

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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26 JANUARY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY THE YEAR

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him [after been tempted by the devil in the wilderness], returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside.

(Luke 4:14)

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.

This Sunday, at all Masses, we warmly welcome **Emma Wood**, who will update our two parishes **on our charity focus for the last year, the STEKA Skills Women's Hostel** outside, Blantyre in Malawi – aided by two short films.

Today is the Sunday of the Word of God, a feast instituted by Pope Francis several years ago and celebrated on this Sunday every year. If anyone would like a copy of St Luke's Gospel, the gospel we focus on at Mass this year (Year C in the lectionary), please sign the list at the back of either Church or give your name to Enrico, the parish administrator, or to Fr Jock. ...With this newsletter, are **two maps** to help you in your reading and understanding of the New Testament, one of Palestine in New Testament times, the other of the Roman Empire at that time, the site of early Christian expansion.

Introducing St Luke's Gospel – and the Acts of the Apostles

Fr Brendan McConvery and Fr Ciaran O'Callaghan write: 'Despite the fact that he has left the Church one of its greatest treasures, we know very little about Luke. What we do know from reading his Gospel is far more important. He is writing for Gentile (pagan) converts to Christianity. He tells us in his opening paragraph that he was not the first person to write a Gospel. Others had done so before him. The most important of these were probably Mark and Matthew. Luke follows Mark's relatively simple outline that tells of Jesus' ministry in his home province of Galilee, the journey he undertook to Jerusalem with his twelve disciples, and his final week there, culminating in his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Like Matthew, Luke adds additional sayings of Jesus and short parables.

Luke is telling the story of Jesus in the same way as did other writers of history who wrote around the same time. Unlike modern historians, they were not so much interested in 'getting the facts' down on paper as using the story of a great person of the past to give pleasure to their readers and to inspire a younger generation with models of how to live nobly. The noble hero of the time was what we might call 'the ideal human being.' Jesus is Luke's great hero. The great difference between Jesus and the noble heroes of the past is that they are dead and gone. Their legacy was only their words and the stories of their noble deeds. Luke knows that Jesus is different. He rose from the dead and made his presence felt among his disciples and still makes it known to those who know where to look.

One of Luke's most beautiful stories takes place on the evening of the Sunday following the death of Jesus. You can read it in Luke 24:13-25. Two people who had followed him to Jerusalem hoping for great things saw how shamefully he died as a crucified criminal. They were on their way home with heavy hearts when a stranger met them and shared the last few miles of their journey with them. They told him the story of Jesus and he did something unusual for a stranger. He showed them how it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and so enter into his glory.

At the journey's end, he did something even more unusual: he took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened and they recognised him for a moment before he disappeared from their sight. They knew it was Jesus and they said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" What is wonderful about this story is that the same experience of meeting Jesus in the scriptures and the breaking of bread is available to us each Sunday at Mass..

Unlike the other Gospel writers, Luke went on to write the Story of Jesus II, in much the same way that successful film directors produce a sequel to a successful film. Luke's sequel was a history of the early Church. Because it is dominated by the stories of the two great heroes of the next generation of Christians, Peter and Paul, it is called the Acts of the Apostles. You will find it in the New Testament between the four Gospels and the Letters of Paul and the other apostles.'.

Our next Baptismal Preparation Course will be on Thursday 20 and 27 March at 7.30pm in the Parish House. If anyone would like to register for the course, please contact Fr Jock.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 25 January - Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Shay Murphy**

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

Sunday 26 January – 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – **with baptism of Aoife Stefan**

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

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

Monday 27 January - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Tuesday 28 January - 7.00pm – Parish House – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 6)**

Wednesday 29 January

9.15-9.50am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Thursday 30 January - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass in St Mary Magdalene's** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm - Parish House – **St John's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Friday 31 January - 9.45am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Vera Quinn** – *livestreamed*

Saturday 1 February - 9.30am-1.30pm – St John's Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Charity Sale**

