THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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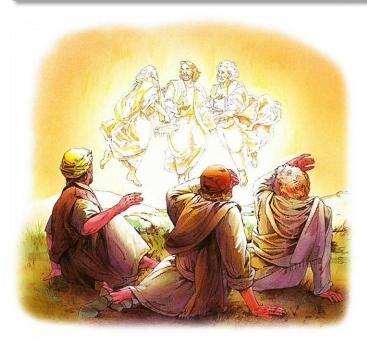
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5 MARCH 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.

There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light...

As they came down from the mountain, Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

(Matthew 17:1-2,9)

This Sunday morning, we celebrate Children's Masses at both churches -at St John's at 9.30am, there will be a focus on the P3's, nine days before the celebration of their **First Reconciliation**, and we will also **enrol the P7 Confirmation Candidates** who were unable to be with us three weeks ago. Meanwhile, in the 'Do This in Memory' of me Mass at St Mary Magdalene's at 11.15am **the P4 children** will be presented with Our Father.

This Monday, 6 March, at 2.30pm at St John's, there is our monthly **Healing** Mass – concelebrated by Fr Jock and Fr Jim - with the sacrament of the sick. All most welcome...

Stations of the Cross - from **Wednesday 8 March**, Stations of the Cross will be said in St John's after the 10.00am Mass during Lent. 'Please come along and pray through the Passion and Death of Jesus.' (In addition, there are copies of various versions of the Stations of the Cross at the back of both churches for personal use).

Our Cluster Parishes' Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday 11 March at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith between 10.00am and 1.00pm. It will be led by Fr David Stewart SJ of the Sacred Heart, Lauriston. Do sign up on the lists at the back of both Churches... Mass at 10.00am will be followed by tea and coffee in the Hall, and then Fr David will help us on our Lenten journey....

Next Sunday is our **Reconciliation Sunday for Lent** – when several priests will be available at the start of each Mass to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – many thanks to Fr David, Fr Jim Smith and Fr Joel Linabag for their presence at different Masses. **With this newsletter is an Examen/Examination of Conscience to help us all prepare for the celebration.**

A SYNODAL FOLLOW-UP – THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, INCLUSIVITY AND THE PLACE OF WOMEN

Donald Scott, the chair of the St John's Pastoral Council and a member of our Synodal Co-Ordinating Group, writes: The synodality conversations and the questionnaires last spring raised concerns about the place of women in the church and also how the church can become more inclusive.

A small group has been discussing what action we might take on this. We have recognised that there are two questions.

- What can we practically do in our own parishes to become more inclusive and use the gifts God has given to all people?
- How can we be more informed about and have an opportunity to discuss the position of the wider Catholic church with input about different perspectives on tradition and theology?

To address the practical local question, we are holding an evening meeting on **Sunday 19 March, 7-9 pm in St John's Hall**. Our intention is to develop proposals that we can put into practice in our parishes. All are invited, and there will be opportunity to share ideas.

For the second question about the global church, the small group (which is very open to new members) is organising a series of four evenings with stimulating and eminent speakers. The title for the series is *East Edinburgh Conversations: Looking at inclusion in the Catholic Church*. These gatherings will take place 4-weekly starting on Wednesday 3 May at 7 pm in in the Bellfield small hall (16B Bellfield Street, Edinburgh, EH15 2BP). We will provide more detail in the coming weeks.

OUR OTHER LENTEN PARISH INITIATIVES

Why not try and read the whole of the Gospel according to St Matthew this Lent (copies were given out on Word of God Sunday but we still have some available in the Parish House....)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass – and at any time by appointment with Fr Jock.....

Today Is the Second Sunday of Lent. Since, first and foremost, Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, it's always worthwhile making in one's diary or on a calendar the dates of Holy Week -2 to 9 April - in order to try to keep it as free as possible....

