

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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1 January 2023



THE FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

(Luke 2:19)

Sainte-Marie et Son Fils (The Holy Mother and Her Son or "The Chinese Madonna") by artist Yin Xin, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris.

Fr Jock and Deacon Eddie and the parishioners of our two parishes would like to welcome all visitors to our sister parishes here for the festive season, and to wish everybody a New Year full of Hope.....thank you again to all who have helped to make our Christmastide celebrations so joyful - and, in particular, our flower arrangers who have so beautified our churches, and our welcomers, as faithful as ever (both of whom were mistakenly omitted from last week's rollcall of gratitude...)

This Thursday, at 7pm in St John's, there is the monthly Holy Hour with Benediction.

This Friday – at 12.30pm in St John's Hall – do join us for what, pre-pandemic, had become our annual EPIPHANY MEAL WITH THE EDINBURGH L'ARCHE COMMUNITY: Our hospitality co-ordinator, Mary Iannarelli, writes: 'For the first time for three years, we are able to host the Edinburgh L'Arche community for their annual Epiphany meal. it's always a memorable occasion, with much music and laughter and joy... anybody willing to help – or interested in finding out more – please contact me on 07534 666439.'

Next Sunday is the Feast of Epiphany. A collection will be taken for the work of Justice & Peace

LIVING FAITH – A series of daily reflections – one for each day, from 1 January to 31 March 2023 – available at the back of both Churches. “*Seek the Lord ...*” (Zephaniah 2:3) - (Free, but a donation of £1 or £2 would help us cover the costs...)

Christmastide and New Year Greetings from Fr Tabone in Gozo – with thanks ‘*to all the parishioners of St John's and Mary Magdalene's for their cards and good wishes*’ – ‘*It's lovely to receive a card but unfortunately I was too late to send any (you are an hour ahead of Malta time!!!!) Instead, I am giving a good donation on behalf of all of you to charity. The charities I have in mind are Sightsavers and Aid to the Church in Need.*’ Best wishes to all...*Loreto*’.

WARM SPACES

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR FELLOW CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN PORTOBELLO OUR TWO PARISHES ARE OFFERING A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE DURING THIS WINTERY WEATHER.

December 2022
23rd - Bellfield, 10-12.30
26th - PJPC, 10-12
27th - St. John's, 10-12
28th - St Mark's, 10-12
30th - Bellfield, 10-12.30
January 2023
2nd - PJPC, 10-12
3rd - St John's, 10-12
4th - St Mark's, 10-12; PBC, 2-4
5th - PBC, 2-4
6th - Bellfield, 10-12.30

Warm Spaces
in the
Holiday Period

BELLFIELD

PORTOBELLO BAPTIST CHURCH

**ST JOHN'S
CHURCH HALL**

**Every Tuesday
10am-12midday**

*Please pop in for tea,
coffee, a hot soup
and a chat.*

THIS WEEK

Saturday 31 December 2022 - 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 1 January 2023 – **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
(and World Day of Prayer for Peace)

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

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

Monday 2 January - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** - livestreamed

Tuesday 3 January

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

10.00am-12midday – St John's Hall – **Warm Spaces**

Wednesday 4 January - 10.00am – St John's - **Mass** - livestreamed

Thursday 5 January

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

7.00pm – St John's – **Holy Hour with Benediction (Deacon Eddie)** – livestreamed

Friday 6 January

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

12.00midday – St Margaret's, Dunfermline – **Requiem Mass for Canon John McAllister**

12.30pm – St John's Hall – **Epiphany Meal with the Edinburgh L'ARCHE Community**

Saturday 7 January

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

12.30pm – St John’s – **Baptism of Damon John Graham Macdonald**

6.30pm – St John’s – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 8 January – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’s – **Mass**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 9 January (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

2.30pm – St John’s – **Mass for the Sick with the Sacrament of Anointing**

5.30pm – Parish House – **St John’s Fabric Committee Meeting**

Thursday 12 January – 7pm – Meeting Room, Parish House – The first of three Evenings, reflecting on and praying with, the Gospel of Matthew.

Some of the feedback from our Synodal groups and questionnaires highlighted a desire for increased adult faith formation within the sister parishes.....as a result, Fr Jock and Bernadette Campbell will be offering three evenings on St Matthew’s Gospel (the focus for this liturgical year),. The evenings will be divided into two halves: during the first 45 minutes, **Fr Jock** will outline the background, origins and themes of the Gospel; then **Bernadette Campbell**, a parishioner and trained spiritual guide, will offer some reflective prayer on/with parts of the gospel, with the opportunity for faith sharing.

