

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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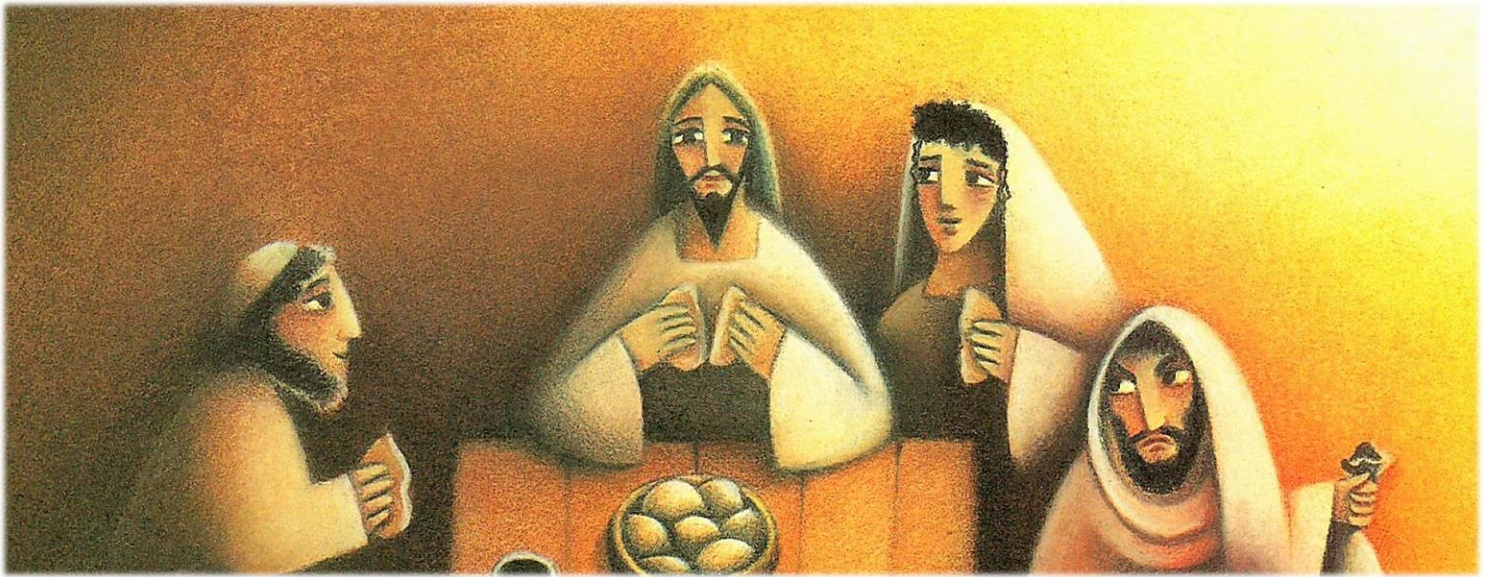
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14 MAY 2023 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



After the supper, Jesus said to his disciples: 'I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time, the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live, and you will live'. (John 14:15-19)

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation (and Celebration)...Masses will be at 10am at St Mary Magdalene's's (with Primary 1 and 7) and 7pm at St John's.....while on Friday the great Novena **to the Holy Spirit** begins.

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Easter and **World Communications Sunday** (with an accompanying Second Collection). Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15).

Please pray for our 26 Confirmation candidates, who will be confirmed by Archbishop Cushley this Wednesday at 7pm at St Teresa's, Craigmillar: Evan Allan, Eloise Anderson, Alexander Barnat, Victoria Bosustow, Joseph Brady, Joao Cardoso Djalo, Genna Carlin, Amelia Coulson, Rebecca Crolla, Vittorio Crolla, Kate Douglas, Filip Drozdowska, Cezary Felisiak, Oceane Gerbier, Ayden Grieve, Macy Harper, Emily Lioia, Nicola Majdan, Vhari McLeish, Roksana Oczkos-Sane, Lucy Onwe, Matteo Pia, Daniel Ramsay, Pennie Robertson, Lemuel Sanchez, Oliwia Swat, Hollie Waite-Conroy and John Williams

With this newsletter there are **the annual financial returns for last year (2022)** accompanied by explanatory comments by our two Finance Council Chairs (Jean McNally for St Mary Magdalene's, and Gary Zoltie for St John's).