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

Sunday 2 February – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.30am – St John's – **P4 Do This in Memory Mass (with Presentation of the Creed)** – *livestreamed*

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Children’s Mass with a particular focus on the P3 children preparing for Reconciliation – livestreamed**

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Tuesday 11 February – 10.00am – St John’s – **Requiem Mass for Eileen Doherty**

Wednesday 12 February – 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Requiem Mass for Gerry Cannon**

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO’S AD CLERUM

Religious Observance in schools - A Scottish Government consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on Religious Observance and Religious and Moral Education in all schools. The Scottish Catholic Education Service is calling for parishioners to respond and reflect the viewpoint of the Church. Please complete the consultation by **today’s deadline (26 January)** using the help guide with suggested responses at bit.ly/reguide2025.

Synodal event - The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who leads an event titled *Conversations in the Spirit*, to help guide us on leading and participating in parish Synodality. It takes place on **Saturday 1 February** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 11am-3pm (optional Mass at 10am). Details and registration at bit.ly/inthespirit25

World Day for Consecrated Life - Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary’s Cathedral on **Sunday 2 February** to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live and work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

Lourdes 2025 - The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at 4:00pm on **Sunday 2 February** in St Cuthbert’s Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant. The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from **11-18 July**. For more details please visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25

Afternoon retreat for couples - The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine’s 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 bit.ly/valretreat25

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>.

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 bit.ly/archyouth

Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome - Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) which takes place **28 July to 4 August 2025**. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father.

Limited single rooms available. Email frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk by Sunday 2 February.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Francis de Sales

Bishop of Geneva, Doctor of the Church (1567-1622) – Feast Day: 24 January

"The measure of love, is to love without measure."



The Protestant Reformation evoked a variety of responses on the part of Catholic apologists. Some reacted defensively. Not content with affirming the truth, they felt the church must aggressively denounce error and cause its suppression by any means necessary. But others responded differently. They perceived in the signs of the times a general summons to conversion and to a more intense aspiration for holiness. Among the great saints of this period was Francis de Sales. As a bishop and spiritual director, he expounded a message of love and moderation that had enormous effect in reestablishing the vitality and credibility of the Catholic church. The only complaint against his methods came from rigorist critics who charged that he made it appear all too easy to become a saint.

Francis was born in Savoy [a region in the south-east of modern France] in 1567. His wealthy parents wished him to become a lawyer and perhaps a government minister. He obliged their ambition to the point of earning a doctorate in law. But all the while he was convinced that his true vocation lay in the priesthood. This caused him terrible strain until finally he

confessed to his tutor, *"God does not want me to embrace the life for which my father destines me."* With the support of the bishop of Geneva he was eventually ordained a priest in 1593.

The next year Francis accepted a dangerous assignment. The Chablais region around Lake Geneva had become completely Calvinist. Catholic Churches had been burned, convents had closed, and all priests had been forced into exile. But in 1594 the Catholic duke of Savoy reconquered the region and requested that the bishop allow priests to return. Given the depth of the local hostility to the church, this was considered a nearly suicidal mission. Nevertheless, Francis volunteered.

For four years he trudged through the region on foot, many times barely escaping assassination. He lived in poverty, relying on alms, suffering through several harsh winters. Rather than simply denouncing Calvinism, he chose instead to proclaim the positive message of the gospel in a way that would overcome the prevailing negative stereotypes of the Catholic faith. Not by force of arms, but by love and self-sacrifice he sought to return the hearts of the people to their ancient faith. He met with surprising success. At least twenty-three hundred families were publicly reconciled with the Catholic church as a result of his mission.

In 1602 he was named bishop of Geneva. As the city remained a Calvinist stronghold which tolerated no dissent, Francis could not actually enter his titular see. Instead, he was based in the town of Annecy, some fifty miles to the south. From there he oversaw the administration of his diocese and achieved wide fame as a preacher and spiritual director.

