

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.40-11.10am Saturday morning, after the Vigil Mass
7.30pm on Saturday evening) or any time by appointment

Shared Parish House: 3 Sandford Gardens, Edinburgh, EH15 1LP

Parish Administrator: Enrico Fertini

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

Joint Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes>

Joint Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsandStMaryMagdalenes>

7 DECEMBER 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



‘I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’
(from Matthew 3:1-12)

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 and ask for details of how to register on the parishes’ roll.

Entrance to the Catechumenate – 9.30 Mass – St John’s

Since late September, the RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) group has been meeting each Tuesday in the parish house, led by our catechists, Colette Dempsey and Bronagh Power, with Fr Shaiju and Fr Jock, and with other parishioners present as sponsors to support our enquirers. We have a good number of ‘enquirers’ from our two parishes this year. **Stuart Bain, Andrew Castle, Olivia Devine, Nonku Khawula, Emma Falvey, Maurizio Martone, Robbie McIntyre, David Reid and John Sanderson.** David is away this weekend (in Rome!), and Emma is about to give birth to her first child, but the others **will be at the 9.30am Mass today enter the second of the four stages in the RCIA process, the Catechumenate** (period of instruction) – Please pray for them and all in the RCIA group.

On Monday – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - at 2.30pm at St John’s, we have our Monthly Healing Mass - all most welcome.

Evening Adoration - Tuesday 9 December – St John's

Deacon Eddie writes: 'With no Holy Hour in December or January, we would like to offer evening Adoration from 6.00pm until 10.00pm in St John's (except between 7.00pm and 7.40pm during the evening Mass) on Tuesday 9 December. We hope to repeat this in St Mary Magdalene's in January if all goes well. This has been arranged in response to a request for more opportunities for evening adoration.

A sign-up sheet will be available after each Mass this weekend. For those of us who work during the day, this is a great chance to take part in Adoration as we prepare for Christmas.

We would only need seven or eight people to sign up for 30 mins each to allow the whole evening to run smoothly.'

ADVENT AT ST JOHN'S AND ST MARY MAGDALENE'S

The Cluster Advent Retreat

10.00am-1.00pm – Saturday 13 December – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith

Our Cluster Advent Retreat – for our five cluster parishes of St Mary Magdalene's, St John's, St Theresa's, Craigmillar, St Ninian's, Restalrig, and St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - will take place between 10am and 1pm on **Saturday 13 December** at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith. **It will be given by Fr Jim Walls**, parish priest of St Mary's, Lochee, in Dundee. Fr Jim, whose Mum, Cathy, was a St John's parishioner for several years before her death, is a former Spiritual Director of the Scots College in Rome and in 2021 raised over £20,000 for the St Maria Skobstova House of Hospitality in Calais by walking 271 miles from Iona to Lindisfarne. The retreat will begin with Mass at 10am. There is no charge but there will be a chance at the end to offer a small donation to help cover costs. **Please sign up on one of the lists at the back of both churches.**

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY will take place **next Saturday/Sunday 13/14 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 is included with this newsletter.**

Mass Times for Christmas

Wednesday 24 December- CHRISTMAS EVE

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

8.30pm – St John's – Christmas Vigil Mass

Thursday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am – St John's – Christmas Day Mass [an extra Mass, possible since we now have 2 priests]

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – Christmas Day Mass

(We hope that the 10.30am Christmas Day Mass at St Mary Magdalene's will be a Children's Mass....and, therefore, that more than a few children and families will join us then to make it a true Christ-Mass....)

Advent Invitations from the Justice & Peace Group

SCIAF Cards: Available at the back of each of the churches after the weekend Masses, we have a beautiful selection of Christmas cards produced by SCIAF and containing the message "May you be filled with love, joy and peace this Christmas" Each pack contains ten cards with two attractive designs and costs £4.50.'