Next Sunday, 21 May, there is a very important short **Open Parish Meeting at St Mary Magdalene's at 12.15pm** (after a shortened Mass), the first such meeting for over three years. We hope that as many St Mary Magdalene's parishioners as possible will come to it... The following Sunday, **28 May**, there will be an Open Parish Meetings at St John's at 7pm – again, please do come if you can.

Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course in June

Fr Jock writes: 'We are hoping to have a eucharistic ministers' training course on the first three Mondays of June and will be approaching individuals in the coming month asking them if they might consider the possibility of participating in the course.'

We are also hoping that parishioners will suggest names of people they believe will be suitable for this wonderful ministry – whether it be giving communion out at Mass and/or in taking communion to the housebound – to me, to one of the Pastoral Team (Deacon Eddie, Chris Vinestock and Jennifer Morris) or to either of the eucharistic minister co-ordinators in our two parishes (Una Gallagher and Jim Roarty).'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 13 May

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

8.00pm – St John's Hall – **Fundraising SVdP concert** – 'Love, Loss and Dating' with the Swells.

Sunday 14 May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass with P3 and P4 First Reconciliation and First Communion children** - livestreamed

Monday 15 May

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

8.15pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#), or type <https://bit.ly/3VTqFQP> into your browser

Tuesday 16 May

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Pat Dickin** - livestreamed

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Meeting** (Mystagogia 4)

Wednesday 17 May

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

7.00pm – St Teresa's, Craigmillar – **CONFIRMATIONS with Archbishop Cushley**

Thursday 18 May – FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

11.20pm – Holy Rood HS – **Mass** (Fr Jock)

7.00pm – St John's – **Mass** - livestreamed

Friday 19 May

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Bob Kelly** – livestreamed

6.00pm – St John's – Wedding Rehearsal for Ashleigh Hanlon and Nathan Haller-Shannon

Saturday 20 May

11.30am - St John's – **Wedding of Ashleigh Hanlon and Nathan Haller-Shannon**

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

Sunday 21 May – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - World Communications Day

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

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

12.15pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **St Mary Magdalene's OPEN PARISH MEETING**

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Thursday 25 May – 7.30pm – St John’s Hall – **Pope Francis’ film ‘The Letter’ (for Laudato Sii Week)**

Saturday 27 May – 10.00am – St John’s – **Bereavement Mass**

Sunday 28 May – 7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **St John’s OPEN PARISH MEETING**

From Archbishop Leo’s Weekly ‘Ad Clerum’

Concert - A free concert of choral music from the St John’s Chamber Choir of Malmö, Sweden, takes place at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ, at 7pm on **Saturday 20 May**. All welcome.

Called & Gifted Workshop - Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God’s call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on **Saturday 20 May from 9:00am** to 3:30pm. Cost is £25 and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at bit.ly/calledgifted2023

Vocation Mission - Vocation Mission takes place at St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Leith, EH6 6AW, on **Sunday 21 May**. The event begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by a talk from Sr Immaculada Perez, OMI. The event is to help promote a culture of vocations in homes and families. All welcome.

Laudato Si’ Week 2023 - Laudato Si’ Week **takes place from May 21-28**. This global celebration marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical on care for creation. There are a range of global events taking place that you can take part in. Visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>. You can watch the Pope Francis film ‘The Letter’ for free online at <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

Retreat - Journeying Onward is a four-week retreat beginning on Saturday 27 May, offered by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre and The Epiphany Group Scotland. It is open to all and can be taken online or in-person, with the option of individual meetings. For more information or to book, email rdljourney@epiphanygroup.org.uk or ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples - Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at St Mary’s Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:15pm on **Wednesday 31 May**. Reception in Coffee Saints afterwards. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, please email Fr Jeremy Milne so an invitation can be sent. Submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to vemarriage@staned.org.uk, or phone 0131 334 1693.

