THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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9 FEBRUARY 2025 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



 \dots and when they had done this, they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, \dots they filled the two boats to sinking point. (from Luke 5:1-11)

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 Syria and in Ukraine, and indeed in Sudan and in all the wars and conflicts in our world... We pray especially that the ceasefire in Gaza might happen and hold.

Maria Igoe writes: 'The February Coffee Morning will be held in St John's Parish Hall this Monday, 10 February, after the 10am Mass. Donations will go to "*Operation Smile*", which repairs facial disfigurements in children and makes a great difference to their lives. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking in pleasant company.'

Next Saturday, **15 February**, there will be a Memorial Mass at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith at midday for Fr John McFadden OMI, parish priest there until 2023. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Leo Cushley. All most welcome.

Next Sunday, 16 February, at the end of the 9.30am Mass we will welcome eight Maasai warriors, who will sing a post communion reflection and then join us in the Hall to sing some gospel songs. They are performing at the Town Hall on the Saturday night at a Fundraising Ceilidh for the Osiligi Maasai Children Foundation in Kenya, (see later in newsletter) and were keen to sing in a local church.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 8 February - 6.30pm – St John's – Vigil Mass – livestreamed

Sunday 9 February – 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 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*

Monday 10 February

10.00am – St John's – Mass – livestreamed
10.40am – St John's Hall – Charity Coffee Morning (in aid of "Operation Smile")
6.00pm – Zoom – Gospel Sharing – click <u>HERE</u> or type https://bit.ly/413UO3X

Tuesday 11 February

10.00am – St John's – Requiem Mass for Eileen Doherty – livestreamed
6.00pm – St John's – Wedding Rehearsal for Ethan Scott and Eilidh Hopkins
7.00pm – Parish House – Mass – livestreamed
7.45pm – Parish House – RCIA (Catechumenate 8)

Wednesday 12 February - 10.00am – St John's – Requiem Mass for Gerry Cannon – livestreamed

Thursday 13 February - 10.00am - St Mary Magdalene's - Mass - livestreamed

Friday 14 February

12.00pm - St John's - Requiem Mass for Angela Milazzo - livestreamed

Saturday 15 February - 11.00am – Parish House – Inclusivity Group Meeting 12.00pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – Memorial Mass for Fr John McFadden 1.00pm – St John's – Wedding of Eilidh Hopkins and Ethan Scott 6.30pm – St John's – Vigil Mass – *livestreamed*

Sunday 16 February – 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.30am – St John's – Mass – *livestreamed* – with baptism of Lewis Allan and postcommunion song by a

group of Maasai warriors.

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist** 11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Thursday 20 February – 10am – St John's – Requiem Mass for May Flynn

Saturday 22 February – 10.00am – St John's – Bereavement Mass

Sunday 23 February – 9.30am – Mass with Enrolment of P7 Confirmation Candidates

Saturday 1 March – St John's Hall – **"Love, Loss & Chemistry"** - A jazz cabaret to raise funds for L'Arche, Edinburgh, featuring The Swells, Louise Hoden and David Simpson

Wednesday 5 March – ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday 7 March – 11.00am – St John's – World Day of Prayer (more details soon)

Saturday 8 March – St John's Hall – 2-4pm - **Bingo Afternoon Tea on International Women's Day – one of the final events in aid of our fundraising for StekaSkills Women's Hostel** (and many thanks for all volunteer bakers – any further volunteers please email stekaskills@gmail.com)... Tickets go on sale next week.

Sunday 9 March – 7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Synodality in Parish Life** (NB CHANGE OF DATE - more details soon)

Thursday 20 and 27 March – 7.30pm – St John's Hall - **Baptismal Preparation Course** (if anyone would like to register for the course, please contact Fr Jock)

FUNDRAISING CEILIDH FOR OSILIGI MAASAI CHILDREN FOUNDATION IN KENYA

Saturday February 15 – 7.00pm – Portobello Town Hall – tickets £11.55 (child £6.13)

Mary Njoki, a resident of Portobello, writes: 'You are invited to attend this exciting evening of dancing. We



shall have a ceilidh infused with some reels, country dancing, belly dancing and African dancing (Maasai and Maganda). There will be dances for complete beginners and more advanced ceilidh dancers. Just make sure you have so much fun.

We are a UK charity working across Kenya repairing broken hand pumps and working in the Maasai areas of Kenya, helping families out of poverty through education, health and local clean water and by assisting people to become more economically active.

Helping Kenya and Africa help itself is our main objective. We are a team of volunteers with no salaries or costs thus 100% of monies we receive go to the projects in Kenya. Nothing is used for any UK expenses.

