

# 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  
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**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>

## 21 DECEMBER 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

(Matthew 1:20)

### ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHILDREN'S CAROL EVENING

**6.00pm – Today 21 December**

Children (of all ages – ie there's no upper age limit!) are warmly invited to St Mary Magdalene's this Sunday for an evening of Carols and festive songs, led by Regis Gamado and his family – and also for good things to eat and drink. Spread the Word...

### 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 (followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall)

Thursday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am – St John's – Christmas Day Mass

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

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Mass each day this week – and at any time by appointment – just ring the Parish House (669 5447)**

**This coming Saturday, 27 December is the Feast of St John the Evangelist, the Patronal Feast of St John's.... Mass will be at 11.00am, followed by refreshments in the Hall**

### **Advent Invitation 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.'

**Water for a Village:** Water is the most basic and vital need of all, but it's scarce and unpredictable in many of the world's poorest communities. Families without clean water are trapped in a deadly cycle of poverty, poor health and premature death. The **SCIAF Real Gift of Water for a Village** aims to provide life-changing access to clean water for communities in need. By raising £1200, we can help build wells, lakes and irrigation systems, ensuring that families have access to safe water, which is vital for health and education. This initiative not only improves living conditions but also empowers communities to overcome poverty and health challenges. We didn't fundraise for this Real Gift last year as the focus was on the STEKASkills Women's Hostel but did so successfully for several years previously. **Our appeal this year currently stands at £652** – thanks to those who have given generously. **If you would like to contribute to this good cause, Jennifer Morris, Jim Roarty (who will take card payments) or any member of the J&P Group would be happy to take your money.**

**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.

### **The annual L'Arche Epiphany meal at St John's – 5 January – 12 noon**

On *Monday 5 January 2026* the annual **Epiphany meal** and celebration will be hosted by our two parishes for the Edinburgh L'Arche community. This will take place in St John's parish hall at 12 noon and is a wonderfully heartwarming and joyful occasion. Mary Iannarelli and the hospitality team would welcome assistance with setting up the day before or helping out on the day. If you are able to help out, please contact Mary on 07534666439 or just turn up on the day. Thank you.

**We are looking for new WELCOMERS at the 9.30am Mass** willing to help offer a warm welcome to all who come to the church on a Sunday morning – please contact Tom Gallagher (0131 661 1311) or Fr Jock....**and also to ensure that those who go to the Hall for tea and coffee after that Mass receive a welcome too** – if willing to join a team on a rota, please contact Bronagh Power (07902 607936) or Fr Jock

**The annual Archdiocesan Catholic Directory for 2026 is on sale for £3 at the back of both Churches.**

#### **Late Advent Thoughts**

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives: Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies: Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank people will try to cheat you: Be honest anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight: Build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous of you: Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, will often be forgotten by tomorrow: Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough: Give your best anyway.*

St Teresa of Calcutta

*No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor.  
The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything,  
look down on others, those who have no need of God  
– for them there will be no Christmas.  
Only the poor, the hungry, those who need  
someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone.  
That someone is God, Emmanuel, God-with-us.  
Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God.*

(St Oscar Romero of El Salvador)

## THIS WEEK

### **Saturday 20 December**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
10.40am – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
2.00pm – St John's – **Nuptial Mass of Kyle Traher and Lucy Nevin**  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### **Sunday 21 December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
6.00pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **St Mary Magdalene's Children's Carol Evening**

### **Monday 22 December**

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

### **Tuesday 23 December**

10.00am – Lauder Lodge – **Mass**  
7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

### **Wednesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
6.00pm – St John's – **Christmas Children's Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*  
8.30pm – St John's – **Christmas Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

### **Thursday 25 December – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9.30am – St John's – **Christmas Day Mass** – *livestreamed*  
10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Christmas Day Children's Mass** – *livestreamed*

### **Friday 26 December – FEAST OF ST STEPHEN**

**11.00am** [NB Change of Time]– St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

### **Saturday 27 December – FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**11.00am** [NB Change of Time]– St John's – **Mass for the Patronal Feast** – *livestreamed*  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### **Sunday 28 December – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Cooper and Lily Smith** – *livestreamed*  
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*



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

# SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)

*Italian American Sister – Feast Day: 22 December*



Physically small (under five feet tall) and always frail in health, Maria Francesca Cabrini took her naming after Francis Xavier seriously, living a life of missionary zeal that equalled his. Born near Pavia in northern Italy, she qualified as a primary school teacher and at the age of twenty-two was in charge of a school in a nearby village. Newly united Italy was experiencing a wave of anticlericalism, and it was forbidden to teach religion in schools, but she obtained permission to teach doctrine after school hours.