Hold the date - Archbishop Cushley will lead a **Corpus Christi procession** through Falkirk town centre to St Francis Xavier’s Church on **Sunday 11 June**. Details to follow soon.

St Margaret’s Pilgrimage 2023 - St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on **Sunday 18 June**. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret’s Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret’s example of faith, charity and leadership.

Dominican Conference - This conference offers participants an opportunity to explore what lies at the heart of being a Dominican. It takes place on **Friday 23 and Saturday 24 June 2023** at various venues in Edinburgh city centre, including St Mary’s Cathedral. Visit <https://scotland.op.org/preachersofgrace> for details and to book. All events free (donations welcome). e

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023 - There’s still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from **7-14 July**. Everyone is welcome, and those with disabilities/medical issues are especially invited - you will be cared for 24/7 by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and support workers. Financial assistance may be available to support your pilgrimage. For full details visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

‘SAINTS’ OF THE WEEK

Matteo Ricci

Jesuit Missionary in China (1552-1610) – Feast day: 11 May

"Those who adore heaven instead of the Lord of heaven are like a man who, desiring to pay the emperor homage, prostrates himself before the imperial palace at Peking and venerates its beauty."



Matteo Ricci, an Italian Jesuit, is an extraordinary figure in the history of Christian mission. He was one of the first Westerners to win entry into the closed and xenophobic society of sixteenth-century China. Having mastered the Chinese language and the literary classics of the Confucian literati he succeeded in transcending his status as a foreigner and won recognition from the educated elite and the imperial court as a scholar of the highest distinction. The work of Matteo Ricci and the Jesuits who followed him showed great promise of establishing an authentically Chinese Christianity. In the end, their efforts were undone by Vatican officials whose philosophy was, in effect, *"When in China do as the Romans."*

Ricci first entered China in 1583 after spending some time in the Portuguese colony of Macao at the mouth of the Canton river. After intensive study of Chinese and immersion in the classic texts of Confucianism, Ricci was able to present himself as a scholar, a status that was eventually confirmed by the respect of his Chinese peers. He dressed appropriately in elaborate silk dresses and published works on such topics as astronomy, science, and philosophy. He won particular admiration for his map-making skills and for his accomplishments as a teacher of mnemonic techniques.

Ricci's mission strategy was based on the view that before Christianity could make any progress in China it must win the acquiescence of the educated elite. To do this it must eschew any taint of foreign imperialism and present itself in terms of Chinese culture. Ricci was not concerned about the number of conversions. He conceived of his work as laying the foundation for future mission. Once Christianity was an accepted part of Chinese society, others might work to spread the gospel among the masses.

By the time Ricci won permission to live in the imperial city of Beijing, he had achieved renown as a Confucian scholar. His study had convinced him that the ethical precepts of Confucianism - the dominant religious underpinning of Chinese culture were reconcilable with Christian morality. Furthermore, he argued that in its origins Confucianism recognized a supreme Creator, who could be identified with the Christian God. In his mind the work of assimilating Confucianism with Christianity was little different from what Thomas Aquinas had accomplished with the philosophy of Aristotle.

Remarkably, Ricci's interpretation of Confucianism, though it contradicted the consensus of most scholars, won general respect and even the agreement of some of his Chinese peers. Among these he was able to count many significant conversions. At the time of his death on May 11, 1610, his body *"lay in state,"* with hundreds of mandarins joining Christians in paying their final respects. By imperial decree, Ricci was buried in a special tomb, a rare honour for any Chinese, and unheard of for a foreigner.

It is impossible to know what effect Ricci's efforts might have had over time. Regrettably, his project was stillborn. Within a hundred years his project was condemned by the Vatican, a casualty of the so-called Rites Controversy. Ricci had recognized the important role in Chinese culture played by the veneration of family ancestors. His intimate knowledge of Chinese culture convinced him that such expressions of filial piety need not represent a conflict with Christian faith and morality. Furthermore, to deny participation in such rites to Chinese Christians was instantly to excommunicate them from their society, an outcome that would render any mission effort moot.