Our projects help people have better health, more skills or more productive time, so helping to reduce the cycle of poverty. These include:

Local clean water - Repairing broken hand pumps in Kenya – Education - Sponsoring children through school

The charity was started to help a Maasai community in Southern Kenya but our projects are now across the whole of Kenya. For further info, please visit <u>https://www.osiligi.org/</u>. Thank you.'

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Afternoon retreat for couples - The Archdiocese has organised a mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on **Saturday 15 February** at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at <u>bit.ly/valretreat25</u>

'Hope Eternal': choral music by the Schola Cantorum - On Monday 17 February at 7:30pm, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral's Schola Cantorum will perform a hope-filled concert of choral music at **Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh**. All are welcome, and all proceeds will help to support the choir's singing at Scots College Ordinations in Rome. Tickets are $\pounds 10 / \pounds 8$ concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door: <u>https://tinyurl.com/hopeschola</u>

Workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders - If you are involved with Children's Liturgy in your parish, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on **Saturday 22 February** from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass.

Registration and full event schedule at https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsJ5kL.

RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession - If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on **Saturday 8 March** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at <u>bit.ly/return2025</u>

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope - The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to '**Rise in Faith, Live in Hope**' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on **Saturday 15 March**. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at <u>bit.ly/archyouth</u>

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK – St Paul Miki and Companions

Martyrs of Japan (d. 1597) – Feast Day: 6 February

"My religion teaches me to pardon my enemies and all who have offended me. I do gladly pardon the emperor and all who have sought my death. I beg them to seek baptism and be Christians themselves."



Christianity arrived in Japan in 1549 with the landing of St. Francis Xavier, one of the original band of Jesuit missionaries. By the time he left, twentyseven months later, he had established a small but committed community of Christian converts. Subsequent Jesuit missionaries, concentrating their efforts on influential local rulers, managed within a matter of decades to swell the local church by tens of thousands. By the end of the century the number of Christians numbered as many as three hundred thousand, and Christianity was on the way to achieving a significant social presence, especially in the port city of Nagasaki. The trend, however, was soon to be reversed; indeed, as rapidly as it had spread, the Christian religion would be all but eradicated from sight.

The reasons for the persecution were complex. A major cause was the fear on the part of a succession of powerful rulers, beginning with Hideyoshi, that the missionaries were the add this for foreign colonialism. At the very least, these rulers feared that the inroads of foreign cultural influence would threaten their own plans to unify the country under centralized control. In 1587 Hideyoshi suddenly ordered the expulsion of all foreign missionaries

on the grounds that they were preachers of a "diabolical" law. Although many did leave, the decree was not immediately enforced and discreet missionary activity by the Jesuits continued. Their style, however, clashed with the more open and aggressive evangelization carried out by Spanish Franciscans. Hideyoshi regarded these activities as a deliberate provocation. In 1597 he condemned twenty-six Christians to death. These included three Japanese Jesuits, of whom the best known was *Paul Miki*, a convert from a wealthy family who had achieved some renown as a popular preacher. The others were six Franciscans and seventeen Japanese laymen. On 5 February 1597, they were publicly crucified in Nagasaki.

Over the next several years, restrictions on missionary activity continued to be intermittently enforced. From 1601 to 1612 the church enjoyed relative peace. After that, all hell broke loose. Waves of savage persecution were unleashed, as all signs of the foreign mission were systematically eradicated. Thousands of ordinary Christians and dozens of priests were executed - many by the ironic means of crucifixion. Countless others suffered imprisonment. For some time, priests continued to be smuggled into the country. But the repression was so thorough that they were inevitably found out and killed, a fate shared with any Japanese known to have assisted them.

As a means of ferreting out believers, the authorities devised a ritualized test. Suspected Christians, sometimes whole villages, were presented with an image of Christ or the Virgin, called an *efumi*. They were required to stamp on the image as a sign of apostasy. Faced with the penalty of death not only for themselves but for the rest of their family - most submitted. But many others refused and paid the penalty.

Through such experience Japanese Christians acquired a distinctive spirituality. Refined in the forge of martyrdom and suffering, the church in Japan developed a fervent devotion to the crucified Saviour and a commitment to the cross as a symbol of endurance and the hope of final victory. Such a spirit helped to preserve the faith in a long underground existence. For by the middle of the seventeenth century, the Christian church in Japan had disappeared, and the country itself remained closed to Westerners for the next two centuries.