Christmas problems resolved! – REAL Gifts: As usual, your friendly neighbourhood J&P Group is here to help you solve your Christmas present buying problems. Thanks to the **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**, we have our usual range of brilliant Real Gifts – how do you fancy giving someone a flock of chickens, a goat or maybe a vegetable garden. As well as these, we have a range of calendars and packs of beautiful Christmas cards. These will be on sale at the back of both churches for the next couple of weekends and, if cash is a problem, we accept card payments. And don't forget our **Bethany Christian Trust Buy-a-Bed** gift cards. Each donation of £25 covers the cost to Bethany of providing a bed overnight for a homeless person.

Water for a Village: For several years, we have had a parishes' appeal to buy Water for a Village (although we didn't last year as the focus was on the STEKASkills appeal) and we would like to resurrect this again this Christmas. In the poorest parts of the world, clean water is not guaranteed and accessing it can be incredibly difficult. But together we can help make a tangible difference in communities that need clean water. Your gift can help build wells and irrigation systems, and install rain-water collectors, providing families with access to safe, clean water. The target for this gift of water for a village is £1200, which is a lot of money, but the J&P Group are happy to match donations from the parishes, so the minimum target would be £600 (although in previous years, thanks to your generosity, the J&P top-up has been, at

most, minimal). Jennifer Morris, Jim Roarty or any member of the J&P Group will be happy to accept your donations (card donations to Jim Roarty).

Mary's Meals – Double The Love: Mary's Meals, the wonderful Scottish-based charity now feeding over 3 million children every day at school, are delighted to be able to announce that all donations this festive season will be matched by a group of generous supporters, up to £11 million. So, anything you donate will be doubled! To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, go to <https://www.marysmeals.org> to donate online. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 6 December

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

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

10.30-11.00am – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

12.00am – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Ordination to the Diaconate of Joachim Nguyen Thanh Duc OMI**

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

7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday 7 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30am – St John's – **First Communion P4 'Do This in Memory' Children's Mass and RCIA Entrance to the Catechumenate** – *livestreamed*

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **P3 and Children's Mass** – *livestreamed*

Monday 8 December – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

6.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) (or type <https://bit.ly/44aV1na>)

Tuesday 9 December

10.00am – St John's – 10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Ann Dobie** – *livestreamed*

10.00am – Lauder Lodge – **Mass**

6.00-7.00pm and 7.40pm-10.00pm – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

7.45am – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 1)**



Wednesday 10 December

9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Thursday 11 December

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

11.00am -St Andrew's, Ravelston – **Funeral Service for Brian McDermott (Fr Jock)**

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

Friday 12 December

9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Saturday 13 December

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Cluster Advent Retreat** (led by Fr Jim Walls)
(no morning Mass in St John's today)

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

7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday 14 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Reconciliation Sunday)

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

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

1.00pm – St John's – **Baptism of Iris Thea Messini-Presta**

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



In the coming weeks: Friday 19 December – St John's – 10.00am – Requiem Mass for Charlie Kane

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Juan Diego (1474-1548)

Witness to Our Lady of Guadalupe – Anniversary: 9 December

"My dear Lady, . . . this I beg you, entrust your mission to one of the important persons who is well known, respected, and esteemed so that they may believe him. You know that I am nobody, a nothing, a coward, a pile of old sticks — You have sent me to walk in places where I do not belong. Forgive me and please do not be angry with me, my Lady and Mistress."



On the morning of 9 December 1531, a Christian Indian named Juan Diego was on his way to Mass. As he passed a hill at Tepeyac, not far from present-day Mexico City, he heard a voice calling him by name. Looking up he was surprised to see a young Indian maiden. She instructed him to go to the bishop and tell him to construct a church on this hill, the site of an ancient Nahuatl shrine to the mother goddess. Juan faithfully carried out the assignment, but the bishop paid him no attention. In a subsequent showing the maiden charged him to try again, this time identifying herself as the Mother of God. Again, the bishop scoffed. At a third audience with the Lady, she instructed Juan Diego to gather a bouquet of roses which were growing, unseasonably, at her feet. Juan gathered the roses in his tilma, or cape. Having gained another audience with the bishop, who had demanded some kind of sign, Juan Diego opened his tilma to present the flowers. To his astonishment, he discovered a full-colour image of the Lady mysteriously imprinted on the rough fabric.