Ricci had won provisional acceptance from Rome for this policy. However, the matter was ultimately decided otherwise. A papal decree of 1704, renewed in even stronger terms in 1742, vehemently condemned the Christian toleration of ancestor rites as idolatrous and superstitious and utterly rejected Ricci's efforts to reconcile the gospel with Confucianism. This was a fateful decision for the fledgling Christian community in China. Henceforth that ancient society would remain effectively closed to evangelization, and Christianity would never make the inroads for which Ricci had prepared the way. It was also a fateful decision for the church, which was deprived for another two hundred years of the wisdom of non-Western paths to God.

See: Andrew Ross, A Vision Betrayed: The Jesuits in Japan and China, 1542-1742 (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1994); Jonathan Spence, The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci (New York: Viking, 1984).

Christian de Chergé and Companions

Trappist Martyrs of Algeria (d. 1996) – Feast day: 18 May

"If it were ever to happen... that I should be the victim of the terrorism that seems to be engulfing all the foreigners now living in Algeria, I would like my community, my church, my family to remember that my life was given to God and to this country."

With these words Father Christian de Chergé, prior of a Trappist monastery in Algeria, began a letter to his family which he sealed with the notation, *"To be opened in the event of my death."* The letter was opened three years later after de Chergé and six of his fellow Trappists were murdered by fundamentalist rebels in 1996. In their deaths they joined a long procession of past victims-both Christians and Muslims - sacrificed to one another's conception of the glory of God. But unlike many Christian martyrs of the past these Trappists did not offer their lives for the conversion of their Muslim neighbours, but as a witness to the One God of all, and for the cause of friendship among all God's people. For Father de Chergé, at least, it was the repayment of an ancient debt.

In 1958, as a young man of twenty-one, he had served as a French soldier fighting Algerian rebels in the war of independence. It was a war marked on both sides by exceptional brutality. But one day, during an ambush, his life was saved when a friend - who happened to be a devout Muslim shielded him with his own body. This man's sacrifice, which de Chergé believed was motivated by religious faith, prompted his own conversion - a process that led him to the priesthood and ultimately to the Trappists. After studies in Rome, he asked to be assigned to Our Lady of Atlas monastery in the highlands near Algiers. Many French religious and missionaries had fled the country after independence in 1962. But, at the urging of the Catholic archbishop, the Trappists had stayed on to offer a contemplative Christian presence among their Muslim neighbours.

The monks lived a traditional Trappist life of prayer and work. But they made a point of offering a place where Christians and Muslims could pray and talk together. De Chergé himself was an avid student of the Qur'an. A building in the monastery enclosure had been offered for use as a mosque. Thus, *"the sound of chapel bells mixed with the Muslim call to prayer."*

To many of their neighbours the monks were trusted men of God. But to others fundamentalists, who felt increasing resentment toward the secular policies of Algeria's military government-the French Trappists were foreign infidels. As a later rebel dispatch put it, *"They live with the people and draw them away from the divine path, inciting them to follow the Gospel."*

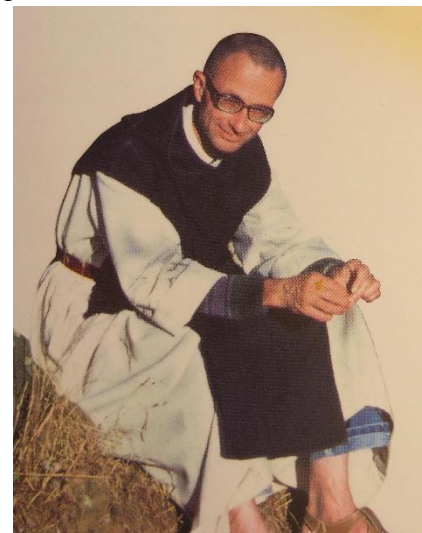
By 1993 the country was on the verge of a violent rebellion. An ultimatum, issued by the rebels, warned all foreigners to leave the country. But the monks decided to stay. They also declined an offer of military protection. It was then that Father de Chergé wrote his last testament and mailed it to his family in France. In the following years a number of priests and women religious were killed. But still the monks remained. As de Chergé wrote, *"For us it is a journey of faith into the future and of sharing the present with our neighbours, who have always been very closely bound to us."* In putting on the Trappist habit they had all left their families and their country to follow Christ. "Now all that is left for us is to give our blood to follow Christ to the end."