40 Hours Adoration/Quarant'Ore - Sunday 19 March until Tuesday 21 March

Deacon Eddie writes: 'After our very positive experience of the 40 hours of Adoration last year, we would like to invite everyone to join together again in Adoration, starting after Mass on Sunday 19 March and continuing until the evening of Tuesday 21 March.

Can you commit to a half hour, or even a full hour? To sit quietly in the Lord's presence, to pray to the Lord, simply talking with him, listening to him - or perhaps praying the rosary in front of him. (Mary was, after all, the very first tabernacle, the first earthly home for the Son of God.)

In the coming week, we will produce a set of times and locations (split between our two parishes and the Prayer Room in the Parish House) so please do sign up, if you can,

And even if you don't feel able to commit to signing up, everyone is welcome to come in at any time and to sit in silent adoration.'

An Invitation to knit a Prayer Shawl during Lent - Tracy Burgess writes: 'A prayer shawl is a gift we can give each other when we can give nothing else - Knitted by hand and usually (but not always) created with the recipient in mind. Woven into each shawl are healing thoughts/prayers/love. If you would be interested in knitting a prayer shawl during Lent (Wednesday evenings) then please come along. We started last Wednesday 1 March between 7 and 8 in the parish house, and we will be meeting again this Wednesday at the same time. Suitable for beginners...support offered. If you are making it for someone specific think of the colour and type of wool. Supplies to bring along: you will need approximately 6-10 balls, again depending on the size of shawl and yardage of the wool you choose- and needles to match. Any questions please feel free to message me (07939662962) or Fr. Jock.'

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR A LENTEN HOUSE GROUP

These groups will meet in the host's house at the same time and on the same day each week, for about an hour and a half – and this year will follow a course by Stephen Binz entitled 'Being Disciples of Jesus'. The groups (ideally numbering between 6 and 10) began meeting last week, but you can still join one of the groups... If you would like to join a group, please contact Fr Jock ASAP.

There is also the opportunity of joining an 'online house group' on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, led by Tanya and Eddie White.

Email <u>tanyawhite500@gmail.com</u> to be added to the online group or just click the link below Meeting <u>https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88572416089?pwd=N1ZjV1k1L2E2QjkzYSt0NVQyWG5CUT09</u>

Meeting ID: 885 7241 6089 Passcode: Pu9P6b

THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 March

12.30pm – St John's - Baptism of Annie Grace Charles

6.30pm - St John's - Vigil Mass - livestreamed

Sunday 5 March - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am – St John's – Children's Mass with focus on P3 Reconciliation Children and including the enrolment of the remaining P7 candidates for confirmation-livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – 'Do This in Memory' Children's Mass - livestreamed

Monday 6 March

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

7.00pm – Zoom - **Gospel Sharing** (click <u>HERE</u> or type <u>shorturl.net/HVZEyKV0</u> into your browser)

7.30pm – 2 Goff Avenue - **Lenten House Group** (Host – Ros McKay, leader – Bronagh Power)

Tuesday 7 March

2.30pm – 56/1 Moira Terrace – Lenten House Group (Host – Pauline McInnes, leaders – Jim and Evelyn Roarty)

7.00pm – Parish House – **Mass** - livestreamed

7.00pm – Zoom – **On-line Lenten House Group** – (Leaders - Tanya and Eddie White)

(click HERE or type https://shorturl.net/3J9k7N into your browser)

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Meeting**

Wednesday 8 March

10.00am - St John's - Mass - livestreamed

11.00am – 5 Rosefield Street – Lenten House Group (Host – Pat Robertson, leader – Jennifer Morris)

7.00pm-8.00pm – Parish House - An Invitation to knit a Prayer Shawl during Lent.

