

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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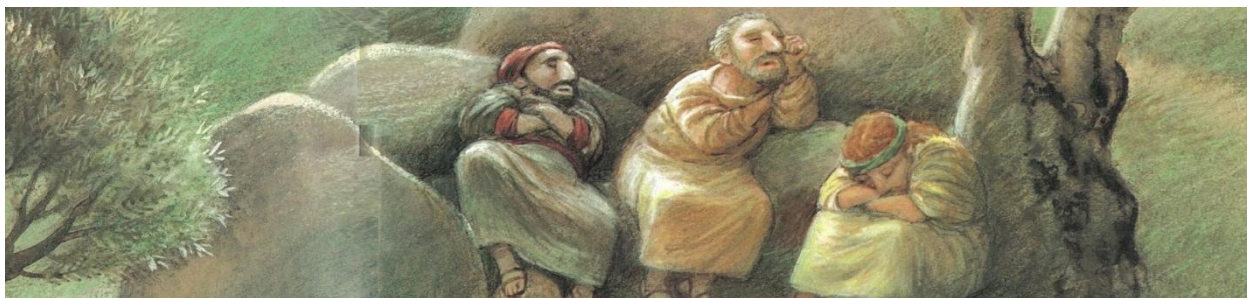
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1 DECEMBER 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*“But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
(Luke 21:36)*

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...

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.

A very warm welcome to Sr Catherine Laughlin, who joined the Sacred Heart Community in Lauder Lodge last week, bringing their number there up to seven.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year. This year's Advent prepares us for the Holy Year of 2025, where we are invited to be Pilgrims of Hope, showing through our lives that the hope given by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will never fail...

It also marks the transition from our use at Mass of the **Jerusalem Bible** - the translation into English from the original Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) we have used at all our Masses since the late 1960's and which is now viewed as outdated in some areas – to the **ESV** (the English Standard Version). This has meant that we have had to purchase for both our churches, 4 new lectionaries (the books that sit on the

lectern during Mass and from which the readings are taken), and new Parish Mass Books (which are available to use for everybody).

We are very grateful to those parishioners who have donated individual lectionaries in memory of loved ones, **and to a parishioner who has paid for the 100 Parish Mass books in St John's** that will cover the next six months (There is a three year cycle of readings – so we have to buy six separate volumes of Parish Mass Books at considerable cost. If anyone would like to buy some volumes in memory of someone who has died , please do make contact with Fr Jock. As with the lectionaries the relevant volumes will have a sticker pasted in recalling the person in whose memory they have been donated).

For those who prefer to have the text of the reading in front of you while it is being read at Mass, please do take a Parish Mass Book along with your Order of Service/hymn book – particularly since this new translation offers us a real opportunity to engage afresh with the Word of God.

At all our Masses **the annual special collection for the work of SCES - the Scottish Catholic Education Service -** will be taken up as part of Catholic Education Week.

On Monday - 2 December – at 2.30pm in St John's Church, there will be the monthly **Healing Mass** (with the sacrament of the sick). All most welcome.

Our new Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course will take place over three evenings at 7.30pm in St John's Hall - **this Monday 2 December, this Thursday 5 December and on 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.)

OUR ADVENT INITIATIVES

The popular magazine put together by the Redemptorists, 'Advent Extra', will be available after each Mass. We have ordered 50 copies, and if people each donate **£3** for it we will cover our costs.

Prayer at Night 2024

Starting today, 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>

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.



ADVENT CLUSTER RETREAT WITH FR PIOTR/PETER KRAKOWIAK

There is a **list** at the back of both churches for you **to sign up for annual Advent Cluster Retreat – on 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).

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY will take place on **Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December** at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses...between three and five priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. An 'examination of conscience' to help us prepare will be given out with next week's newsletter.

Mass Times for Christmas:

6.00pm – St John's – **Christmas Children's Vigil Mass**

8.30pm – St John's – **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Monday 25 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Christmas Day Mass**

THIS WEEK

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 – FIRST 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>

Monday 2 December -

11.00am – St Columba's, Newington – **Deanery Meeting for St Giles Deanery**

2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing** – *livestreamed*

6.00pm – MS Team – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/4ePecdy>

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

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course Evening 1**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Tuesday 3 December - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **RCIA Mass and Meal to mark the end of the Enquiry Stage**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Wednesday 4 December - 9.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Mass – *livestreamed*

11.00am – St Mary's, Bathgate – **Requiem Mass for Mgr Alastair Lawson**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Thursday 5 December

10.00am – St John's – **Memorial Mass for Giovanni Pacitti** – *livestreamed*

11.00am – St John's Primary School – **Advent Service**

7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course Evening 2**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Friday 6 December - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Saturday 7 December

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

10.00am-2.00pm – St John's Church – **Christmas Craft Fair in aid of StekaSkills**

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <http://bit.ly/3VrZnC7>

Sunday 8 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – with a focus on P3

9.30am – St John's – **Children's/Do This in Memory of Me Mass** – *livestreamed*

with Entrance to the Catechumenate of the RCIA enquirers

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

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

with a focus on the P3 Reconciliation children, including the baptism of Aoife Skene.

