*John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us."* (Mark 9:38-40)

*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 in Ukraine, and indeed in Sudan and in all the wars and conflicts in our world...*

**We warmly welcome this year's candidates for First Communion who will be enrolled in the 'Do This in Memory of Me' Preparation programme this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass at St John's.**

**THE FIRST RCIA ENQUIRY EVENING (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be on Tuesday 15 October on Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the Parish House.** For more information, please contact Fr Jock or Enrico, our administrator in the Parish Office, or either of Colette Dempsey (07864 670151) and Bronagh Power (07902 607936), our catechists.

**Would you like to discover more about the Catholic Faith or possibly even be received or baptised into – or confirmed in - the Catholic Church?** Were you baptised Catholic but were never confirmed or made your first communion? Or do you wish to return to the practise of the faith? You would be most welcome to come along to our informal gatherings...

## **A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE - AND SOME REQUESTS - FROM EMMA WOOD, OFF NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR THREE WEEKS TO MALAWI AND THE STEKA CHILDRENS' HOME**

'We are so very grateful for the amazing fundraising taking place in the Parishes for STEKAskills. We desperately need a hostel as a safe space in which women can learn the skills they need to be able to work and it's wonderful to know that you are committed to help make that happen.

Next week, I am heading out to Malawi to stay at the STEKA home and will be telling everyone there about what you are doing here.

When I go to Malawi, I never take anything that can be made there (so we don't interfere with the local economy) but **STEKA desperately needs school shoes for the 100+ young people who live there and black belts** (the boys have to wear these to get into school) and **any mobile phones or laptops**. Any hairdryers/rings / straighteners/clippers would be welcomed by the hairdressing school at the Skills Centre. I know this is a big ask, but if anyone has any of these things, please could you bring them and drop them at the back of the church or leave them safely in the Parish House.'

### **An appeal from the J&P Group - HELP WANTED – BETHANY CARE VAN!**

Are you under 70 with a clean driving licence and willing to give 3 hours of your time once every two months to drive the Bethany Care Van?

The Care Van distributes sandwiches and hot drinks to people on the streets. Teams from our parishes staff the Care Van every second Sunday, meeting at 11.45am at the Bethany depot in Leith and usual finishing just before 3.00pm.

This is a valuable service much appreciated by people sleeping rough or living in B& Bs or hostels but we have a vacancy on our rota which we are looking to fill.

If you can help, or wish more information, please contact Jim Roarty  
email: [jimroarty4@gmail.com](mailto:jimroarty4@gmail.com) – tel. 07719952472

*At some point in the coming month, there will be a **Fire Drill** in the middle of each our three Sunday Masses....as recommended annually by the archdiocese...*

**A Warm Welcome and our thanks to Fr Jim Smith** once again covering our midweek Masses while Fr Jock is at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, above Perth on the (once every two years) mini retreat for the priests of our Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh. The retreat is given this year by an 82 year old Cistercian monk and author from Australia, **Fr Michael Casey OCSO**. Please pray for him and for all the participants.

The new issue of **Living Faith**, the Redemptorist magazine, with a reflection for each day for the next three months of the year, is available free at the back of both churches (though if you would like to help us cover costs, a donation of £2 would do so...!)

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away... (Mark 13:31)*

## **THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 28 September** – 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

**Sunday 29 September** – 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Mass with Enrolment for P4 Children and Families** – *livestreamed*

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

1.00pm- St John's – **Baptism of Harrison Craig**

**Monday 30 September**

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

6.45pm – 2 Eskside East – House Group – **The Chosen (Series 2)**

8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3XXmB4n>

**Tuesday 1 October**

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

### **Wednesday 2 October**

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

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

### **Thursday 3 October**

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

7.00pm – St John’s – **Holy Hour** (Deacon Eddie) – *livestreamed*

### **Friday 4 October**

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

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

### **Saturday 5 October**

9.30am-1.30pm – St John’s Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Sale**

11.30am – St John’s – **Baptism of Calum and Freddie Lennox**

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

### **Sunday 6 October – 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.30am – St John’s – **Mass** (with Steka monthly draw) – *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 ...**