In travels to France he became acquainted with a wealthy young widow, Jeanne de Chantal. After the tragic death of her husband, which left her with the care of four young children, Jeanne had felt a vocation to devote herself to God. Francis became her spiritual director, and after some years he enlisted her in a plan to devise a new form of religious congregation. Rather than accept a traditional enclosure, these women would combine prayer with a life of charity among the poor. It was part of Francis's plan to rejuvenate the church by elevating the intensity of spiritual devotion. In 1610 the two of them founded the Order of the Visitation, with Jeanne as the first superior.

By this time Francis himself had achieved wide fame through the publication of his book *An Introduction to the Devout Life*. This manual of devotion was quickly translated into many languages and it remains one of the classics of Christian spirituality. Most such handbooks had been addressed to clerics or members of religious orders. What was significant about Francis's book was that it was addressed to Christians in any state of life. The path to holiness, he taught, could be pursued in the world as well as in the cloister. The task of the spiritual director was to adapt the life of devotion to the variety of walks of life: *"Devotion is to be practiced differently by the noble, the worker, the servant, the prince, the widow, the young girl, the wife. Even more than this, the*

practice of devotion has to be adapted to the strength, life-situation, and duties of each individual." In whatever state one occupied, the logic of the devout life was the same; in essence, it was a matter of gradually weaning oneself from sin and enlarging one's capacity for love and the practice of virtue. "*Genuine devotion,*" he wrote, "*is simply true love of God.*"

This tone of moderation and balance accounted for much of Francis's appeal. Rather than impose harsh discipline or force a drastic choice between good and evil, his method was to develop habits of discernment that would incline one's will in the direction of God's light. The test of true progress in the spiritual life was not to be in the rigour of one's self-mortification but in the intensity of one's charity.

Each page of Francis's book is stamped by his characteristic wisdom and his understanding of human psychology: "*A single Our Father said with feeling has greater value than many said quickly and hurriedly.*" "*The King of Glory does not reward his servants according to the dignity of the offices they hold but according to the love and humility with which they fulfil their offices.*" He anticipates that the devout will daily fall short of their ideals. But rather than abase oneself as a worthless sinner, he urges the penitent to say: "*Alas, my poor heart, here we are, fallen into the pit we were so firmly resolved to avoid! Well, we must get up again and leave it forever.*"

Francis de Sales died in 1622. In 1923 Pope Pius XI named him the patron saint of writers.

See: Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal, Letters of Spiritual Direction, Wendy M. Wright and Joseph F. Power, O.S.F.S., eds., Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist, 1988).

NOTICEBOARD

Many congratulations – and thanks – to our nine new Eucharistic ministers...and sincere apologies to Agnieszka Kiersztejn, who was omitted by mistake from the list both in last week's newsletter and at the commissioning at the 9.30am Mass – but was eventually included at the commissioning at the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's!

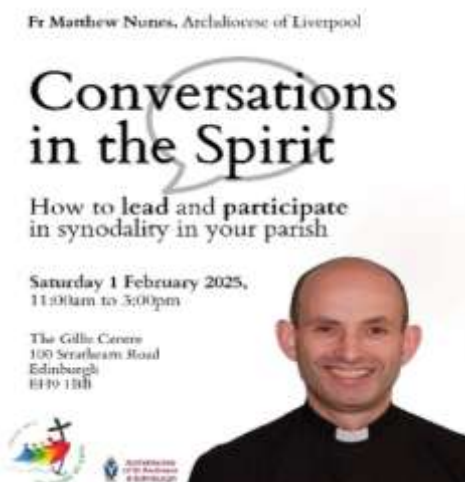
Invigilators at Holy Rood

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)'

Fr Matthew Nunes, Archbishop of Liverpool




**Conversations
in the Spirit**

How to lead and participate
in synodality in your parish

Saturday 1 February 2025,
11:00am to 3:00pm

The Gillis Centre
100 Strathearn Road
Edinburgh
EH9 1BB



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Please do sign up for this.