So was born the cult of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (as the Indian name of the Lady was rendered in Spanish). But in a deeper sense this apparition marked the birth of the Mexican people — a fusion between the Spanish and the indigenous races and cultures. The apparition to Juan Diego occurred only ten years after the conquest of Mexico, a time when the native Indians were languishing under the impact of their cultural decimation.

The conquerors had brought with them the new Christian religion, but under such circumstances that it posed little attraction. All this changed after Guadalupe. The image of the Lady had dark skin and Indian features. The style and colours of her clothing, her blue mantle covered with stars, her depiction as standing on a crescent moon held aloft by an angel, all these features had deep symbolic references to the Indian religion and culture. She spoke to Juan Diego in his own *Nahuatl* language — not in Spanish — and presented herself not in terms of power and domination but in terms of compassion and solidarity with the poor.

She called herself the *"Mother of the true God through whom one lives"* and stated her wish to see a temple built at that site so that she could *"show and give forth all my love, compassion, help, and defence to all the inhabitants of this land ... to hear their lamentations and remedy their miseries, pain, and sufferings."*

If all this was significant to the Indians, there was also a message to the Spanish. Previously the Spanish had seen no conflict between the mission of conquest and the mission of evangelization. But here a divine message was delivered to the bishop — the official representative of the Spanish church — by means of a humble Indian. In effect, Juan Diego was chosen to be the agent of the bishop's — and the church's — conversion. The message was clear: the church must not serve as the religious arm of colonial oppression. Instead, it must be rooted in the experience of the poor and become a vehicle for their cultural and spiritual survival.

Within six years of the apparition, nine million Aztecs were baptized. The official church went on to build a rich basilica at Tepeyac and to sponsor the official cult of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Still, in succeeding centuries the image of Guadalupe remained a source of special pride and devotion among the poor, a symbol of God's special love for the oppressed, and of the compassionate face of God revealed in his Mother.

Apart from the official cult, the image of Guadalupe would resurface regularly in more militant and "unauthorized" contexts. Banners with her image were carried by the peasant army of Emiliano Zapata during the Mexican Revolution. Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farmworkers Union in the United States, carried her image on the picket line. In 1993 Indian peasants supporting the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas, Mexico, marched beneath her banner. The image of Guadalupe continues to hold a special meaning for the humble and oppressed peoples of the Americas. For others she is a potent symbol of the church of the future — a church that celebrates diversity, empowers the poor, and speaks with the voice of compassion. Where such a church lives, roses bloom in December.

(Robert Ellsberg ed, All Saints)

NOTICEBOARD

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

CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST JOHN'S

Maria Igoe writes: 'The November Charity Coffee Morning raised £410 for *STEKA Children's Home* in Malawi. Thank you for your generosity. The money will help to cover the increased cost of food to feed the children.... The December Coffee Morning will be held on **Monday 15 December** in St John's Hall after the Morning Mass. Donations will be given to *Mary's Meals*. 3,011,060 children are fed every school day across 16 countries. Many other countries are waiting to join the feeding programme. They rely on our contributions. It costs 10p for each meal and £19.15 to feed a child for a year. 93% of all donations goes to the charity. The CEO only takes a small wage, 51% below the national average. Your donation will enable the children to grow strong and get the education they need to have a productive life. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking with fellow parishioners and friends. Thank you.'

Christmas Carol Concert from the 'Feast of Life' Choir

Sunday 21 December – 7.00pm - Portobello & Joppa Parish Church, EH15 2DL

Chris Jones writes: 'Come join us for a selection of popular Christmas songs and carols, finished off with tea/coffee and seasonal home-baking. - Entrance is FREE, donations to Edinburgh Young Carers. Thank you.'

We do not exist for ourselves alone, and it is only when we are fully convinced of this fact that we begin to love ourselves properly and thus also love others.