The end came in 1996 when rebels invaded the monastery and seized Father de Chergé and six other brothers and marched them into the mountains. Several weeks later, on May 23, the rebels announced, *"We have cut the throats of the seven monks.... Glory to God!"* The heads of the monks were discovered the next day. They were buried in the small cemetery of the monastery.

At this point, remembering his sealed letter, de Chergé's family discovered his prayer of forgiveness for his murderers and hopes that their action would not contribute to negative stereotypes about Islam or Algeria. *"For me, Islam and Algeria...are body and soul."* He offered thanks for all his friends and family. But he reserved his final words for his murderer, *"You too, my last-minute friend, you who know not what you do. Yes, for you, too, I wish this thank you, and this adieu which is of your planning. May we be granted to meet each other again, happy thieves, in paradise, should it please God, the Father of both of us. Amen! In sh Allah!"*

Christian and his companions were beatified in 2018.

See: Rick Hampson, *"A Martyr's Testament," Associated Press (April 4, 1997); Christian de Chergé, "Amen! In sh' Allah!" Commonweal (January 31, 1997).*



NOTICEBOARD

Date		St John's Eucharistic Ministers		
May	13	Patrick Shannon	Pauline MacInnes	Jim Roarty
	14		Tanya White	Theresa Spence
	20	John Lawler	Pat Whyte	Bozena Tansey
	21		Gena Gallagher	Pauline Glancy

The Pamoja Fashion Sale Team have raised **£387.00** at last week's sale in St John's Hall. They wish to thank the whole wider community for supporting the charity - <https://twendepamoja.org.uk/>

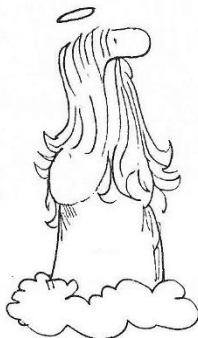
Maria Igoe, from the Legion of Mary, writes: 'The **April Coffee Morning** in aid of "Set the Children Free" raised £280, which is an amazingly generous amount *that will be double by the Justice and Peace Group*. Thank you to all who donated.

The **May Charity Coffee Morning** will be held on Monday 29 May in the hall after Mass in St John's. Donations will be given to the **Gathimba Edwards Foundation**, which builds homes for the needy in Kenya. It costs £8,500 to build a house. Rosalind MacKay's daughter will be helping with this project. She has done this before and is committed to helping, as she has seen the amazing difference it makes to people who are homeless. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking with friendly people. Thank you.'

Is anyone interested in an exchange with a Franco-Scottish family based in Paris and Normandy (more Franco than Scottish!) – Arthur is sixteen and speaks reasonable English... please contact Fr Jock for more details.

From just before the Old Testament and from just before the Last Supper!

Um what shall I do today?... Ah! I know.....



IN THE JUST BEFORE THE BEGINNING



'Table for thirteen! Have you booked?'

An Invitation/Request from Rev. Archie Catchpole of the Portobello Baptist Church

- 1) Would anyone be interested in organised befriending with local people who have been identified by health services as lonely/isolated?
- 2) If yes, in particular, would anyone be interested in befriending a lady who has been referred who has Alzheimer's dementia? She lives with her husband and is still able to carry out conversation, but not able to get out as much as before. No Alzheimer's specific training is required but could be provided. (P.S. most referred befriendees do not have Alzheimer's: my understanding is that this is a unique case.)

If you've made it this far, some more information about the befriending might be helpful.