Thursday 9 March

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

7.00pm – 16 Greenfield Park, Musselburgh – **Lenten House Group** (Hosts Penelope and Freddie MacLellan Hawkes, leader – Dave Connarty)

7.30pm – 38 Milton Rd W – **Lenten House Group** (Host – Joyce Martin, leader – Sheila Tansey)

Friday 10 March (FEAST OF ST JOHN OGILVIE)

10.00am – St John's – Mass – livestreamed

Saturday 11 March

10am-1pm - St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith - CLUSTER LENTEN RETREAT with Fr David Stewart SJ (including Mass at 10am)

6.30pm – St John's – Vigil Mass preceded by 'Reconciliation Sunday'- livestreamed

Sunday 12 March – 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am – St John's – Mass preceded by 'Reconciliation Sunday'- livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – Mass preceded by 'Reconciliation Sunday' - livestreamed

NB The Open Parish Meeting planned for next Sunday after the 11.15am Mass has been postponed till after Easter.

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 13 March – 7pm – St John's – Celebration of First Reconciliation

Sunday 19 March – 7pm – St John's Hall - The Catholic Church, Inclusivity and the Place of Women:

An Open Meeting

Sunday 19 - Monday 21 March - 40 HOURS ADORATION/QUARANT'ORE



'SAINT' OF THE WEEK

Jean-Pierre de Caussade - Spiritual Director (1675-1751) - 6 March

"Every moment we live through is like an ambassador who declares the will of God."

Little is known of this French Jesuit, whose priestly life was spent in a series of relatively obscure assignments. For one year he served as spiritual director to a community of Visitation nuns in Nancy. To them he addressed a series of letters and conferences on which his reputation rests. *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, which was first published a century after his death, was soon translated into many languages and quickly achieved the status of a spiritual classic.

The theme of de Caussade's book is easily summarized. In brief, it outlines the path to holiness that lies in the performance of our everyday tasks and duties. Every moment, according to Caussade, is given to us from God and thus bears God's will for us. When we "accept what we cannot avoid and endure with love and resignation things which could cause us weariness and disgust," we are thus following the path to sanctification.

This was the attitude of Mary, when she uttered the prayer of abandonment, "May it be done unto me according to your will." It is the spirit which Jesus expressed in the Garden: "Not my will, but yours be done." These were extreme moments of decision. But the capacity to make such heroic sacrifices is prepared by the daily exercise of faith and by the willingness to abandon ourselves to God's will in all the small tasks and duties that are revealed in the present moment.

These words, "the present moment," are central in de Caussade's work. It is even legitimate, he claims, to speak of the "sacrament of the present moment." Just as Christ, in the Eucharist, is visible to the eyes of faith under the aspect of bread, so to the faithful Christian it should be evident that God's will is truly present, though disguised, in what might otherwise be dismissed as the ordinary and every day.

It is very likely that de Caussade's book inspired St. Therese of Lisieux with her spirituality of the "little way." His book was also a favourite of Dorothy Day, and one finds echoes of his insights in the work of many other spiritual writers. But apart from written texts, de Caussade suggests that by living in this spirit of mindfulness and abandonment, our own lives become texts: "The Holy Spirit writes no more Gospels except in our hearts. All we do from moment to moment is live this new gospel of the Holy Spirit. We, if we are holy, are the paper; our sufferings and our actions are the ink. The workings of the Holy Spirit are his pen, and with it he writes a living gospel."

Father de Caussade died on March 6, 1751.

See: Jean-Pierre de Caussade, Abandonment to Divine Providence, trans. John Beevers (New York: Image, 1975).

NOTICEBOARD

A REQUEST FOR LIVESTREAMERS FOR THE 11.15AM ST MM MASS

Deacon Eddie writes: "We are pleased to now have the 11.15am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's livestreamed every week.

Can you help us? No previous experience is needed, and age is no barrier. (Our youngest live-streamer was 11 and we're not stupid enough to ask the age of the oldest live-streamers in the team....)

I will be around to help with any problems that come up, and full training is available - but an extra pair of hands will be invaluable, even if you can't offer every Sunday.