Japan's isolation began to end with the arrival of Commodore Perry in Tokyo Bay in 1854. By 1860 the first foreign priest, Father Bernard Petitjean of France, was allowed to serve as a chaplain to the French community in Nagasaki. For five years he worked to build a church in Nagasaki dedicated to the original twenty-six martyrs. In 1865 a group of Japanese approached him in the church and, with trepidation, revealed their identity as Christians: *"The hearts of all here are the same as yours."*

Astoundingly, it turned out that a secret Christian community numbering tens of thousands had continued to pass along the faith from generation to generation, carefully remembering Latin prayers, feast days, and the ritual of baptism. They had seen no priest in two hundred years.

Thus, having emerged from the catacombs, and despite intermittent persecution, the Catholic community of Nagasaki proceeded to thrive. Many churches and a magnificent cathedral arose on the sites of ancient martyrdom. But the memory of the cross remained fixed in the people's hearts. And in this light, many of them tried to comprehend the terrible mystery of 9 August 1945. That day an American pilot, finding a break in the clouds over Nagasaki, used the steeple of the Urakami Cathedral as his target before releasing a plutonium-fuelled atomic bomb. Seventy-nine thousand people were immediately killed. These included at least ten thousand Catholics, half the Catholic population of this traditional centre of Japanese Christianity.

See: Andrew Ross, A Vision Betrayed: The Jesuits in Japan and China 1542-1742 (Mary-knoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1994); Rachelle Linner, City of Silence: Listening to Hiroshima (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1995).

NOTICEBOARD

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Deacon Eddie writes: 'In the recent open parish meeting in St John's, there was an appetite for more chances to have Eucharistic Adoration in our two parishes - especially in the evenings or at the weekend. For us to offer this, we need your help. If you are a eucharistic minister, would you be happy to help us offer more times of Adoration? Or maybe you would be more comfortable supporting and welcoming people during the time. If you think you can help, do let Fr Jock or myself know what days or time would suit you.'

Would you like to be part of a Joint Parishes Eco Group?

Deacon Eddie writes: 'Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* invites us to really think about the stewardship God has given us of this wonderful planet.

How we go about improving our environment, or just learning more about it to appreciate it, is a challenge to ensure it is a worthwhile experience and not just a box ticking one. For this reason, we would like to start up a group to look at some ideas, many "recycled" from some of the other parishes in Edinburgh.

Would you be able to spend some time once every few months meeting up and having some email exchanges in between? We have some ideas to start with and would love to see if we can expand on these and make a lasting and sustainable positive impact on our wonderful communities.

These ideas are below. Perhaps you can't come out to meet up, please do still feel free to get in touch and join the email list. Just let Frances McDevitt, Deacon Eddie or Fr Jock know if you would like to get involved. Or email <u>DeaconEddie.White@staned.org.uk</u>

Can we reuse the old pews?

Either remade as benches for use on parish grounds or for local care homes for people to enjoy? Or can they be used to make other wooden items either religious or otherwise for sale to raise money rather than throwing away our old stuff?

Can we plant up caterpillar/butterfly friendly plants in our gardens?

We may have small gardens or even just a few pots of plants but if the whole community all did the same, there would be many more butterflies sustained by lots of people doing small actions.

Can we agree to put up bird boxes around the church or around our gardens?

Bug hotels around the parish grounds.

Plants created by cuttings from parishioners' gardens to offer for others to start planting in their gardens.

Lobbying local and national governments over environmental issues

Exchanging ideas and advice with our partner community in Malawi

Reflecting on where the parish carbon footprint can be improved.

Photo exhibitions from parishioners' own photographs of the local area.

Recycling our waste in the parishes and advice for those unsure of how to recycle at home.'

Assisted Dying: a personal reflection

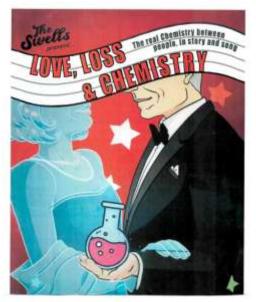
Monday 17 February - 7.30pm-9.30pm - Mayfield Salisbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ

Bernadette Campbell writes: 'This conversation will be led by Revd Dr Scott McKenna Spiritual Lead from Ayrshire Hospice. All are warmly invited to attend. A suggested donation of £5 is requested from non-members to cover our costs of the talk. Thank you'.



"Love, Loss & Chemistry" - A jazz cabaret to raise funds for L'Arche

Saturday 1 March 2025 - 8.00pm (door 7.30pm, duration 1h 15min) St John's Church Hall, Portobello



Jeremy Thorp writes: "*Love, Loss & Chemistry*" had a successful 4star run in the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe, and The Swells are delighted to bring their show to St John's church hall for a repeat performance, with some additional songs.