The three evenings will be 12th, 19 and 26 January. We hope there will be an opportunity to participate either in person or online. This is a great opportunity for some study and discussion together as parishes, followed by a time of reflective prayer. Hoping to see you there....

From Archbishop Leo’s Weekly ‘Ad Clerum’

Diploma in Catechetics - Register now for the Diploma in Catechetics which begins in January! It’s a great way to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM.

Testimonials, FAQs, details and registration at bit.ly/archdiploma2023 Find out more about the Diploma in Catechetics in a 30 min webinar with Sr Anna Marie at 7pm on Wednesday 4 January. Register at bit.ly/aboutdiploma

Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley - Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret’s Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for “insight, courage and joy in our mission,” as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following dates: **Tue 10 Jan**, Sun 12 Feb, Sun 12 Mar.

SAINT OF THE WEEK I – Mary, Mother of Jesus (first century) – Feast Day – 1 January

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"



Mary, a young Galilean woman of Nazareth, was betrothed to a carpenter named Joseph. One day, according to the Gospel of Luke, she was visited by the angel Gabriel, who greeted her with the words, *"Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!"* After calming her fears, he announced that she would conceive and bear a son named Jesus, who would be called *"the Son of the Most High."*

Mary was troubled by this news, for she was as yet unmarried. If she were charged with adultery she could be stoned to death. But the angel told her that she would conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. *"With God nothing will be impossible,"* he assured her. And so Mary responded in faith: *"Let it be done to me according to your word."* It was in the space created by Mary's faith - and not simply in her womb - that the Word became flesh. For this reason, she has been called not only the Mother of Jesus but Mother of the

Church. In the past it was common to emphasize the ways in which Mary was set apart from and above all other women and the ordinary conditions of humanity. Today there is a new emphasis on her status as a woman of the people and her solidarity with the rest of humanity. A "Mariology from above" emphasized God's initiative in selecting Mary for her part in the divine mystery of redemption. In contrast, a "Mariology from below" begins with the poor woman, Mary of Nazareth, who was rooted in the faith and struggles of her people, subject to the cruelties of the world, and heir to the ancient hope for deliverance and salvation. In this light, Mary is not so much honoured for her special nature as for her exceptional faith.

Two stories in the Gospels highlight this point. One time Jesus was told that his "mother and brothers" were looking for him. Gazing at those who were seated around him he answered, "*Who are my mother and my brothers? These are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me*" (Mark 3:33-35). Another time someone called out from a crowd, "*Blessed is the womb that bore you the breasts that nursed you!*" To this Jesus responded, "*Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it*" (Luke 11:27-28).

Neither of these stories reflects a disregard on the part of Jesus towards his mother. But they do show that he rejected the claims of blood or natural kinship in favour of discipleship. In this perspective Mary's pre-eminence is due to her having exemplified the spirit of true discipleship: reverence, and obedience to the word and will of God.

The Gospel of John places Mary at the foot of the cross beside "*the beloved disciple.*" According to Luke, she was among the disciples who gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension. She was in effect the first and paradigmatic disciple. She is thus the first to be honoured among the saints. In the darkness of faith, she offered her consent to the mysterious plan of God. In the light of grace, she responded with her extraordinary song of praise and thanksgiving:

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name....*

See: Elizabeth A. Johnson, "Saints and Mary," in Francis Schüssler Fiorenza and John P. Galvin, eds., *Systematic Theology: Roman Catholic Perspectives*, vol. 2 (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1991).

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK II – Takashi “Paul” Nagai **Mystic of Nagasaki (1908-1951) – Feast Day – 3 January**

*"Our lives are of great worth if we accept with good grace the situation Providence places us in,
and go on living lovingly."*



On the morning of 9 August 1945, Dr Takashi Nagai was working in his office at the medical centre in Nagasaki, Japan. At 11 A.M. he saw a flash of blinding light, followed by darkness, and then heard a crashing as his concrete building, and his world, collapsed around him. What at first he took to be a direct hit on the medical centre was in fact the explosion of a plutonium-fuelled atomic bomb five hundred yards over the Urakami Cathedral. After escaping from the rubble and receiving treatment for a severed carotid artery, Nagai joined the rest of the hospital staff in treating the dazed and dying survivors. Given the force and heat of the blast, he imagined that such a big bomb must have killed hundreds of people. Only gradually did the extent of the destruction become clear. The bomb had killed nearly eighty thousand persons and wounded many more.