Can you help? Give me a call on 07986 015772 or email deaconeddie.white@staned.org.uk "

This year's Portobello Holiday Club is 17-21 July from 9am to 12:45pm at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. It is run by six Portobello Churches – including St John's in partnership together. There are games, art, food craft, science, gardening, storytelling, prayer, snacks, bible studies and more throughout the week as we discover the wonders of God's world with our theme – Wonder Zone.

Registration is now open for children in P1-P7. If you would like to register for holiday club, please email: portobelloholidayclub@gmail.com. Cost to attend is £10 per child. If cost is a concern, please let us know as there are some funded places available. If you would like to find out more, please contact our parish representative, Lynda Kazimoglu (lkazimoglu@yahoo.co.uk)

The **February Charity Coffee Morning** raised £190 for "Sightsavers". This will help children with eyesight problems to get help so that they can benefit from education and have a better life. Thank you for your generous donations.

The March Coffee Morning will take place on Monday 13 March in St John's Hall after Mass. Donations will be given to "Water Aid UK". This charity aims to bring clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to everyone. They work across 28 countries. Please come along and enjoy good company, tea and coffee and home-baking.

TWO MESSAGES FROM THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February – 12 March

Did you know that bananas are the world's most popular fruit, with a global export market of \$7bn, and that, for 450m people it is a vital staple crop? But with the impact of climate change the future of bananas is increasingly at risk, according to Fairtrade's Fairtrade and Climate Change study – and so, therefore is the livelihood of millions of people.

And this is not just about bananas – so many of our basic food stuffs are at threat. **Jackie Marshall, Head of Brand and Marketing at the Fairtrade Foundation**, said: "Fairtrade Fortnight highlights the urgent threat to the future of British staples produced overseas. Without our support for fairer prices today, farmers will find it even harder to tackle the climate and economic challenges of the future."

Those producers lucky enough to have Fairtrade contracts are protected from the slump in world prices but the reality of climate change – lower rainfall, extreme temperatures – threatens all primary food producers. So next time you are in the supermarket, look for the FairTrade logo.

We will also be running a **Fairtrade stall the weekend 4/5 March** – your chance to stock up.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

A big thank you to all who responded so generously to the special collection to provide support for the people living in terrible conditions as a result of the earthquakes which hit that part of the world. Our two parishes raised £1648 to which the J&P Group have added a further £1322 (leaving the coffers almost empty!). A cheque for £3000 has now been sent to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

A MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID STEWART SJ – 'Our Retreats-in-Daily-Life here at Edinburgh Jesuit Church always include some optional workshops on **Aspects of Ignatian Prayer** and these sessions are open to people who are not making the retreat, too. **The sessions are at 17.45 on Sundays**, for 45 minutes, which could leave you time for quiet prayer in the church before the 19.00 Mass.'

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages.

'Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

Vocations Mass - The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at 5:15pm on **Monday 6 March** at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

Lent talks - Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with the three remaining online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on **Wednesday 8, 15, 22 March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Human Rights - A Way to God - A talk by Jesuit lawyer Fr Luis Pérez from Mexico takes place on **Wednesday 8 March at 7pm** in person and online at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. Learn about the plight of mothers who lost children through forced disappearances and extra-judicial killings committed by the military and organised crime in Mexico. More at https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc

Feast of St John Ogilvie - The feast of St John Ogilvie, Jesuit priest and martyr of the Scottish Reformation, is celebrated on **Friday 10 March.** The Jesuits at Sacred Heart Church in Edinburgh (Lauriston Street) celebrate Mass at 7:00pm with Fr Jamie McMorrin as guest preacher and music from Edinburgh University Chamber Choir. Reception after Mass. All welcome.

Lent reflections - Prepare for each Sunday in Lent with a reflection from Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The 'Listening in Lent' talk is posted each Tuesday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lent Retreat - A retreat titled *Encountering Jesus* will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, a Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland, and it will help you draw closer to Jesus in Lent. Fri 24 Mar 7:30pm - 8:30pm; Sat 25 Mar 10:00am - 3:00pm; Sun 26 Mar 9:30am - 11:00am. No registration required.