Join **The Swells** – *Malcolm Windsor* (vocals), *Jeremy Thorp* (keyboard) and *Nick Gent* (guitar), plus special guests *Louise Holden* (vocals) and *David Simpson* (clarinet) – as they explore love, loss and new thinking on the chemistry between couples through their life events.

It's not a chemistry lesson! The jazz cabaret includes songs both happy and poignant, such as those sung by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Burt Bacharach.

All concert proceeds will be donated to L'Arche Edinburgh, a community of around 80 people, people with and without learning disabilities, based in the Leith and Restalrig areas. The members live and work alongside each other as friends and equals in community.

More information can be found here: <u>https://bit.ly/4gOdGJz</u>

St John's and St Mary Magdalene's have had a deep relationship with L'Arche over many years, the most visible sign of which is the annual Epiphany lunch – an occasion of food, joy, dancing and music!'

Jazz cabaret style seating - BYOB (soft drinks provided) Tickets - £12 from Jeremy Thorp: 07900 278043, jdt121@btinternet.com or Eventbrite (The Swells): <u>https://bit.ly/42cb7wz</u>

Excursion to the D Day Beaches in Normandy

Des Brogan writes: 'This experience will take place from 4 - 9 August 2025. There are still a few places available and if you would like an itinerary or further details, please contact me at <u>des@mercattours.com</u> or telephone 07710720774'

Invigilators at Holy Rood

Joan Daly, Head Teacher at HRHS, writes: 'Would you be interested in becoming an invigilator for the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) exams in Holy Rood RC High School? The exams run from *Monday 28 April to Monday 2 June 2025*. We are looking for people who are available during mornings and/or afternoons and would like to join the invigilation team. Invigilators are appointed by the SQA and have to go through the Disclosure Scotland process for the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG), this is handled by the SQA. The position is paid at an hourly rate of pay. If you would be interested in finding out more, contact our Chief Invigilator, Hilary Stokes, hastokes@outlook.com

or Derek Ferguson (Business Manager at Holy Rood) Derek.Ferguson@ea.edin.sch.uk (0313 6615871)'

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - ISAIAH 6: 1-8 LUKE 5: 1-11

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

Grenfell Tower is in the news once again. This time whether or not it should be demolished or retained as a memorial of some type. Many of us remember that horrific morning in June 2017 when flames licked the outside of a tower block trapping residents inside. Escape routes were plunged into darkness, black acrid smoke greedily devoured the air in its path. The fire claimed the lives of over 70 people. Resident desperately tried to flee the building, even as firefighters rushed inside. Sixteen of those same firefighters now suffer from terminal cancer. Whilst 58 people and 19 companies are currently being investigated over the causes of the fire, decisions on prosecution are yet to be taken. If only there had been a pause on the creep of cancer diagnoses. I have written before about 'Tommy'. He sits on the clifftop at a place called Seaham in County Durham. He is a statue of First World War soldier, weighed down with his kit and war paraphernalia. He is downcast, weary. He has given his all. He's made from rusty scrap metal not cast in bronze as might befit an important person, though I would argue his sacrifice was the greater. Often the sea fret rolling in from the North Sea enshrouds him, even as the mustard gas wrapped its suffocating hand around the lungs of his colleagues in the trenches and the toxic gasses swallowed the firemen who ran into Grenfell Tower. Tommy and his pals, and the firefighters of Grenfell, all made a difference. And herein lies their attractiveness. They were ordinary folk, completely lacking in ostentation, remembered and revered for their sacrifice, generosity and their humility – not their ostentatiousness and posturing.

Collectively and singularly, they stand shoulder to shoulder with Isaiah and Simon and his business partners James and John. They are all humbled in the presence of God, all feel unworthy, all are aware of their own spiritual paucity in the face of the majesty that stands before them. Isaiah, perhaps more than Simon, has an overriding recognition of his own shortcomings. *What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.* Simon's own awareness of his inadequacies will come much later. A seraph touches Isaiah's lips with a burning coal. Ouch! I was cooking last Saturday with a couple of Scotch Bonnet chillies. I'm usually extremely respectful of their potency. I let my guard down and attended to an itch on my upper eyelid with my right forefinger. Not as uncomfortable, perhaps, as a burning coal, but nevertheless a burning stinging sensation ensued. After two residential stays in rehab centres, I know a thing or two of searing perceptions and the purgative effect afforded by a recognition of inadequacy and failure. Too often the temptation is there for us to maintain a low profile, rather than call things out – for fear that we may be accused of double standards. In his first letter, John encourages us to be honest in the sight of God that we might be cleansed – much as Isaiah was.