She applied to join two religious Orders, but both rejected her. Her parish priest placed her in charge of an orphanage, and she gathered a team to help her, but the scheme collapsed for lack of funds. Her aim was to follow literally in her patron's footsteps and be a missionary in China. With seven companions she founded a house devoted to foreign missions, but she met with resistance in the Church to the idea of women being missionaries. She persevered, and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart were approved in 1880, with a Rule balancing hard work and spirituality, but they were not able to work outside Italy, where they soon had several houses and a

growing reputation. She went to Rome in 1887 and, after some initial resistance, was able to start a house there. The Italian houses were to be training bases for her work on the missions—when she could start that.

The chance came through a meeting with Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini who was deeply concerned with the plight of Italian migrants to the United States. Unable to make a living in Italy in the economic depression of the 1870s and 1880s, hundreds of thousands were leaving each year in the hope of a better life in the New World. In the United States they gathered in "Little Italics," ghettos in the cities of the eastern seaboard, generally exploited by employers, and bereft of priests, teachers, and any sort of social care. Scalabrini, looking for "good priests" to go to New York in response to an appeal from Archbishop Michael Corrigan, saw a role for the Missionary Sisters there as well. Mother Cabrini (as she was by then known) had an audience with Pope Leo XIII, who was aware of the plight of Italians in the United States, and he told her their mission was to be "not to the east but to the west."

So she went, with six other Sisters, on a stormy voyage from Le Havre to a non-existent reception in New York, where they had to find a slum tenement in which to live and to beg for everything. Somehow, they won through and began teaching and looking after the sick and orphans. The archbishop did not approve of women and at first gave them no assistance, but it seems that a sharp letter from Bishop Scalabrini convinced him that the orphanage at least merited support. The work just grew and grew: as Italians began to lift themselves out of the direst poverty they gave the Sisters what they could; wealthy American donors came forward with offers of houses. Mother Cabrini travelled to Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Saint Louis, Missouri, Denver, San Francisco, Seattle—where she took up a pick and showed her Sisters how to clear a building site.

She was then asked to start a hospital in New York. At first, she refused, saying she was a teacher and not a nurse, but then she had a dream in which the Virgin Mary was nursing the sick—telling her she had to because *she*, Francesca Cabrini, would not. So, with a few mattresses and bottles of medicine in an empty building, she started a hospital. Again, begging for help brought results: doctors and clinicians offered their services, and she soon had a well-organized hospital with a medical board in charge. She called it the Columbus Hospital, as it was founded in 1892, the four-hundredth anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World—and she wanted everyone to know that he came from Genoa, not from Spain as the Hispanics thought.

And on she went: to Nicaragua, where she thought she was having success converting the Indians until she caught yellow fever and they all vanished; to Panama and down the Pacific coast to Valparaiso, then across the Andes to Argentina and Brazil, both experiencing huge waves of Italian immigration. She set up new schools and orphanages as she went. In Rio de Janeiro there happened to be a smallpox epidemic, so she stayed to nurse the sick. She returned to Italy nine times to gather new recruits, and established houses in France and Spain, conscious that Italian Sisters alone could not be effective where other languages were spoken. She extended the work in the United States to care for prisoners, including those on death row.

In 1907 she became a naturalized citizen of the USA in order to have legal claim under American corporation law to all the properties her Order had there. In 1916 she finally awarded herself six months of spiritual retreat. The

following year, back at work, she suddenly collapsed when wrapping sweets to give children for Christmas. She died the next day. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1946 and proclaimed "*Patroness of immigrants*." In the United States she is known as the "first citizen saint," and she features in the Immigration Museum at the foot of the Statue of Liberty.

*Butler's Lives of the Saints, ed Paul Burns*

## ***A Christmas letter from Revd Peter Millar, Church of Scotland Minister and Friend of our Parishes***

*'Dear friends around the world, thinking of you across the miles from my home in Edinburgh. It is a real blessing to be able to send out another Christmas letter after ten years of incurable bone-marrow cancer.*

*A few weeks ago, many of us lost a dear friend in the death of Kathy Galloway, a former leader of the Iona Community and head of Christian Aid in Scotland. Kathy was well-known for her books, reflections, liturgies and challenging hymns. One of these hymns is a Christmas one and includes this verse.*

When out of poverty is born  
a dream that will not die,  
and landless, weary folk find strength  
to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait  
to greet the promised day,  
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.  
Be blest; prepare the way!'