### **Monday 7 October**

2.30pm – St John’s – **Healing Mass (with the Sacrament of Anointing)** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Meeting for the Parents of the First Communion Candidates**

(after last Monday’s meeting had to be postponed because of Norovirus at St John’s Primary School)

**Tuesday 8 October** – 7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA 2023/4 Get-Together**

### **Thursday 10 October**

10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Robert Clark** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm-9.30pm – Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ - *A Talk organised by the*

*Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association - Dr Karen Groves MBE - Walking in the Winter of Life:*

**Preparing for dying - the greatest adventure of our lives - All Welcome**

## **Two events related to the situation in the Middle East**

**Saturday 26 October** – 10.30am-3.30pm – *ICAHD UK Edinburgh Conference*

*Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, EH1 2JL – All Welcome*

‘Israel’s war on Gaza captured the world’s attention. It revealed how complicit Western nations are in allowing Israel’s genocide to continue without regard for international law. It also brought millions of people of all ages and backgrounds out onto the streets, and university students out of classes and into campus encampments. At last Palestine has become a global issue connecting many other struggles.

Jeff Halper, an Israeli academic, past Nobel Peace Prize nominee and founder of the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions is speaking at an event along with other noted Palestinian and Israeli speakers and with Marian Pallister, chair of Pax Christi Scotland, who as an ex-journalist will be addressing the role of the media in Israel / Palestine issues. More information available later but as places limited can register a place by going onto ICAHD UK website <https://icahd.org/> which has a link to Eventbrite (Bring your own food - Public £25, Members £20, Unwaged £15)

*Fundraising Event for Palestine held by “Scottish medical aid for Palestinians”*

**Saturday 26 October** – 10am-2pm – *Christ Church Hall – EH10 4DD – All Welcome*

Palestinian Food - Palestinian embroidery & crafts - MAP stall - Bric-a-brac - Book stall – Calligraphy - Henna – Auction - Arabic coffee - Coffee/tea - Home baking - Plant stall...

PLEASE BRING CASH (there is a machine available nearby) - For more information: [map.org.uk](http://map.org.uk)

# SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905 – 1938)

*Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy – Feast Day: 5 October*



Helena Kowalska was born on 25 August 1905 in Glogowiec in Poland, the third of ten children of a poor and devout family of peasants and baptized with the name Helena in the parish church of Dwinice Warckie. She made her first Communion when she was nine and attended school for three years. At the age of sixteen she left home and went to work as a housekeeper in Aleksandrów, Lodi, and Ostrówek, in order to support herself and help her parents. She had thought of a religious vocation from the time she was seven and sought to enter a convent after she finished school, but her parents would not give their permission.

On 1 August 1925 she had a vision of the suffering Christ, after which she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, taking the names *Mary Faustina* in religion. She spent the rest of her life, a mere thirteen years, in the Congregation's houses in Krakow, Plock, and Vilnius, where she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. She carried out her tasks dutifully, outwardly

recollected, very natural, serene, and outgoing. This exterior hid an extraordinary union with God. Her spirituality was based on contemplation of the mystery of the Mercy of God, which she saw in the word of God as well as in the everyday activities of her life. Her contemplation was to issue in practical mercy shown to those in need. She wrote in her Diary: *"O my Jesus, each of your saints reflects one of your virtues; I desire to reflect your compassionate heart, full of mercy; I want to glorify it. Let your mercy, O Jesus, be impressed upon my heart and soul like a seal, and this will be my badge in this and the future life"*. Prompted by a direct revelation, she dedicated herself to cooperating with God's mercy in the task of saving lost souls.