Edinburgh City Mission have set up a befriending scheme across the city. It links local health services with local churches. Churches provide volunteers who are willing to be befrienders; health services refer possible befriendees who are lonely/isolated. ECM do all of the administrative heavy lifting (thank goodness!) so that all the befrienders have to do is commit to meeting with their befriendees once a week. Training and PVG checks are available (required!) and facilitated by ECM. We have a few befrienders from Portobello Baptist Church who have been guinea pigs for the scheme (myself included) and it seems to be going well. Because of this, and increasing numbers of referrals in our area, I wonder if there's anyone in your congregations who would be interested? **Let me know, or let me know if you have any questions! Feel free to email me (Archie Catchpole - archie@pbc.scot) - or contact me via Fr Jock.**

....and Portobello Baptist Church are running the REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Course on Saturday 7 July (9.30-16.30) – there are a few places still available – if interested please contact Fr Jock or Mary Iannarelli.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 14:15-21

My good friend, Jock, has a bit of a fixation with second-hand bookshops. A couple of weeks ago he visited one and came across a French CD dramatization of *The Little Prince*. He bought it and sent it onto me – a most welcome gift. My aural French is good enough and I was able to fall in love once more with ‘*Le Petit Prince*’. It’s a very important book in my life. I was introduced to it in 1973 and I know most of it by heart. In the act of listening – I was able to experience once again the wisdom of The Little Prince. If ever you read it, your life will change. A French pilot, Antoine de Saint-Exupery is stranded in the desert after his engine fails. While trying to repair his engine, he encounters the Little Prince who shares tales of his life on his planet, a tiny star, far, far away. The Little Prince views everything through the prism of innocence. In simplicity is strength. Nuance and over-analysis leads to dilution of principle, vision becomes blurred. We lose both sight and direction. Weakness and moral uncertainty leaves us wandering in circles, lost in the shifting stands yet never changing landscape of a desert. Many years ago, I learned from *Le Petit Prince* and the 12-Step Recovery Programme that ‘nothing happens to happen.’ It was no accident that the CD arrived in the post.

I had more or less decided not to pay much attention to the Coronation last weekend. My sympathies lay with one of my favourite singers, Adele, who was horrified at the amount of public money being spent. She originates from the area around Grenfell Tower in London and had declined the invitation to take part in the Coronation Concert. The cause of the forgotten residents of Grenfell were dear to her heart. Many have still not been compensated, victims of builders’ greed and political indifference. She would not be compromised. I joined her spirited stand. That was before Jock’s act of generosity and kindness. Why was he in that particular bookshop on that particular day? Why were his eyes drawn to that bookshelf? Why was it that he wasn’t rushing as he so often is. Whatever the reasons I found myself on Friday listening to ‘*Le Petit Prince*’ and my heart was lifted back to the world of The Fox, the Rose, the Merchant and the three volcanoes. Innocence and clarity of vision returned; I would save my planned viewing of *Midsomer Murders* for another day....

.....and so I found myself watching the Coronation of King Charles at Westminster Abbey. I wasn’t interested in the flowers, or the marching troops and bands. The outfits bore little by way of emotional or mental stimulation. I was taken by the words of the service. The more intellectually challenged commentators (and we were served by many) suddenly finding themselves out of their depth, opted for respectful silence. As far as they were concerned, the archbishop and assembled religious leaders could have been speaking Swahili. *Receive this Glove, that you may hold authority with gentleness and grace, trusting not in your own power but in the mercy of God.* And, again, *Receive the Royal Sceptre, the ensign of kingly power and justice, and the Rod of equity and mercy, a symbol of covenant and peace. May the Spirit of the Lord who anointed Jesus at his baptism, so anoint you this day, that you might exercise authority with wisdom, and direct your counsels with grace; that by your service and ministry to all your people, justice and mercy may be seen in all the earth.* I found myself in the middle of a profound religious experience. The rest of the liturgy was equally rich and for a while I lived in hope that Christianity and the Gospel of Christ might climb to prominence once more. When I read on Monday that Prince Charles (as he was then) had described the Rwanda policy as appalling, much to the annoyance of the blond Prime Minister at the time, my pulse quickened. Fast forward to Wednesday and the full firepower of Governmental ire and indignation were turned on Justin Welby. The star of Saturday was now the enemy of the people. He was told that he should keep his nose out of politics. His simplistic approach just would not work in the devious and deceitful world of government. The sacred words of Saturday had been shown to be just that – words, for when those words were replaced by action then cruelty and callousness were all that remained. Archbishop Welby had dared to pass moral judgement, calling out the Rwanda policy for what it is – morally repugnant and belittling the nation’s status in the world. He would pay heavily for his temerity.