*What do I mean about loving ourselves properly?
I mean first of all, desiring to live,
accepting life as a very great gift and a great good,
not because of what it gives us,
but because of what it enables us to give to others.*

Thomas Merton - 'No Man Is An Island'

An Invitation from the Legion of Mary to join them in 'keeping' 'The Five First Saturdays and Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary'

Maria Igoe writes: 'As we have Holy Mass and Reconciliation on Saturday mornings now, parishioners may consider undertaking the Devotion of the 5 First Saturdays. When Our Lady appeared to the 3 children at Fatima in 1917, she asked that they pray for reparation. Reparation simply means making repairs and putting things right. This is in our own lives and also in the world.

What is involved? 1. *Receive the Holy Eucharist* - 2. *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation* - 3. *Pray five mysteries of the Rosary devoutly* - 4. *Meditate for 15 minutes on one mystery of the Rosary.*

Some parishioners are interested in this and intend to start this **Saturday 6 December**. Please join us. We aim to continue for 5 consecutive months. Thank you.'

A Message from the Inclusivity Group about an Art Exhibition by Children of St John's Primary School

Mary Bainbridge writes: 'We are delighted to be able to share some beautiful artwork from the children of St. John's Primary School. The exhibition is entitled - 'Reflecting on The Leadership of Women in the Gospels through the Joyful Mysteries'. This follows on from our talk last Sunday, given by The Reverend Sigrid Marten on 'The Role of Women in the Formation and Growth of Christianity'. It was a very interesting evening with good opportunity to talk and discuss the topic.

The children's paintings will be exhibited in the Lady Altar at St. John's Church for the first two weeks of Advent, and then move to the entrance of St. Mary Magdalene's on 14th December for the second two weeks

Thank you to St. John's Primary School for all their hard work!'

Donations to the Parishes



You can now send secure online donations to our Parishes by scanning these 2 QR codes (you can find them at the back of both our churches too). All details (including our Gift Aid scheme) can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes/gift-aid-scheme>
Our new **Card Readers** are ready to be used **at the back of both churches...**



Advent – A Time for ‘Tidying the Room’

We live in a world torn asunder by hatred, suspicion, bigotry and countless attributes that divide rather than unite, hurt rather than heal, and literally kill rather than give life. We can become numbed in the face of much of this, not least when it's on a massive scale and somewhat removed from us. Too easily we can blame or look for scapegoats. Too easily we can discriminate or brand others. Too easily we can withdraw into some sort of inner smugness that all is well in our house - my house. Is it?

Though we may not be killers or assassins, there is always the possibility that we are killing other people's spirits or darkening their world through bitterness or resentment, jealousy or hatred. We would never stand over the taking of life, and we recoil from violence, but at a subtle level, we might well consign others to a living death by ignoring or neglecting them. Maybe our words drive arrows into the heart of another. What we say about people could well add to their pain and exploit their vulnerability.

In these Advent days, having looked at tidying the room, we may worthily welcome our sacred guest, as the call to be builders of peace is real, urgent and essential. Taking an honest look into our own rooms, is there anyone that would not be welcome? Is there anyone we've not spoken to or that we hold a grudge against? Is there even the slightest possibility of picking up the pieces and re-establishing contact?

If you can at all, maybe now's the time.

Vincent Sherlock, Let Advent be Advent

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Advent Rosary for Life - continues this Monday at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Includes reflection from Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (March for Life UK).

Register at bit.ly/rosary25

Rorate Masses at St Mary's Cathedral - The candlelit Rorate Masses continue at 7:00pm on **Thursday 11** and 18 December, and Monday 22 December.

Christmas Carol Service - St Margaret's Church, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, EH4 5AD, **Sunday 7 December** at 3:00pm. **Organised by the Archdiocesan Lourdes Committee.**

Stella Maris Carol Service - Join Archbishop Cushley for an evening of carols, readings and celebration, followed by refreshments. **Wednesday 17 December** at 7:00pm, followed by reception. St Mary's Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6AW. Please RSVP to info@stellamarismail.org.

Vacancy - St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Facilities Manager. A full job description is available at stmaryscathedral.co.uk. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to recruitment@stmaryscathedral.co.uk by Wednesday 10 December 2025. Salary: £30-32k.