THERE WILL BE A FOLLOW-UP – AND UPDATE - ON THE SYNODAL PROCESS IN OUR OWN TWO PARISHES ON SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY AT 7PM IN ST JOHN'S HALL – more details soon.

Excursion to the D Day Beaches in Normandy

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

Pope Francis’ prayer intention in January is for migrants and refugees.

Prayer for the journey

*God our refuge,
you share the journey
with migrants and refugees,
lightening their footsteps with hope.
For you, Lord, are close
to the broken-hearted.*

*Pour out your Spirit
upon world leaders.
May they see the tragedies
of our human family,
and be moved to respond with
wisdom, compassion and courage.*

*Open our eyes and hearts
to the God-given dignity
of all your people.
Move us to welcome our neighbours,
and so bear witness to your love.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

(Cafod)

A message from the J&P Group - SCIAF Real Gifts – A big THANK YOU

‘Thanks to your generosity, **we raised £2534** through the sale of SCIAF Real Gifts before Christmas. In their thank you letter, SCIAF say: “From the simple gift of seeds to providing water for a village, each gift has a tremendous impact on families, meaning the futures of whole communities can be transformed. In Rwanda, Honorine and her husband Aaron have been involved with a SCIAF project since 2016. When they began the project, the farming techniques that had been passed down for generations were failing due to changing climate and as a result they weren’t able to make enough money to feed themselves, buy clothes or pay for school fees for their children. This all changed, however, when the couple received training in farming and were gifted the tools they needed to make their crops thrive. As a result, the family now have enough to eat two meals a day and sell their crop at market. They are also now able to share their knowledge with their community. Honorine says ‘Our lives have changed. Everywhere, life has changed. Thank you so much – we hope God blesses you.’” A big thank you again – we’re sure that the person to whom you gave a Real Gift present will have appreciated the sentiment while, as we see from Honorine’s comments, SCIAF are able to use the money, along with skills and tools, to change the lives of people in poorer parts of the world.’

Assisted Dying: a personal reflection

*Monday 17 February 2025 - 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’.

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A REFLECTION ON THE SECOND READING FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

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

I'm still not sure how it happened – but happened it has. We have ended up as 'guardians' for an elderly gentleman in the grip of dementia – and what a grip it has – as vice-like as it is accelerating. We'll call him B&*\$\$&*&. Jump back over ten years. No family and few friends, he would regularly come to stay for an extended holiday. He prided himself on being a good cook and one year offered to prepare us a curry in authentic Indian style. He had come to this country as a 14 year old when his parents were forced to flee India. He needed me to purchase an entire chicken, complete with innards. He gave a list of the spices he would need. I was to leave him to do everything himself. I explained a few weeks back that cooking and food preparation has always been my part of our domestic arrangements, and I leapt at the opportunity for a night off. I did not know then what I do know now, namely, that loss of sense of smell and taste can be an indicator of early onset dementia. Following the curry, Adrian and I were both ill, violently ill. Amazingly, our chef showed no such symptoms. I could only presume that his constitution was battle-hardened to his culinary style. Needless to say, I have never asked him to cook since, despite his frequent visits. On his latter visits, I noticed that his sense of taste is now almost non-existent. 'Did you enjoy the chilli?', I asked. 'Chilli? Was that chilli? I was looking for the dumplings. I thought why serve mince without dumplings?' On another occasion, he surmised that I was serving cheap own brand coke as the Coca Cola I had provided 'tasted of nothing!' Cheap own brand coke? How very dare you? I didn't stand a chance with my elderflower cordial! I rely on a couple of people to keep an eye on him when he is back home. Both have commented that he doesn't seem to be aware when food in his fridge has gone off. It's a worry – but trying to mobilise social services remotely is proving even more problematic. I have long been a super-fan of the sniff test. I recognised that 'use by' dates are much different to 'best before' dates, and that the latter are used by supermarkets to enhance their profit margins. A best before date is just that. Best before. That said, I'm not sure how effective or reliable my sniff capability will be should I ever display symptoms of early onset dementia. It's no exaggeration to point out that B's life is impaired by his loss of taste and smell