She experienced extraordinary *"gifts"* throughout her years in the convent: revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the passion of Jesus, apparent bilocation, the reading of minds (*"infused knowledge"*), foretelling the future, and the rare experience of mystical engagement and marriage. Her relationship with God, the Virgin Mary, the angels and saints, souls in purgatory – with the entire supernatural world – was as real to her as the outer world, but she retained a clear-sighted appreciation of the nature of holiness: *"Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God"* (from her Diary). She recorded very precise messages "received" from Jesus, who called her the Apostle and "Secretary" of his mercy and charged her to tell the world of his message: *"In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to my people. Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart"*. Her three tasks were to be reminding the world of God's merciful love for every human being; entreating God's mercy for the whole world and particularly for sinners; and initiating the apostolic movement of the Divine Mercy, which undertakes the task of proclaiming and entreating God's mercy for the world. This movement was to strive for Christian perfection by following precepts she laid down: to display an attitude of child-like trust in God, which expresses itself in fulfilling his will, and to show mercy toward one's neighbours.

Today, this movement involves millions of people throughout the world, comprising religious Congregations, lay institutes, religious brotherhoods, associations, and various communities of Apostles of the Divine Mercy, as well as individuals. Sister Mary Faustina recorded this "mission" in her Diary, which she kept at the specific request of her confessors. She set down all of the wishes revealed to her as though dictated to her. The Diary is accessible to simple and uneducated people but also used by scholars, who look upon it as an additional source of theological research. It has been translated into many languages, including English, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, Hungarian, Czech, and Slovak.

Mary Faustina, suffering from tuberculosis and other ailments, died in Krakow at the age of just thirty-three on 5 October 1938, already regarded as a saint. Pope John Paul II beatified Sister Mary Faustina on 18 April 1993 and canonized her on 30 April 2000. Her remains are preserved in the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy in Kraków-Lagiewniki. At a huge open-air ceremony for the beatification of four Poles in August 2002, the pope said that from the beginning of its existence the Church has preached the mercy of God, but that

*[n]onetheless, it would appear that we today have been particularly called to proclaim this message before the world. We cannot neglect this mission, if God himself has called us to it through the testimony of St Faustina Kowalska.... God has chosen our own times for this purpose perhaps because the twentieth century, despite indisputable achievements in many areas, was marked in a particular way by the "mystery of iniquity." With this heritage both of good and evil, we have entered the new millennium.*

## FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

**Young Adult Ministry at Sacred Heart Church** - The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes *The Seven* - the 7:00pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the First Sunday Circle, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7:00pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

**Assisted Suicide – the Beginning of a Dangerous Spiral** - Assisted Suicide threatens the most vulnerable members of society. Learn about the potential dangers of the proposed bill to introduce it in Scotland and how to inform others about it. This event features former politician Dennis Canavan and Dr Richard Lenton, Consultant in Geriatric Medicine. It takes place at 7:00pm on **Wednesday, 2 October** at Our Lady & St Ninian's, 52 Quakerfield, Bannockburn, FK7 8HZ. Register at <https://bit.ly/assistedsuicidescot>

**Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada** - Learn how Assisted Suicide has failed in Canada, and what you can do to stop it in Scotland with Alex Schadenberg, a Canadian Catholic and a world expert on the dangers of euthanasia. This event takes place at 7:30pm on **Thursday 3 October** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: [bit.ly/warningfromcanada](https://bit.ly/warningfromcanada)

**Raise the Roof concert** - Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, at 7:30pm on **Thursday 3 October** 2024. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at [bit.ly/raisetherooftshow](https://bit.ly/raisetherooftshow)

**Celebrating the Gift** - A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 5 October** 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the new lectionary which is being introduced in Advent and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at [bit.ly/scriptureevent](https://bit.ly/scriptureevent)

**Romero Lecture 2024** - Celebrating the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador, **Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic community in the UK will deliver this year's lecture on 'Romero and Ukraine: Resilience in the Face of Injustice'. Friday 18 October at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.** All welcome. In partnership with SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland, Pax Christi, and the Romero Trust.

**Rachel's Vineyard** - A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on **1 - 3 November**. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else's abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at [sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk). For more details, see [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

**Holy Year 2025** - Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare, the Archdiocese is hosting 'Pilgrimage of Hope' which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies and more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9 November** from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at [bit.ly/hollyyearevent](https://bit.ly/hollyyearevent)

**Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret!** - The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

**Ceilidh Ball** - The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball that takes place at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on **Saturday 16 November** at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and tickets (£40) at <https://bit.ly/edinburghceilidh> Queries: Fr Robert Taylor [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering your child's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is commencing again at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Sessions are Fridays 1:30-3:00pm for 3-6-year-olds & Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm for 6-9-year-olds. *Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder.* Contact [brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk](mailto:brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk) for registration details.