*These words contain so much about the coming of Christ to our world and what it means to live each day in the light of the Gospel. It is so easy to romanticise Christmas and/or make it a time of much spending. Yet the power of that baby in Bethlehem has enabled through the centuries innumerable weary folk to find life's deep meaning and its true hope. This truth I have experienced in different parts of the world when living alongside people who has so little, but also, spiritually, so much.*

*I shall never forget the worship in tiny, rather fragile, thatched village churches in Tamil Nadu in South India. It was worship which transformed and enabled the families gathered to face the coming week whatever it might hold with a calm inner confidence that Christ would always hold them close. In that certainty they could be both joyful and hopeful. They knew, like Mary, that God would raise the lowly and bless their journey. Through the many ups and downs of my long illness I too have experienced the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth. As the great Scottish hymn writers John Bell and Graham Maule wrote "Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way? God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas day."*

*Within the weaving of the world and in a time of wars, global suffering, fake news and spiritual searching, our world has never more needed to be pervaded by divine love. In one of my prayers, deeply influenced by the privilege of living in a vibrant Aboriginal community in a remote part of Australia, I expressed that hope in these words; Mother and Father God, Creator of the deep quiet, may we never be a stranger to that place within our heart where we are at one with the life source and tiniest bloom.*

*With love and simple prayer at Christmas wherever you are, Peter'*



# FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

**Rorate Masses at St Mary's Cathedral** - The candlelit Rorate Masses conclude at 7:00pm on **Monday 22 December**.

**Advent Rosary for Life** - This **Monday (22 December)** at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Concludes with a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Register at [bit.ly/rosary25](https://bit.ly/rosary25)

**Celebrating the Gift of Life** - Join Archbishop Cushley for Holy Mass as we pray for life to be respected and cherished from conception to natural death. It takes place at midday on **Saturday 27 December** in St Margaret's Chapel, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Registration not essential but helps to plan catering. [bit.ly/giftoflife25](https://bit.ly/giftoflife25)

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

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

## 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)

### A THANK YOU FROM FIREFLY



**Diana McMicking, Chair of Trustees for Firefly International, writes:** 'On behalf of Firefly, I would like to say an enormous thank you to the team who organized the wonderful fundraiser at St John's on 20 November. The whole thing was excellent, starting with the adult choir, then the

jazz group who explained the meaning and relevance of each song to the theme of the evening – supporting children affected by war, and on to the beautiful singing of the Primary School choir. I am afraid I had to leave at the break as my husband had just got out of hospital that day following a knee replacement, so I needed to get back to being a nurse. But I heard that the second half was brilliant too. A huge amount of money was raised, £3,000, for Firefly. It was truly appreciated, given the extra challenges everyone is facing. The work we do gives children in the most difficult situations hope and builds stability in devastated communities. Please pass my thanks on to your congregation and the team that made such a special evening. With all my best wishes.'

**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.'

**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.*

Next meeting will be **Saturday 3 January 2026**. Please join us. Thank you.'

### Donations to the Parishes

Our new **Card Readers** are ready to be used **at the back of both churches...**

You can also send secure online donations to our Parishes by scanning the QR codes you can find at the back of both our churches. All details (including the 2 codes and our Gift Aid scheme) can be read at <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes/gift-aid-scheme>

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – MATTHEW 1:18-24

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

I imagine you didn't realise that I was a gifted seer, did you? I still can't manage the winning Lottery numbers, but I was able to say, with absolute confidence, as the Donald boarded Air Force One, way back in September, that he would shaft Britain before the end of the year. Up to a couple of weeks ago I was doubting my forecast but then, sure enough, he came up trumps!! He had sat back and enjoyed the millions of taxpayer money spent on his state visit. We were expected to smile as we picked up the tab. Security deemed it too dangerous for him to venture outside, so round and round Windsor Park he rode, protection snipers ready, mobile 'phone signals silenced. He had his way. A State Visit of sorts where ordinary folk like you and me were kept at bay. A true man of the people – not. His much-heralded trade deal, like so many American citizens, has been iced and, for good measure, he is suing the BBC for \$10,000,000,000,000. It appears, his ego must be sated whatever the cost to everyone else.

The scandal that is the Trump presidency, is as far removed from the Incarnation as it is possible to be. It stands in stark contrast to the essence of the Christmas message – an absolute contradiction. This weekend's Gospel passage, Matthew states: *This is how Jesus Christ came to be born....* And how did it start? Mary had already been betrothed to Joseph. Mary's father will have made the arrangements – organised the 'contract'. It's an alien concept to many but there are still over-zealous mothers who do their damndest to make introduction of their daughters to well-heeled suitors. Matthew's message is much more nuanced and subtle. He is anxious that you and I, the readers, take away from the story that Mary put self-determination and self-will second in her life. In our own lives, freedom and fulfilment lie, not in our own hands but in an embrace of reality: *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.* My own life story teaches me that I find and found fulfilment when I practice the spirit of acceptance - above all acceptance of myself – warts, spots, pimples and everything in between. For decades I thought I knew better. Wisdom and liberation came when I took the first steps in the Alcoholics Anonymous Programme and accepted that God knew better and best. Mary put aside her plans and accepted life as decreed by God. For all we know, she may have wanted half a dozen children, with a big house, a farm, perhaps, growing her own herbs, milking her own goats and ewes, making her own cheese. Who knows? What we do know is that in Luke's version she says to the Archangel: *Let what you have said be done to me....* I'm still learning just how difficult that step is. I'm still learning at the age of 72½. She learned it at the age of 14.