In the days ahead Nagai witnessed scenes of horrifying suffering. The intense heat near the epicentre of the blast had vaporized humans, leaving only the outlines of their shadows. Hordes of blackened survivors, the skin hanging from their arms, desperately wandered the streets crying for water. Nagai's own two children had survived. But he found the charred remains of his beloved wife in the ruins of their home, a rosary clasped "*among the powdered bones of her right hand.*"

Such circumstances might naturally prompt a range of reactions - madness, despair, or the hunger for revenge. But in the days following the explosion Nagai, a devout Catholic, instead expressed a most unexpected attitude - namely, gratitude to God that his Catholic city had been chosen to atone for the sins of humanity.

In arriving at this perspective, Nagai undoubtedly tapped into a spirituality deeply rooted in the consciousness of Nagasaki's Christian population. Since the time of the early Jesuit missions the city had been the centre of Japanese Catholicism, and consequently the scene of extensive martyrdom. Over time, Japanese Catholics had claimed a deep identification with the cross of Christ and a conviction that atonement must come only at the price of blood. Thus, it seemed natural for Nagai to pose the question: *"Was not Nagasaki the chosen victim, the lamb without blemish, slain as a whole burnt offering on an altar of sacrifice, atoning for the sins of all the nations during World War II?"*

Nagai was himself a convert. Born on January 3, 1908, he became a Catholic in 1934, taking the name of Paul. His conversion was prompted by several influences, including the example of his fiancée, who belonged to an ancient Catholic family, his reading of the mystic-scientist Blaise Pascal, and also a of deep soul-searching after the death of his mother. Nagai pursued a career in medicine, ultimately entering the field of radiology. In 1941 he was found to be suffering from incurable leukaemia, induced by his exposure to x-rays. Nevertheless, he was able to continue his work, and in 1945 he had become the dean of radiology at the University of Nagasaki,

In the aftermath of the bombing on 9 August, Nagai applied himself tirelessly to the medical needs of the survivors. *"Each life was precious. For all of these people the body was a precious treasure."* But in the face of the enormity of the disaster, he gradually began to see *"that if I did not take a comprehensive view of this situation, we would all be engulfed in the flames with the very victims we were bandaging and trying to save."* As he carried on his work he struggled to arrive at some understanding of the meaning of this event, a meaning, ultimately, that he could discern only in relation to the cross.

Nagai found it remarkable that as a result of heavy clouds obscuring the originally intended city, the bomb had been dropped that day on Nagasaki, an alternate target. As a further result of clouds, the pilot had not fixed his target on the Mitsubishi iron works, as intended, but instead on the Catholic Cathedral in the Urakami district of the city, home to the majority of Nagasaki's Catholics. He noted that the end of the war came on August 15, feast of the Assumption of Mary, to whom the cathedral was dedicated. All this was deeply meaningful. *"We must ask if this convergence of events - the ending of the war and the celebration of her feast - was merely coincidental or if there was here some mysterious providence of God."*

Nagai expressed these sentiments at an open-air requiem Mass just days after the bombing. While his views were controversial, he provided consolation to many of the city's Catholic survivors, desperate to find some redemptive meaning in their terrible suffering:

We have disobeyed the law of love. Joyfully we have hated one another; joyfully we have killed one another. And now at last we have brought this great and evil war to an end. But in order to restore peace to the world it was not sufficient to repent. We had to obtain God's pardon through the offering of a great sacrifice.... Let us give thanks that Nagasaki was chosen for the sacrifice.... May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The effects of radiation, combined with his previous illness, left Nagai an invalid, barely able to leave his bed. He lived as a contemplative in a small hut near the cathedral ruins in Urakami, writing books and receiving visitors. Increasingly he came to believe that Nagasaki had been chosen not only to atone for the sins of the war, but to bear witness to the cause of international peace.

Men and women of the world, never again plan war!... From this atomic waste the people of Nagasaki confront the world and cry out: No more war! Let us follow the commandment of love and work together. The people of Nagasaki prostrate themselves before God and pray: Grant that Nagasaki may be the last atomic wilderness in the history of the world.

Dr. Nagai died on May 1, 1951, at the age of forty-three. His tombstone bears a simple epitaph from the Gospel of Luke: *"We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."*

See: Takashi Nagai, The Bells of Nagasaki, trans. William Johnston (Tokyo: Kodansha International, 1984); Rachelle Linner, City of Silence (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1995).