**New Sunday Missal** - Starting on Sunday 1 December, an updated Lectionary will be used in all parishes. This means the readings at Mass will employ a slightly different translation of the Sacred Scriptures (the ESV-CE). The new Sunday Missal is available from various sites, including [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk), [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org) and <https://www.hachette.co.uk/>



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

### A Reflection and a Prayer to mark the end of the Season of Creation

#### **The Precious Air**

*The air is precious to indigenous peoples. For all things share the same breath - the beasts, the trees, the women and men, they all share the same breath. And what are we without the beasts, the birds, the fishes in the sea? If they were gone, we would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to them, soon happens to the people. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the peoples of the earth.*

Chief Seattle, Duwamish leader, speaking in 1854

#### **The Four Winds**

*O Great Spirit of the Ancestors,  
I raise my pipe to you:  
To you messengers the four winds, and to Mother Earth who provides for your children:  
Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect and be kind to each other so that they may grow with peace of mind:  
Let us learn to share all the good things that you provide for us on this Earth.*

Native American prayer

## **NOTICEBOARD**

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

By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: [svpedineast@gmail.com](mailto:svpedineast@gmail.com)

**Mary's Meals** would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency no matter how old or obscure (they will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender). This is the last week; you can still find envelopes at the back of both churches for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into and hand back to the Parish House in Sandford Gardens. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in 17 of the world's poorest countries. Because of their low costs, they can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Mark 9: 38-43; 45; 47-48

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

This last week has been a bad one. I usually start thinking about this reflection at the beginning of the week and this Gospel passage always causes me more than a little angst. *But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck.* I am fortunate in that I have enjoyed two ‘lives’ – the one I led pre-sobriety, and the one I enjoy now. I often think I must have benefitted from a whole choir of Guardian angels, rather than just the one. How I didn’t end up destroying myself or others will remain, in my own eyes at least, a great mystery. I know that my selfishness damaged others. I know that I caused scandal. I know that I hurt many people. I don’t wear these incidents as badges of honour. They are a reminder of the damage and destruction that is never more than a hair’s breadth away, if ever I unscrew a bottle top or remove a cork. As the saying in AA goes – one drink will be too many and ten thousand times ten thousand will never be enough. Like King David in the Old Testament, I was prompted to cry with that aching prayer that comes from deep within: *Have mercy on me, God in your kindness; in your compassion blot out my offence. My sin is always before me, against you, you alone have I sinned. (Psalm 50).*

For the last few months, I have been trying to help the mother of a ‘functioning’ alcoholic. I can only try to help her, for he, presently, recognises neither his problem nor his addiction. He still lives at home – as do many others who struggle to find affordable accommodation. He holds down his job with little outward signs of his addiction. He shows no aggression, which is something of a godsend. I have no option but to help his mother – and if ever he does turn to me then I will be duty bound to help him likewise, for an essential step in the 12 step programme tells me: *Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these Steps we tried to carry this message to other alcoholics and to practice **these principle in all our affairs.*** That’s it in a nutshell – but still I struggle to practice **these principles in all my affairs** for I have real difficulty with my past. I experience real shame. As it was with King David, *my sin is always before me.* I need to redeem the guilt. Jesus’ victory of Calvary needs to be interiorised. I need to challenge my guilt, just as I need to channel my anger, for it was my unresolved anger that first led me to alcohol.

That anger and guilt are never far from the surface. Kindness is called for – kindness with self and kindness with others. Do you find yourself becoming more and more angry with the news? I struggle with the aggression and hate, the indiscriminate bombings, the absence of honesty and dialogue, the refusal to describe ethnic cleansing for what it is, the cowardice disguised as strong, principled rhetoric. I am tired of it all. There is one thing I can do, however, for I am in control of my own life. I cannot undo my past; I cannot change one millisecond of what has happened but I can control the present. I can be kind. I can be generous. I can make tomorrow a nicer world if I am kind today.