I hope you are not shocked when I tell you that this part of the Gospel narrative is not to be taken literally. It's a descriptive account pointing to an essential truth about our relationship with God. It's not an exact record of events like Hansard, or a Trump Trade deal. Matthew's narrative is pointing us to a way of "thinking", a way of understanding what it means to be in personal relationship with God who hears our breathing, listens to our heartbeat, who knows the number of hairs on our head and who knows and understands our deepest fears as well as our loftiest joys.

To aid us in our relationship God sends angels. Often, we cannot see them, but we are surrounded by them. I have encountered some this week – the man through whom I bought some art because I trusted him, the Santander employee, anxious about a proposed transaction and who just wanted to be sure, Tommy who has organised my smart meter installation and who ended our conversation with a simple 'God Bless'. It was such an unusual ending to a call from a stranger, that I was left temporarily speechless. Those who know me well are aware that speechlessness is not a regular occurrence. The point is – I trusted them – and they me. Trust – the stuff of relationships, a gift to be treasured, the gift of Christmas and of this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Christmas lifts us out of ourselves, pushing us towards others. Let us go towards them with a smile and a generous heart – with a spring in our step, for *this is how Jesus Christ came to be born.*



# PARISH REGISTER



*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Kay Ferguson – John Fuller  
Edda Beltrami – Kaziemierz Trybuda*

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

*Alice Taylor – Linda Fuller  
Mary McLory – Ronnie Brown  
James McGravie – Joe Kane  
Jim Marin – Eddie Kerr  
Hew Dalrymple – Agnes Prior*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

## St. John's:

young Elizabeth Mugure Obando (aged 13), Rosella Ritchie, Anne McBirnie, Margaret Cahill, Pat Robertson, Margaret Hand, young Saoirse Golden, 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 Durcacz, 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, 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.



*Offertory 13/14 December:*

St Mary Magdalene's, £330.00 total, including £100.00 Offertory, £115.00 Gift Aid and £115.00 online.

St John's, £1519.30 total, including £242.30 Offertory, £270.00 Gift Aid and £1007.00 online.

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**Dec.20:** Linda Fuller (2023); Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949); **Dec.21:** Mary McClory (2009); Eileen Flannigan (2012); Alexander Paton (2001); Jean Malcolm (1998); Mary Gallagher (1992); Francis O'Connor (1969); **Dec.22:** Gytha Somervell (2014); Joseph Desmond (1990); Francis Rooney; **Dec.23:** Cecelia McIntyre (2011); Alice Taylor (2006); Francis Rooney Snr.; George & Esther Waters; the Clyne, Harrison, Laurie & Lynch families; **Dec.24:** Ronnie Brown (2024); Tom Brennan (1985); Elizabeth Welby (1964); Anne B Gallagher (1948); James McGravie; John Scally; **Dec.25:** Joe Kark (2021); William T Pringle (2007); Francis Skey (1993); Arthur Scholan (1991); James Cordery (1989); John Callaghan (1988); Hugh Docherty (1985); Mary E Sweeney (1984); Raymond Demarco (1980); (Baby) Carol Begg (1952); **Dec.26:** Joe Kane (2021); Iris Murphy (2015); Marjory Graham (2007); Ian Holligan (1997); James Moran (1981); Mary Fusco (1948); David Headspeath;

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**Dec.20:** Jim Marin (2010); **Dec.21:** Elizabeth McEwan (1996); **Dec.22:** Sally Murphy (2002); John Shaw (2000); Thomas Heaney (1989); **Dec.23:** Eddie Kerr (2009); Roseanne Barclay (1992); Michael Boyle (1970); **Dec.25:** John Damer (1997); Cecilia Stewart (1992); **Dec.26:** Loretta Cannon (1996); James Smith (1982);

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

Annette Morrison, Mary Jo Bonikowski, Jennifer Kay, Anne Lauder, Mian Astill, Anne Claveirole, Dr Grier Gordon, Kathleen Reville, 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, 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.