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>

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Thursday 12 December – 1.00pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club Christmas Lunch**

Saturday 14 December – 10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Leith – **Advent Retreat for the 5 Cluster Parishes**

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December – **RECONCILIATION SUNDAY**

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta (d.1964)

Martyr and member of the Sisters of the Holy Family – **Feast Day: 8 December**

‘When the hour of trial comes, this young religious faces it: her faith, her sense of commitment, the primary value she places on virginity, an intense prayer life and the support of her community enable her to remain steadfast.... It is the primary value of fidelity that led to her martyrdom.

That is precisely what martyrdom means, "To be a witness."’

Pope John Paul II in his homily at the beatification ceremony



The background to the martyrdom of this young Congolese nun is the withdrawal by the European colonial powers from Africa after the Second World War and the subsequent attempts by the Western and Eastern blocs to protect their perceived interests. The Belgian Congo became independent in 1960 after disastrously inadequate preparations. There were democratic elections held, as a result of which Patrice Lumumba became prime minister. He was seen by the West as a tool of the Soviet bloc and deposed within three months, then assassinated, with the collusion of UN peacekeeping troops. The West's chief concern was to keep the Congo's rich mineral deposits for the capitalist economies. Lumumba was seen as a martyr to true independence in the East and among large sections of the population. A rebel force loyal to his memory, calling themselves the Simbas (Lions), attracted some support from Russia and China and waged war on aspects of the country they saw as "Western."

These included the Catholic missions, French and Belgian in origin. The missionaries had in fact made efforts to "Africanize" the Church since before independence and to disengage from colonial structures. The missions were largely staffed by Congolese converts, but the Simbas regarded these simply as traitors to the cause of Africa and attacked many of the missions. The canonization of the martyrs of Uganda, St Charles Lwanga and Companions (see 4 June), in October 1964 reminded both sides of what could happen to missionaries in Africa. In November 1964 the Simba headquarters in Stanleyville were captured by government forces, aided by white mercenaries and Belgian paratroopers, airlifted in by the United States. Their reasons for hating anything Western were redoubled.

Anuarite (Sister Marie-Clementine in religion) was born in Wamba and baptized with her mother and sisters. She had joined the Congregation of the Holy Family (*Jamaa Takatifu* in the local language) and in November 1964 was a teacher in their school at Bafwabakka, where the diocesan bishop, Wittebols of Wamba, had been murdered a short time earlier. At lunchtime on 29 November, a lorry filled with Simba guerrilla fighters drove into the Sisters' compound.

The officer in charge told them that they should not be afraid as he had come to save them from the "Americans" either meaning the mercenaries or simply fantasizing. They were herded into the lorry and set off on a nightmare journey toward Isiro. They stopped in villages along the way, where the increasingly drunken soldiers looted everything and terrorized the inhabitants. At nightfall they stopped at an abandoned mission, and the Sisters were left for the night. The next morning, they were forced back into the lorry again, and the journey continued. They were stopped by the Simla colonel in a staff car, which produced wild excitement among the soldiers. He was enraged on seeing one Sister saying the rosary and ordered them to be stripped of all devotional articles, which were thrown into the bush. They were told to go back to Bafwabakka and dress like "proper African women," but continued their journey to Isiro. There most of the Sisters were herded into a house, but Anuarite, the youngest, was kept back, to spend the night with the officers. She and her superior, Mother Kasima, clung to one another, with Anuarite protesting that she would rather die than submit to such a sin. They were eventually released, but then a different colonel tried to force Anuarite and another Sister, Bokuma, into his car. Both resisted, and again Anuarite declared she would rather be killed. The colonel beat them both with the butt of his revolver, breaking Bokuma's arm. Anuarite was thrown to the ground, whereupon the officer called on nearby troops to kill her. "*Naivyo nilivyotaka*" ("*This is what I wanted*") were her last words as she was repeatedly stabbed. The colonel then shot her through the heart.

Anuarite's body was taken back into the house, and after a few days of threats of rape or death by the Simlas, who were probably panic-stricken at what they had done, the rest of the community were rescued by government troops. The body was exhumed in 1980 and ceremonially reburied in Isiro Cathedral. Pope Paul II

approved the opening of her cause on his first visit to the Congo (by then Zaire) that year and in 1985, on a return visit, beatified her at a Solemn High Mass in Kinshasa, the capital. Zaire, subsequently Democratic Republic of Congo, has not enjoyed peace since her death, but the Church in Central Africa has made steady progress toward being a truly African Church while remaining in communion with the universal Church.