NOTICEBOARD

Thank You from the Justice & Peace Group

‘These last few months hasn't been the ideal time to ask people for money so there was an element of trepidation when we launched the various fundraising campaigns you have been subjected to since the end of November. As it turns out, our fears have been groundless!

These appeals have included the charity concert on 30 November, Bethany's Buy a Bed scheme, SCIAF Real Gifts and the Water for a Village appeal. Amazingly, in those few weeks, with so many other things to spend your money on, our two parishes have donated over £6300 to these appeals, all of which will help people struggling to survive..

The J&P Group is registered as a charity so, over and above these donations, we will be able to reclaim a tidy sum from the taxman next year which again will go to support people in need.

Thank you all for your heart-warming goodness and generosity and may you be blessed in the coming year.’

...and a Thank You from Fr Tony Lappin, our Advent Cluster Retreat Giver

‘Just a short note to say how lovely it was to be with you all for the Advent Cluster Retreat...It was great testament to faith that so many people braved the bad weather to make the journey to Leith for the Mass and our time together. I am glad to hear that those who took part found the morning to be of some benefit.

Thank you for the lovely card and book token, and also for the collection that was taken up. So kind and generous, and very much appreciated. Please pass on to the Cluster my sincere gratitude.’



“Oh good, now we can put the heating on”

Arlene Lauder, our Sacramental Preparation Team coordinator, writes: “At St Mary Magdalene’s on **Sunday 15 January 2023**, we will have our first ‘**Prayer Partner Meet and Greet**’ for those parishioners who kindly signed up to pray for our P4/First Communion children.

Prayer partners are welcome to meet their young person at St Mary Magdalene’s after mass where the Sacramental Team will be on hand to help with introductions. There will be a second chance to meet after Mass at St John’s on **Sunday 5 February 2023**. Thank you for being open to this opportunity to support our young parishioners.

An Apology – the moving poem ‘It was the Night before Christmas’, one of the ‘handouts’ in last week’s newsletter, was written by Claire Wilson (not Claire Sinclair).

PORTOBELLO HOLIDAY CLUB – 17-21 July 2023

‘WONDERZONE’

Discovering God’s Wonderful World

(P1 to P7 – 09.00-12.45)

Exploring some of the wonders of the Universe and the wonders of God - Experiments, construction, craft, games, drama, creative prayer and songs.

YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

For more information, contact Lynda Kazimoglu (lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk)

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21

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

Every Thursday (Friday if it's the week of a Bank Holiday) at around 7.30 am, as the early morning sky is illuminated by the rotating and flashing amber warning lights on top of the refuse lorry, our two dogs become overwhelmed with excitement and anticipation. Richard and Stephen are here (Stephen with a 'ph' and not a 'v' – Stephen is nothing, if not particular!). They empty our bins, and they always carry in their pockets lots of treats. Every dog they meet on their daily round is rewarded in this way. On the day nearest Christmas, they even prepare little plastic gift bags, filled with an even wider selection of treats – and each with its own gift tag! A dog is not just for Christmas, nor are they excluded from their particular brand of the milk of human kindness! It's difficult to estimate Richard's and Stephen's ages but I suspect they can't be far off retirement. I can talk and talk and talk. They always have time to chat and listen - not so much over the garden fence, as over the bins. I discovered that Stephen's grown-up children still live at home. They seem to have little desire to vacate the family nest. When holiday time comes round, Stephen views his days off as an opportunity to catch up on home repairs and decorating. I asked him why he didn't get his sons to help. With a twinkly grin he tells me, while Richard's eyes roll in his head: 'They wouldn't be able to do it as well as I can!' (I did warn you that he was particular). Stephen reminds me of Joseph, fussing around Mary and her new-born, protecting them from the endless stream of strangers coming to visit, keeping the stable tidy, helping the innkeeper caring for the extra animals, replacing the used straw, keeping the water troughs full. Like Stephen of 2022, Joseph would always do what was right and proper.

Of the three main players in the Nativity narrative, I have always thought Joseph to be the most neglected, the overlooked one. His most admirable quality? He always acted honourably. He did what was required. When God asked, he, like Mary, answered 'yes'. He didn't get to name his own son but accepted the name '*the angel had given them.*' He and Mary were ever happy to take second place. Today our focus is on Mary but let us never forget Joseph. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God *sent his son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law.* We are all subjects of God's law. Joseph and Mary were the first teachers of Jesus in the ways of the Law. They, like him and us, were subjects of that same Law.