This week we witnessed something quite remarkable. Donald Trump was hosting Benjamin Netanyahu. Outside a protest was taking place, including a large number of followers of Orthodox Judaism. One of their placards caught my attention, 'Judaism calls for the abolition of the State of Israel'. Herein lies the issue for you and me. There are times when conscience overrides personal quietude. Followers of orthodox Judaism regularly call out what they perceive to be the ethnic cleansing practised by the abomination they observe to be the Zionist Government of Israel. Their conscience will not allow for silence. It trumped political expediency. Apart from Trump's strange proposals for perhaps the biggest issue facing the mid-21st century, there was no evidence that God or Jesus was present in the minds and hearts of either Donald Trump or Benjamin Netanyahu. This is the measure of our poverty in the Western world. God is absent, generosity of heart is unheard of. 'Drill baby drill' is deaf to the cries of a planet burdened by greed and simultaneously ravaged by wildfire and floods - and all in the pursuit of wealth. *You cannot worship God and money!* We need to learn from Tommy and the selfless firefighters of Grenfell, we need to imitate Isaiah in asking God's angel to purge cowardice from our lives that we might learn to speak out. We are called upon to imitate Simon and James and John, his colleagues who immediately '*left everything and followed him*'

PARISHREGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

May Flynn – Fr John Callaghan

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Newall - Marc Lee - Tony Lawson -Sheila Devlin - Alex Nielsen Canon Albert Franklin - Jimmy Sangster Margaret Hancock - Bryan Dockrell

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick: <u>St. John's:</u>

May Matthews, Patricia Lawler, Rose Thornton, Pamela Hanlon, Mike and John Lawler, Sr Monica Macdonald, Sheila Tansey, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Moira McCafferty, Helen Kilgour, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, Jimmy Curnyn, Charlotte McGregor, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, 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, Julie Keegan, Jean McInally, 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, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude



Collections 1/2 February 2025

<u>St Mary Magdalene's</u>, **£348.05 total**, including £253.05 Offertory and £95.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1826.00 total, including £376.00 Offertory, £186.00 Gift Aid, and £1264.00 weekly average online donations.

Pamoja Fashion Sale raised £203.00

Anniversaries: St John's:

Feb.8: Tony Lawson (2024); Betty DiPonio (2015); Sheila Devlin (2000); Ada Iannarelli (1980); Bill McCann (1977); William Anderson; Rose Ann Jamieson; Feb.9: Alex Neilson (1975); Feb.10: Edward McCabe (2008); David Young (1985); D V McCaughan (1984); Mary (O'Brien) Callan (1926); Feb.11: Guido Torino (2014); Marie Buchanan (2005); Lucy Hughes (1989); Hannah Knowles (1964);Canon Albert Franklin (1955); Feb.12: Pat Kelly (1997); Bill Jacob (1984); Feb.13: William Lawrie (1973); John Duffy; Annie Nicholson; Feb.14: Jimmy Sangster (2020); Margaret Scott (2018); Mary Kathleen McConvill (2002); Bernard Halpenny (1985); William Hughes (1978); Patrick Gilroy (1966);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Feb.8: Norma Weddell (2001); **Feb.9:** Margaret Hancock (2019); **Feb.11:** Ian McLeod (1996); **Feb.12:** Mary Tully (2007);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Stuart Falconer, Paul Gillen, Shirley Robertson, Anne Morris, Quentin Stevenson, Damian Mulvenna, Richard Reid, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Fr John Hennebry OSA, Peter Hughes, Stuart Falconer, Jean Fraser, Alasdair Mackay, Alison Padley, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, Eileen Ryan, David Miller, Diana Williams, Fr Alex Davie, Tom Cullimore, David Paterson, Kay Leslie, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Anne Claveirole, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztejn, Veronica Monbieni, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Caitriona Stark, Pat O'Kelly, Mike Foy, Jean Cooper, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Chris Frost, Lynda Young, Mary McCormack, Helen Bird, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, Edith Edgar, Catherine Princess of Wales, King Charles, Monique Kopp, Mary Lyons, Elizabeth McKenzie, Steven Thornton, Ann Fleming, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 14), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Mireille McNab (aged 14), Michelle Lee, Roger Bromley, Saramma Samuel, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tom Heeney, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John Havard, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), 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, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 7), Jennifer Kay, Kazim Kazimoglu, Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, 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 Svme.