Mass - Relics of Padre Pio - Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They will be in the Archdiocese on **Friday 24 March at 7:00pm** at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

Journeying with New Scots - An ecumenical gathering of churches to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. St Mark's Parish Church in Raploch, Stirling, Saturday, 25 March 10:00am – 3:30pm. All welcome. Registration and details at https://journeyingwithnewscots.eventbrite.co.uk

Palm Sunday - Archbishop Leo Cushley hosts a talk on Palm Sunday on **Monday 27 March at 7:30pm**. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy of the day and prepare for it. Register for this Zoom talk at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross - This takes place on **Monday 3 April at 7:45pm** on Zoom. It is a chance pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register at bit.ly/stations2023

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

I can remember the day as if it was yesterday. Sometimes this sentence can be over-used, but this time it is true. It was a momentous day. Sister Maz was my therapist. She was patient and kindly and had spent many hours with me, teasing away at the huge, knotted ball of wool that was the denial lying behind my alcoholism. From the earliest of childhood days, I had been conditioned by the principle that family reputation must be protected at all costs. My father had been a very private man who probably couldn't recognise a feeling even if, like a freshly caught haddock, it was slapped around the face. It was difficult to know what he was thinking. My mother, like yours perhaps, was blessed with an overabundance of parental and maternal love – almost as if, recognising the aloofness displayed by her husband, her duty was to compensate. My childhood was secure, but I was too sensitive for my own good: there had been tears, many tears. Hot, salty tears, tears that scalded as they ran down my cheeks. I quickly learned the requisite skills to repair the dam, staunch the flow and lock away the feelings and hurt, hopefully forever, but certainly for a long time. Then, one day, Maz enabled me to say with the poet, Philip Larkin, *They 'mess' you up, your Mam and Dad, they may not mean to, but they do.'* Larkin uses much more colourful language but the whole poem is worth a read. It's called: *This be the verse*.

Back to Maz. The fact that I opened up to a woman is testimony to the wisdom of the Director at the Treatment Centre, but she empowered me: she enabled me to tease out the last remaining knots in the ball of wool. I was able to say, and not be overcome with feelings of guilt, that my family had been dysfunctional, that my parents had blessed me with more than a few hang-ups, but that THEY HAD DONE THEIR BEST. And that was the blessing I now saw and felt. They weren't perfect, but they did their best. Never materially rich, quite often flirting with the breadline, they lavished their own interpretation of love. They might have wished they could do more – but they did their best. Faults and failings are OK as long as we do our best. The emotional liberation was akin to going skinny dipping for the very first time. All of my hang ups started to fall away, melting like wax. Slowly, imperceptibly, like the early morning mist rising and evaporating from the dew-laden grass, I began to see more clearly, and I understood like I had never understood before. I could look back and no longer be afraid or snared by feelings of guilt. I saw that it was OK to speak honestly about childhood and pain. I started to live Roosevelt's words: *The only thing we need fear is fear itself*.

There is no point having a mind, unless we're willing to change it. So said Edward de Bono, and latterly James O'Brien. It shouldn't need saying, really. Life involves change, and to be perfect is to change often. Sometimes we're called upon to completely invert our belief structure. As we age, we grow resistant to change – and even more resistant to changing our minds. This is akin to putting ourselves into a mental straight jacket. Adopting to the demands of an open mind is the embodiment of liberation and freedom. Jesus Christ offers that freedom. In chapter 8 of Johns's Gospel we read: *If you make my Word your home, you will learn the truth and the truth will set you free.*