NOTICEBOARD

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

Next 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**

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 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,

Maria Igoe writes: 'The **November Coffee Morning** raised £230 for "Muirfield Riding Therapy". Many thanks to those, who donated so generously. The charity is very grateful.

The **December Charity Coffee Morning** will be held in **St John's Parish Hall** after Mass on **Monday 9 December**. Donations will be given to "Aid to the Church in Need" to support faithful Christians in many parts of the world, who are suffering, persecuted and in desperate need. In Liberia the Teresina Sisters provide urgently needed care for people living with leprosy. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home-baking with fellow parishioners and friends. Thank you.'

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!

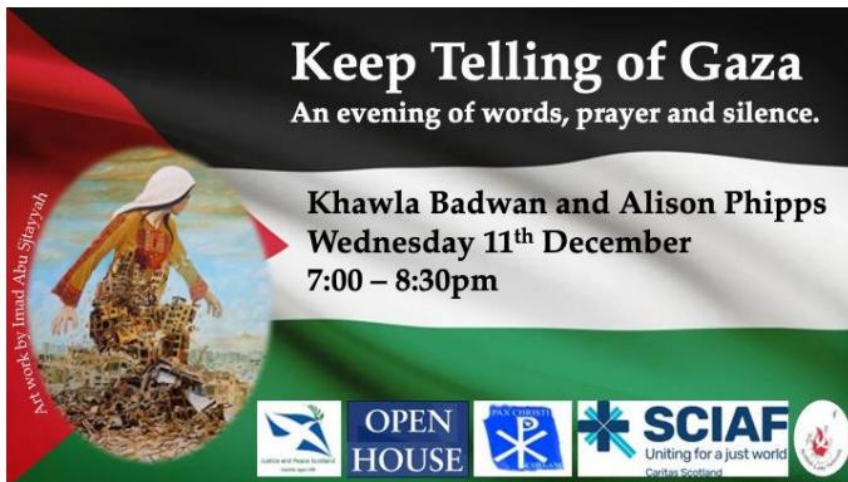
Bethany Buy-a-Bed - For just £25, you can buy a Gift Card to give to someone, telling them that this gift is enough to cover the cost of a homeless person getting a bed in the Bethany Overnight Welcome Centre as well as access to housing guidance, mental and physical health support in addition to the 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 and next – 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.



Wednesday 11 December 2024
Online ~ 7:00pm-8:30pm [UK Time]

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/3CPvEMJ>

or click [HERE](#)

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

SUNDAY: Visit of 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 at by Archbishop Cushley. Mass begins at 7:30pm. All are welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed on the YouTube page of the Archdiocese.

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

Advent Rosary - The annual Advent Rosary begins on Zoom this **Monday 2 December** at 7:45pm, with a reflection from Bishop John Keenan. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary

Feast of the Holy Innocents - Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB ON **Saturday 28 December**. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents or just come along on the day.

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

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LUKE 21: 23-28, 34-46

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

When I first went to seminary, I worked during the summer holidays as a nursing auxiliary at a small general hospital outside of Sunderland. I was ‘assigned’ to Staff Nurse Burgess – a formidable woman who, once she discovered what I was studying, was antagonistic and hostile. She was fiercely anti-religion, and looking back, I realise I was a victim of work-place bullying – but I needed the money. Dad had just died, and mam was struggling. Bullying aside, Staff Nurse Burgess claimed psychic powers! My first experience of the phenomenon. She was anti-religion but fully attuned to the ‘other’. She claimed that she possessed an awareness of the Angel of Death amongst other psychic powers. She also maintained that she could discern the spirit world gathering around the bed, just before the arrival of said angel. Initially, I thought she was winding me up, but over the months I learned that she was deadly earnest, and we developed a mutual admiration. When I returned to the ward the following summer, I was greeted as a long-lost friend. Patients didn’t exactly relish her spooky bedside manner – though, to my untrained eyes she was a very good nurse. I would have been happy to be treated by her – but without the resulting mélange of spirits and angels, be they black or white. Memory of her came to mind a couple of weeks ago. It was shortly after the death of Dom Edward Corbould: death was uppermost in my mind. The night after his death I had a nightmare straight from the bowels of hell that was accompanied by such a dark feeling that so overwhelmed me that the following night I was reluctant to go to bed. I felt that I was experiencing a godless death. It was grim. Dark foreboding feelings are a common feature of hypothyroidism, my most recent diagnosis, following my original bout of hyperthyroidism. The hyperthyroidism was caused by one of the drugs I had long since stopped taking but which can loiter in the body for years – rather like one of Donald Trump’s ‘illegals’ evading extradition. All my life I have been a glass half-full kind of person. Latterly I have morphed into a glass half-empty individual. I yearn for the return of my glass half-full days.