Catholic Families for Life - The latest Catholic Families for Life Newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is now available at www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

Diploma in Catechetics - Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Cost £220. Register at bit.ly/diploma2026. Promo reel at bit.ly/diplomareel

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

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – MATTHEW 3:1-2

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

On Thursday morning I, again, decided to do something about the Matterhorn-like pile of ironing sat on top of the tumble drier. Armed only with a hissing Tefal steam iron and well served by my 30-year-old ironing board, I set about the task in hand. I needed some mindless TV for company. I stumbled across an episode of Father Brown. I thought I had seen them all – but I was mistaken. All of the essential ingredients were there – a murder in the village of Kembleford, Father Brown administering the last rites with no regard for the religion of the corpse, a wrongful arrest by Sergeant Mallory, the real killer about to get away with murder till Father Brown comes to the rescue of righteousness – oh and a final confession and absolution from the security of the confessional, and sometimes in the prison cell. Good clean and, invariably, mindless entertainment. A minor sub-plot on Thursday was the moaning of Mrs McCarthy (Father Brown's housekeeper) complaining about the hoodlums in the village that had vandalised one of the benches on the village green – and all as she was preparing for the judging of the village in bloom competition. Mindless teenage vandalism was a feature of 1950's rural England, just as it is in the 2020's. Shakespearian tragedy, it was not, but in no time at all, I was halfway through the Matterhorn shaped pile of laundry that had sat defiantly before me.

In the days prior to my Widow Twanky tribute-act, I had become lost in this weekend's Gospel passage. It took me hours to move beyond *In due course*. No matter how much I kick and scream, rail and rebel, life is unfolding at its own pace, at God's pace and in His direction for I believe from the pit of my stomach that He is far superior to my puny, albeit self-opinionated, brain. As Cardinal Newman reminded over 40 years ago: "He knows what He is about, therefore I will trust Him.... Whatever befalls me, whatever besets me, He knows what he is about." I then turned to John the Baptist's *camel-hair garment*, with his leather belt *completing the ensemble*. In the ancient Near East, camel hair was used for tents and rough clothing. It was not prestigious, which made John's choice deliberate – a rejection of status and comfort. The scribes and Pharisees worshipped status. They approach John. He calls them vipers. He leaves no room for misunderstanding. I wonder who made his camelhair cloak – his mother? Himself? Did he or she realise that their sacrifice, skills and time would be immortalised in the first ever *Vogue* review as published by Matthew? '*John is sporting a quaint camel hair tunic set off perfectly with a contrasting rough leather belt by Josiah and Sons. The complete outfit available for only half a denarius.*'

Where do I sit. My pride flirts with status; my flakiness dulls my senses. Do I dig deeper for the Salvation Army and add an extra layer of clothing to ward off the chill air – or do I turn up the thermostat and bemoan the cost of energy, leaving the Sally Army to someone else? The decisions are mine – as are the rewards.

As I pondered John's outfit, I am transported back through time to the family home. My second eldest sister had – indeed still has - a taste for the finer things in life. She bought herself an Astrakhan Coat. She didn't think it was her – so she gave it to my mother. As a nine- or ten-year-old I was fascinated by that coat, never once realising how many animal skins had gone into its creation. I played my grubby fingers over those skins and the sable collar. I don't think my mother wore it more than once – twice at most. It was too showy for someone from a council house in post-war Sunderland, struggling to feed a family of 10 on my dad's wage. Her humility won the day, and I rejoice and draw strength from her example some 60 years later. Good example, like God's word, is eternal in dimension and value.

Mrs McCarthy, Father Brown's housekeeper reminds me that there is nothing new under the sun. I may grow angry at the callousness that walks hand in hand with the world's billionaires – but draw comfort that their wealth has not done away with their absolute need for toilet paper! When their wrinkles have their day, the silicon implants leak and their organs fail, all they have left with is their witness. Their witness and example stains and dulls their world, but leaves my world, the world of John the Baptist, the world of my mother, gleaming and untarnished. That will do for me.