Tesco has been selling large rugs for a month or two now. I think they are described as shagpile, which always strikes me as such an unfortunate description. This week I spotted, once more, a young family that I seem to bump into often. Twin daughters about three years of age at a guess, with a very protective older brother, maybe 9 or 10, and a mother with an abundance of love but clearly not a lot of cash. (When you’re as nose as me you can surmise a great deal from someone’s trolley!). They were mid-purchase. The mother was loading a shagpile into her trolley with the help of her eldest. I had a lump as I watched his sisters’ tiny fingers playing with the grey shaggy tufts of acrylic/polyester, delight written all over their faces. I don’t know how much of a struggle it had been on the weekly budget, but I detected that the mother was fueling the fire of her love. Her daughters’ faces were ecstatic. I cannot alleviate the torment of the children of Gaza, I cannot get into the minds of the leaders of that land, no longer a Holy Land, but a land of torment and hatred and evil but I can be kind in Northumberland. Like many of you, I always buy some groceries for the foodbank collection point by the entrance. This week I bought a tub of Quality Street, some apples and the biggest bag of Haribo on offer. I followed them to the battered Ford Fiesta and helped with the struggle to load the shagpile into the cluttered boot. I asked the mother if she would accept my generosity. If I remember, next week, I’ll tell you what happened next! Suffice it to say, it is easy to be kind – bit by bit, second by second, minute by minute. Tomorrow can be happier, starting with today.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Sandra Miller - Tony Lee  
Matthew Drake - Mary Robertson  
William Strott*

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

*Phyllis Doherty - Nuala Scott  
Elizabeth O'Neill - Mary Curnyn  
Kitty Calder - Sarah Stone*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Gerry Cannon, Eddie Clark, Doreen Jones, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Barbara Durkacz, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, Betty Dougal, John Lawler, Jimmy Curnyn, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Mike and Patricia Lawler, 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 Vizor, 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:

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, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.



## *Offertory 22 September 2024*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £199.65 total**, including £114.65 Offertory and £85.00 Gift Aid.

**St John's**, n/a this week...

### *Anniversaries:*

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

**Sept.28:** William McLaughlin (2013); Paul McElroy (2008); Christina Reidy (2008); Kitty Calder (2003); Arnold Waugh (1993); Esther Leyland (1982); John Jeffrey; **Sept.29:** Nuala Scott (2019); Ian Lawrie (2002); James G Kelly (1996); Patricia McAuley (1932); **Sept.30:** Alan Ford (1997); Leo Walsh (1991); Alexander Holligan (1981); David Erskine; Annie Hanlon; Sarah McLelland; **Oct.1:** Mary O'Brien (1943); John Creamer; Thomas O'Neill; **Oct.2:** Anthony Iannarelli (2011); Helena Hapke (2004); Pauline Tracy (1995); Elizabeth Calder (1990); Mrs Reid (1976); Sarah Stone (1944); **Oct.3:** Gladys Patterson (2011); George C Handren (2003); Theresa Thomson (2000); Louise Cunningham-Graham (1995); Infant Nicora (1923); **Oct.4:** John Lewdon (2021); Andrew Callachan (2015); Peter Carr (2001); Gerard Watters (1995); George Calder (1988); John Coyne (1988); Michael Murphy (1955); Margaret Crawford;

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

**Oct.1:** John Creamer (1969); **Oct.3:** James Healey (1993);

*Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:*

Sean Devine, Brid Cudlipp, Anne Claveirole, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Revd Peter Millar, Katie McAnenny, Ann Dooley, Ewa Kiersztejn, Jim Gray, Veronica Monbieni, Revd Jim Jack, Fr John McFadden OMI, Revd Bill Wishart, Ampaaro Serrano, Sue and James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Caitriona Stark, Margaret Meek, Fernando Cervantes, Pat O'Kelly, Angela Whyte, Mike Foy, Jean Cooper, Kirsty McCrimmon, Ann Thorp, 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, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, 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 7), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Dani Miniette, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.