This weekend Jesus goes off with his three bestest friends. He seeks the intimacy of their minds. He has something important to share. It won't necessarily make sense, but it's vital they experience, at first hand, the true nature of who He is. They find themselves enveloped by cloud, like early morning mist, limiting their horizon. They find they're in company. Moses and Elijah stand amongst them. A reassuring voice, a quiet voice, a convincing voice speaks: This is my Son, the beloved. He enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Peter, James and John are frightened and confused. They know they should do and say something but don't know what. Peter stammers, 'Sh, sh, shall we b-b-build a t-t-tent for you and w-w-wone for M-M-Moses and ww-w-wone for El-El-Elijah?' It's the human response. If in doubt, build – a monument, a statue, a commemorative seat – but build. Jesus doesn't answer Peter. He's not into tents or monuments or statues. He tells them not to be afraid. Stand up. Look forward. But, above all, don't be afraid. Later, much later, this will all make sense, but not necessarily just now. Like a ball of knotted wool, all will be unravelled, and all will make sense. They each had their views of the expected Messiah, the sort of man (apologies, ladies!) he would be. The crucifixion will turn these ideas upside down. It will be OK to admit they got it wrong. They will have to change their minds – but there's no point having a mind if we aren't prepared to change it. Today I'm thankful to God for Mam and Dad, for Sister Maz and for my mind. My living, evolving, everchanging mind. Thank you all.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Nan Morris, 100 on Wednesday 8 March!

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Bill Claypole Isobel Philipps

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

John Hughes - Maureen Sime Jean Greig - Alison Thompson Alf O'Brien - Noel Whyte Mgr David Gemmell

Please pray for those Paríshioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Una Laing, John Freeman, Kim O'Neill, Harry Allan, baby Damon McDonald, May Thomson, Bob Kelly, Carol Simpson, Pat Dickin, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Kitty Dykes, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, John Cregan, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Fiona Connel, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, 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:

Allan Guthrie, Sara Alkahtari, John McLaughlin, 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, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and Mary and James Muir.

Offertory 26 February 2023

St Mary Magdalene's, £275.64 total, including £153.64 Offertory and £122.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1544.90 total, including £463.50 Offertory, £327.40 Gift Aid and £754.00 online donations.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Mar.4: Helen Ryan (1998); Paddy Dixon (1997); Mar.5: Elmar Begg (1989); Thomas Rooney (1959); Elizabeth Forsyth; Mar.6: Patrick J (Joe) Ward (1999); Agnes Boyle; Conal Boyle; Mar.7: Maureen Sime (2018); Anne Holt (1981); Mar.8: Jean Greig (2020); Thomas Connor (1998); Annie Tunley (1952); Mar.9: Margaret McMillan (2011); James Docherty (2008); James A McGrory (1976); Michael Murphy (1975); Charles McCole (1973); Joseph F Gallagher (1966); Mar.10: Alison Thomson (2020); Mary Teresa Glancy (2019); Alfred O'Brien (2009); Mary D'Arcy Hughes (2007); Edward Quin (2007); Michael D'Arcy; Mar.11: Noel Whyte (2022); Dorothy Fusco (2008); George Ogilvie (1950); John O'Brien (1945); Joseph McElroy; Norah Mullan; Mar.12: Margaret Adams (2000); Winifred Wynne (2000); James Kelly (1987); James Wynne (1986); James A MacGrory (1967); Wood family (1955);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mar.4: Edward Grant (1999); Mar.5: Bernard Halliday (1983); Mar.7: John Hughes (1967); Mar.8: Michael Watt (2008); Vincent Dobie (2001); Alistair N Sibbald (1994); Stuart King (1991); Mar.10: John McPhee (2004); Annie Dalgleish (1997); John Barrett (1995); Mar.12: Jeannie Docherty (2010);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

John Cudlipp, Ellen Green, Sandy Ferguson, David Okorie, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Emma Blackman, Anthony Kramers, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Kate Mackay, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Bill and Audrey Jones, Richard Johnson, John Miller, Lydia Reid, Douglas Edington, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ava Simpkin (aged 12), Ellen Dow, Chris White, members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, 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, 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 Roger Bromley, Tony Rigg, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Colin Sandham, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, 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, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