In today's second reading, St Paul encourages us to reflect on the importance of collective action, built on harmony and respect. *Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit...so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens and **one Spirit was given to us all to drink.*** As he explores his theme, he goes on to say. *If your whole body was just an ear, how could we smell anything?* Can a thigh muscle ever hope to play a harp, perform delicate surgery or paint a fine watercolour? No, but the thigh muscles are relied on to carry the easel out into the field so that the artist can see and feel the vista before their eyes. The thigh muscle takes the strain, and the finger muscles caress the paper and the brush. Thus a masterpiece is created, with the thigh muscle is as integral to the work as the eye.

To take St Paul's analogy to the next level, requires an acknowledgement that we are called to be generous – generous of heart and generous of spirit. Like a choir in a parish, tenors and bass, soprano and baritone work together, and harmony ensues

Those who listen are enriched and God is venerated and praised. Harmony. Harmony as God intended. Each part of the body is essential and yes, amputees can and do adapt and learn new ways, but I haven't heard many say that they don't miss their limbs. The body is more effective when all parts work together and each part is worthy of respect.

This is why I know that Donald Trump was lying earlier this week. He claimed that God had saved him from the sniper's bullet. Really? I stand with Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde – the episcopal Bishop of Washington. She called it correctly, for the Judeo-Christian God is the God of harmony, justice, peace and **equality**. He is the God of mercy and compassion. Mr Trump, please take note.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Eileen Smith, 85 last Sunday, 19 January

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*William Muldoon - Patrick Cockburn
Stephen Murray*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Molly and Alan Lugton - Phil Ewing
Mike Cook - Betty Blaney
Paul Bainbridge - Elizabeth Keogh
Edward Stone - Ann Carruthers*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

May Matthews, John Lawler, Rose Thornton, Pamela Hanlon, May Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Sheila Tansey, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Moira McCafferty, Helen Kilgour, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Doreen Jones, 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, 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 18/19 January 2025

St Mary Magdalene's, £347.90 total, including £152.90 Offertory and £195 Gift Aid.

St John's, 11/12 Jan, £1741.95 total, including £336.95 Offertory, £141.00 Gift Aid, and £1264.00 weekly average online donations.

18/19 Jan, £1894.90 total, including £316.90 Offertory, £314.00 Gift Aid, and £1264.00 weekly average online

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Jan.25: Elizabeth Hooper (2007); Patrick Murray (2000); Margaret Kelly (1991); Winifred Roper (1985); Annie Brown (1972); Helen Dykes (1959); Teresa Gaffney;
Jan.26: Mollie Lugton (2021); Elizabeth Gillies (2004); Veronica Wallace (2002); Teresa Fusco (1998); James Halpenny (1982); Mollie Walsh (1979); **Jan.27:** Betty Blaney (2021); Alexander Notman (2018); Paul Bainbridge (2015); Andrew Gilhooly (2000); Graham Scott; **Jan.28:** Edward Grady (2011); Catherine M Gray (2007); **Jan.29:** Patrick J Bannon (1992); Peter Kelly (1948); **Jan.30:** James McGuire (1991); Elizabeth Keogh (1986); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Edward Stone (1975); Alice Boyle; **Jan.31:** Rita Roberts (2021); Maureen Brown (2015); Beryl Donegan (2010); Jamesina Laidlaw (2006); Alex. Begg (1974); John Ward (1920);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Jan.27: Ann Carruthers (2023); William Skey (2009); **Jan.28:** William McCarteney (2004); Charlotte Foggo (2002);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Quentin Stevenson, Damian Mulvenna, Richard Reid, Denise Arnot, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Fr John Hennebry OSA, Peter Hughes, Stuart Falconer, Paul Gillen, 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, Ann Dooley, 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, Shirley Robertson, 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, Anne Morris,, Saramma Samuel, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tom Heaney, 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,