In my state of half-emptiness, I easily identify with Jesus’ message in this weekend’s Gospel. He warns us: *There will be signs in the sun and stars....people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.* Not exactly Christmas cheer - he obviously didn’t have in mind the supermarket shelves in November groaning under the weight of mince pies, Christmas puddings, and Panettone. I stare at those same shelves, and no matter how much they groan and strain under their burden, hostages to our appetite and indulgence, the capitalists’ pursuit of profits, their burden is as nothing to the hunger pains of the children of Yemen, nor the cries and tears of the children of Gaza and Sudan as they stare down at the emptiness once graced by limbs and hands. It’s a case not so much of *people dying of fear* - as, children dying from fear and grief with a side-serving of man-made malnutrition. They are unable to understand what it is that they have done to deserve their fate, apart from being born in the wrong place, at the wrong time, to the wrong ancestors. Their oppressors, stupidly, believe that their own problems will disappear once their enemy is wiped from the face of God’s earth. How foolish they are, for as Jesus and Luke go on to tell us; *When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.* The earth does not belong to us – we are merely passing through and territorial boundaries are a man-made confection. There are no ‘illegals’ in God’s world. Someone should tell the Orange One – he, like me, is nearer the grave than the cradle. Jesus addresses all of us this weekend: *Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened. That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every, living man on the face of the earth with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times.*

Today, as I walked past the groaning supermarket shelves an organisation called **FareShare** invited me to put a few red paper bags into my trolley. They had been filled with everyday essentials and I was invited to pay for them at the checkout but leave them behind. I would never have ordinarily thought of having panty liners, sanitary towels but might have remembered pasta in my trolley. **FareShare** handed me a Thank you note. It read: *Thank you for your support. Your kindness and compassion are needed more than ever.* It occurred to me that this is the Christian message, the message of the Gospel. It’s our message. Perhaps we’re too self-conscious, too softly spoken, and that’s why we aren’t always heard.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Sr Alda, who celebrates her 100th birthday next Friday, 6 December. ...and to Marie Sinclair, 60 on Sunday, 17 November

Please pray for those who have died recently:

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Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Kathleen Friar - Willie Robertson
Wasył Juska - Roy McGillivray
Helen McRae - Evelyn Ostrowska
Margaret Risi - Denis Davidson
Canon Raymond Fitzpatrick
Elizabeth Elton - Patrick McClory
Annie Donati - Bill Brogan
Joan Brooks*

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 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 24 November 2024

St Mary Magdalene's, £219.34 total, including £143.34 Offertory and £76.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1203.10 total, including £258.10 Offertory, £135.00 Gift Aid, and £810.00 average weekly online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Nov. 30: Grace Knowles (1990); Helen McKinnon (1989); Alfred Reading (1957); Connelly Family; **Dec.1:** Elizabeth Elton (2017); Patrick McClory (1992); Catherine Gannon (1991); Margaret Davie; Frank Rafferty; Joseph & Catherine Smith; Robert Watson; **Dec.2:** John Wallace (2020); Barbara Walker (2012); Elizabeth Ogilvie (2006); Annie Donati (1993); William O'Donnell (1993); **Dec.3:** Jean Tunley (1997); Andrew & Mary Malcolm; **Dec.4:** Ronnie Smith (2017); Sarah Jessiman (2003); Robert Kerr (1999); Hugh Walsh (1994); Ronald Godley (1988); John Lawler (1970); A Duffy (1950); John Scollon; **Dec.5:** Helen Cassidy (2004); Mary Bisset (2001); Bill Brogan (1996); George Forrest (1988); Neil Donoghue (1987); Elizabeth Quinn (1980); Edmund Z Schmelter (1970); Nancy Syme; **Dec.6:** Joan Brooks (2023); Mary Tait (2023); Patrick Butler (2007); Winifred Adamson (2000); Grace Spencer (1980); Mary Meehan;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Nov. 28: Iris Beattie (1980); **Nov. 30:** Basil Juska (2015); **Dec.1:** William Robertson (2016); **Dec.2:** Archibald Mawdsley (1969); **Dec.3:** Leonora Hanlon (1990); **Dec.5:** Denis Davidson (2021); **Dec.6:** Maria A Langlands (1997);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Ron Murray, Diana Williams, Fr Alex Davie, Juan Ignacio de Vicente Lara, Neil Nicolson, 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 Kiersztein, 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, 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, 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.