PARISH REGISTER



Welcome to the world...Cian Joseph Hall, a first child for Stephanie and Ryan, and first grandchild for Marie and Norrie Sinclair, born on Tuesday 2 December

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Tom Cobb - Anne McQuade

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Jenny Wormald - Winnie Casey

Stan Tweedie - Mary Salvona

Maria Juska - Fr John Robinson

Jane Wright - Jimmy Duke

Pat McHugh - John Ritchie

Myles Durkin - Kathleen Codling

Anna Butler - Jean McCraw

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Anne McBirnie, Margaret Cahill, Pat Robertson, Margaret Hand, young Saoirse Golden, Ros Mackay, Sr Nan McKinnon RSCJ, Kate Walsh, Pauline Robertson, Dorothy Dickson, Celia Stone, Carol Simpson, Maggie and John Flanagan, Alex Nielsen, Belinda Wingfield Digby, Sr Helen McLaughlin RSCJ, Helen Kilgour, Mike Fox, Moira McCafferty, Young Shay Graham, Jimmy Curnyn, Simon Hall, John McLaughlin, Susan Cammack, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, Pamela Hanlon, John Lawler, Betty Dougal, Barbara Durcaz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

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

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.6: Mary Tait (2023); Patrick Butler (2007); Winifred Adamson (2000); Grace Spencer (1980); Mary Meehan; **Dec.7:** Charlie DiCarlo (1997); Thomas Holt (1972); John Tweedie; **Dec.8:** Margaret O'Brien (2001); Robert Taylor (1998); Kathleen M Codling (1977); James Waldie; **Dec.9:** Yolanda Volante (2022); Ann O'Brien (2021); Mary Salvona (2017); Jenny Wormald (2015); May Maclean (2007); S. M. Nelson (1985); Frank McGuire (1979); Bridget Lawrie (1990); **Dec.10:** Winifred Casey (2022); Jimmy Duke (2014); Vincent Kelegher (2003); Margaret T Ward (2001); Mary McLauchlan (2000); Joseph Dykes (1985); Maggie Bonner (1982); Michael Keogh (1948); James Anderson; Nancy Christina Dobson; **Dec.11:** Anna Butler (2023); Stan Tweedie (2014); Mary Meehan (2006); Bridget & Michael Meldrum; Annie Shrivener; **Dec.12:** Jean McCraw (2019); John Ritchie (2016); Valerie Messent (2003); Myles Durkin (1975); Margaret Riach (1960); Ann Cassidy; James Daly;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.6: Maria A Langlands (1997); **Dec.7:** Thomas Burdell (2000); **Dec.9:** Richard Sheppard (1973); Mary MacDougall (1969); **Dec.10:** Maria Juska (2015); **Dec.11:** Winifred Graham (1981);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Mary Jo Bonikowski, Jennifer Kay, Anne Lauder, Mian Astill, Anne Claveirole, Dr Grier Gordon, Kathleen Reville, George Gaynor, Eleanor Bagnell, Ken Lewis, Eugene Grant, Bronagh McCourt, Baby Freddie Cross, Josie Young, Irene McIsaac, Sophie Robinson, Tricia Scott, Baby Aidan McGuire, Job Jose, Eileen and Rick Sheptak, Ann Dooley, Sr Jeanette Connell LCM, Vaji Naji, Christopher McCarthy, Caroline Cassidy, Ben Higgins, Frances O'Donnell, Anita and Roger Bromley, Wyns and Jan Meise, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Tom Cullimore, Nancy McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, Saramma Samuel, young Riley, baby Felix, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Mike Foy, Fr John Chadwick, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Stuart Falconer, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Damian Mulvenna, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Alasdair Mackay, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, David Miller, David Paterson, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztejn, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Mary McCormack, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, King Charles, Elizabeth McKenzie, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 14), Pat Campanile, Mireille McNab (aged 15), Michelle Lee, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John and Anne Havard, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), Evelyn Walsh, Eunice McDonald, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Michael Doherty, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 8), Kazim Kazimoglu, Tony Rigg, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Betty Blyth, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory 29/30 November:

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St John's, £1662.60 total, including £279.60 Offertory, £206.00 Gift Aid and £1177.00 online.