If Government policy has left me confused, there is no confusion about this weekend's Gospel. *'If you love me you will keep my commandments....Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me'*. Straightforward, clear, concise. Language worthy of *The Little Prince*. No room for confusion whatsoever. The practice may be hard but the principle is easy. Jesus, fully aware of just how difficult the Christian way of life can be, promises his Spirit: *'I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you'*. *I will not leave you orphans...*He is there for us. We need fear nothing and no-one. Just ask the Little Prince

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

PARISH REGISTER

*Warm Birthday greetings to Anne Thomson, 95 on Sunday 30 April
...and to Maura Spencer, 80 on Wednesday 3 May*

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Audrey Tait - Vincent Collie
Clarissa Nichols (aged 20)
Theresa Chapman*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Len Kirkland - Brendan Boyle
Gordon Campbell - Christine Pugh
Cillian Dempsey - Frank Bell
Harry Haston - Fr Tommy Greenan
Alex Hunter - Fr Norman Cooper
Maureen Collie*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Diane McCarthy, Violet Paterson, Diane Devlin, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Valentino Raviele, Una Laing, Kim O'Neill, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, 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, 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:

Barbara Service, Monica Gorman, Allan Guthrie, John McLaughlin, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Annie

Anniversaries:

St John's:

May 13: John Bonar (2005); Sr. Marie McAllister (2001); Rena Tow (1992); Edward Black Sen. (1985); **May 14:** Frank Bell (2022); Cecelia McKenzie (2009); John Gordon Kerr (1994); Sr. Mary Tait (1994); James Waugh (1979); Ann (McCann) Murphy (1956); **May 15:** Harry Haston (2021); James Kelly (2004); John O'Brien (1954); **May 16:** Maureen Collie (2018); Bill Hunter (2017); John Rooney (1984); Vincent Rowley (1981); Sarah Taylor (1981); Mary Anne McGrory (1947); Philip Haslett; **May 17:** Christine Pugh (2013); Killian Dempsey (2005); Mary (Thomson) Macnamara (1996); Joseph Passmore (1963); **May 18:** Fr. Tommy Greenan (2020); Julia Young (1984); **May 19:** Alex Hunter (2019); John Cook (2003); Catherine Cunningham (2003); Zelinda Tesoro (1992); Elizabeth Bryce (1986); **May 20:** Margaret Macmillan (2008); Fr. Norman Cooper (1996); **May 21:** Lindsay Gordon (2013); Catherine Brock (2009); Mary Meagher; Patrick O'Flaherty;

St Mary Magdalene's:

May 16: Ian Graham (2003); Joseph Flynn (1974); Catherine Tough (1970);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Cathy Goldie, Peter Hanley, Margaret Williams, Lydia Reid, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Sandy Ferguson, Audrey Brown, Peter Robinson, Chris White, Douglas Edington, Helen Robertson baby Josh Simpson, Desire Bascon, Janet Haring, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Jim Gray, Mgr Gerry Hand, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, Mary Wallace, Allan Crombie, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Emma Blackman, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Bill and Audrey Jones, John Miller, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, baby Lucas McCourt, Ellen Dow., members of the McGrath Family, Maureen Hutchinson, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Anne Morris, Keiran Smart (aged 15), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Mary Conefrey, Angela Khan, George and Ann McDermott, 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, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, 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, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Joan Brooks, Mary

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