To many in Hexham, Richard and Stephen are just two more residents. Some might know that they work for the council, others that they are, in fact, bin-men or refuse collectors. Some might look down their noses because of that. Our dogs, Aoife and Stanley, will forever look up to them for their kindness – and biscuits! I look up to them for their tireless generosity and cheerfulness. They are admirable – admirable in that they do what is expected of them diligently and cheerfully. No more, no less.

Last week, I suggested that The Nativity was about God becoming involved. He became involved but remained subject to the generosity of Mary and Joseph. They too became involved and they, in turn, involved the innkeeper and his wife and so it goes on. Round, like a circle in a circle, a wheel within a wheel. God's message is dependent on our willingness to be involved – cheerfully and diligently – no matter how lowly or lofty our status, bin man to brain surgeon. What are we to do? We bless each other, willingly, generously, and, as the Book of Numbers tells us:

*This is how you are to bless the Sons of Israel. You shall say to them:
May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace*

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Ruth Vizor, 60 last Friday, 30 December

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Anne Dockrell
Canon Bill Conway
Elizabeth Foster
John O'Donnell (Craigmillar)

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Terry Delaney
Conan Murie
Jean O'Flaherty
Anne-Louise Dalrymple
Doreen Howes
Evonne Taylor
Ed Collins

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Thomas Ianarelli (aged 4), Carol Simpson, Pat Dickin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, John Freeman, Kitty Dykes, Kenny O'Connor, Alex Cranston, Gerry Gallagher, John Cregan, Kim O'Neill, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Fiona Connel, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Bob Kelly, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Sara Alkahtari, Anne Carruthers, Isobel Philipps, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and Mary and James Muir.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.31: Fay Dignan (2016); Philip McMicken (1995); Bertie Demarco; Thomas Rooney; **Jan.1:** James Malone (1989), Catherine McElroy; **Jan.2:** Terry Delaney (2016); Monica Cubitt (2007); Anne Marie Phillips (2004); Elizabeth Stone (1992); Alexander Donnelly (1985); Thomas Mackay (1979); Annie Graham (1973); **Jan.3:** Betsy Hogg (1981); James Lacey (1973); **Jan.4:** Conan Murie (2021); Hedley Smibert (2007); Fr. Thomas Gaffney SJ.(1998); Lucia Maher (1994); John Brown (1984); Bernard McAllister (1981); John Browne (1977); **Jan.5:** Jean O'Flaherty (2015); Jessie Handren (2009); James Bannon (1999); Douglas Shannon (1992); Joseph & Isobel Simpson (1989); Renee McMartin (1984); John J McWilliams (1958); Kathleen McGovern (1940); **Jan.6:** Rita Scott (1997); James Huntly (1946); John Christie; Mary Gralton; James McNamara; James Meehan; **Jan.7:** Kathleen Fusco (2010); William Turnbull (1995); **Jan.8:** David Dowie (2022); Brigid T Stuart (2005); Hugh Robertson (2003); William Birrell (2002); Charmaine McIntyre (1997); Alexander Gilroy (1974);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.31: Annie Henderson (1999); John Moohan (1975); **Jan.1:** Christina McCluskey (2014); **Jan.2:** Mary Fairbairn (2019); **Jan.5:** Ronald Forrester (2011); **Jan.6:** Margaret Hay (2000); Jane Newman (1995); **Jan.7:** Elizabeth Marinello (2013); **Jan.8:** Daniel McGlynn (2003); Marco DeMarco (1975);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Sheila White, Lydia Reid, Douglas Edington, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Canon Bill Conway, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ava Simpkin (aged 12), Baby Tommy Moran, Ellen Dow, Chris White, members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, John O'Donnell, Judith Franklin, Elizabeth Walker, Baby Jamie McBride, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Anne Morris, Baby Josh Simpson, Keiran Smart (aged 15), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Mary Conefrey, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Lucille McFadden, Tara Kuppinger, Sheila White, Jessica Haggerty, Charlotte O'Brien, Gwen Cullimore, young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Melanie Ford, Mary Taygarth, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Colin Raasch, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory 25 December 2022

St Mary Magdalene's, £807.37 total, including £402.00 Offertory and £405.37 Gift Aid

St John's, £2674.97 total, including £1557.97 Offertory, £377.40 Gift Aid and £700.00 online donations

