

# THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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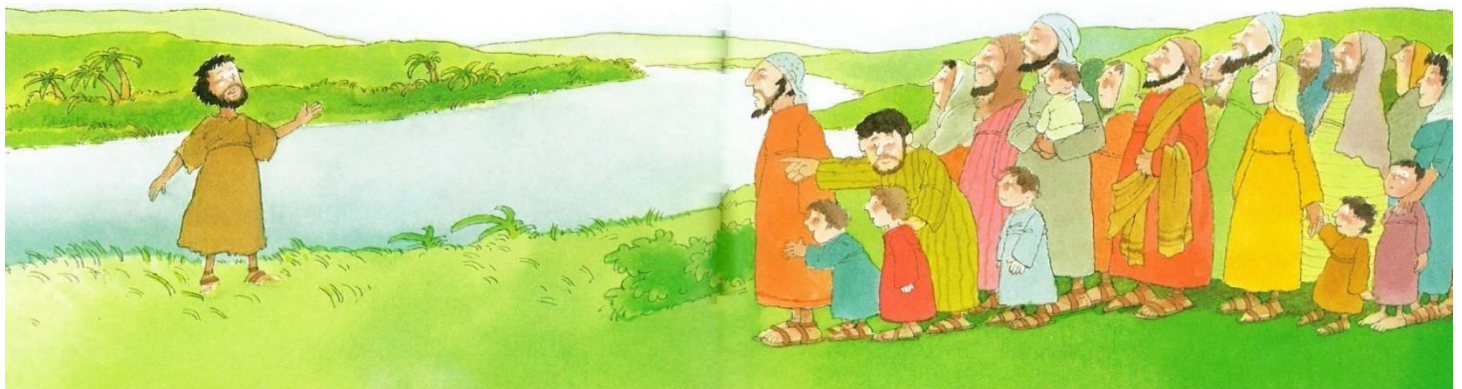
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## 17 DECEMBER 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.... When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.'... 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: "A voice that cries in the wilderness: make a straight way for the Lord."' (John 1:6-8. 19-28.)*

*...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 but also in the war in Ukraine, and indeed in all the wars and conflicts in our world...*

**SADLY, THE GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HAS COLLAPSED** ... and the system has to be completely replaced (a full explanation can be found at the bottom of page 2 of the newsletter). We have done our best to respond to this situation - and we hope by the time of the weekend Masses to have an industrial electric blow heater installed to tide us through the coming months.... But, please, be prepared to wrap up as warmly as you can before coming to St John's...

**THIS SUNDAY, GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY, is also our RECONCILIATION SUNDAY....the sacrament of reconciliation will take place** at the beginning of our three Sunday Masses...Fr Jim and Fr David Stewart SJ will join Fr Jock at all three Masses, and Fr John Obialo from St Theresa's will join us at the 9.30am Mass.

**CAROLS ON THE BEACH** (at the end of Bath St) - LED BY THE BAPTIST CHURCH - ALL WELCOME - will take place this **Saturday 16 December at 4.00pm** - around 5.15pm.

*STEKA Skills will also be running a stall at our Masses this weekend - helping to raise funds for the Women's Hostel near Blantyre in Malawi, our parishes' charity for 2024. (They will also be selling homemade tablet, shortbread, chocolates and jam - all beautifully wrapped!)*

The next Coffee Morning will be held in St John's Parish Hall this Monday, 18th December, 'and donations will be given to **Operation Smile**, which treats children with cleft conditions and changes their lives. Two new cleft centres are being built in the Philippines, which will have the capacity to treat about 3,000 patients every year.

### Mass Times for 23-25 December:

Saturday 23 December – 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Sunday 24 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's - **Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
6.00pm – St John's – **Christmas Children's Vigil Mass**  
8.30pm – St John's – **Christmas Vigil Mass**  
Monday 25 December – 10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Christmas Day Children's Mass.**

*PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT SUNDAY MORNING – the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE MASS IN THE TWO PARISHES – at 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene's.*

### *Water for a Village (updated)*

*“The oppressed and needy search for water, and there is none; their tongue is parched with thirst.”  
(Isaiah 41: 17)*

As per the last two years, the J&P Group has offered to match donations from our two parishes towards the SCIAF Real Gift of Water for a Village, which this year costs £1200. This gift brings clean water to those who do not have it as well as water for irrigation to enable them to grow their own food which, in many cases, as well as keeping them alive, is also their only source of income.

To date, we have received £309 – thank you to all those who have donated. The aim is to get to £600 from parish donations which the J&P Group will be able to match. Can you help us to achieve this, please? Donations may be given to Jim Roarty, Jennifer Morris or any member of the J&P Group or handed in to the parish house.

### Prayer at Night

We started online Prayer at Night to coincide with the beginning of Advent **last Sunday** 3 December. This will be on Zoom each night until Christmas Eve.

The prayer starts at **9.15pm each evening** and lasts for around 10 minutes. The Zoom meeting ID is the same each evening: *Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>*

The Zoom room opens at 9.00 pm. Please come before 9:13 pm. Only those leading the prayer are visible or can be heard.



### THE BACKGROUND TO THE NEED TO REPLACE THE GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM IN ST JOHN'S

The St John's Gas Heating System is fairly ancient – and we have known for some time that it would soon need replacing. However, the whole process has been accelerated because at the beginning of the week, we were alerted by the alarm going off that something was wrong. When **Lothian Heating**, our suppliers, came out, they discovered that the boilers were leaking gas out of faulty gas valves within the boilers themselves. These valves are now obsolete and no longer available - therefore **they recommended the system be closed down completely and the boilers be replaced.**

They also stated that new condensing boilers would have to be installed, the existing fan assisted flue system be replaced and local pipework modifications would be required.

In addition, the gas supply pipework would have to be reviewed to ensure it meets current regulations and adequate to supply new boilers.

So, we have informed the Archdiocese, and we await the appointment of a specialist consultant to advise us as to the best way forward. Once this has happened, we can then seek quotations from contractors.

**Inevitably, this could take several months – we would appreciate everybody's patience and support during this difficult (and potentially cold!) period.....**

# THIS WEEK

## Saturday 16 December

10.00am-1.00pm – St Mary's, Leith – **Cluster Parishes' Retreat with Deaconess Lynda Wright**

4.00pm – Beach End of Bath St – **Carols on the Beach**

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Sunday 17 December – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Reconciliation Sunday)

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

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Monday 18 December

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

10.40am – St John's Hall – **December Coffee Morning** (in aid of *Operation Smile*)

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/3NOFvFt>

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Tuesday 19 December

7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – livestreamed

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA – Catechumenate 3**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Wednesday 20 December

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

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Thursday 21 December

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

7.00pm – Parish House – **Alpha Planning Group Meeting**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Friday 22 December

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

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Saturday 23 December

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

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Sunday 24 December – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed

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

8.30pm – St John's – **Christmas Vigil Mass** – livestreamed

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://tinyurl.com/mr2skv2a>

## Monday 25 December – SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

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



**Diary For The Coming Weeks** – on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, the annual EPIPHANY MEAL we host for and with **the Edinburgh L'Arche Community** will take place at 12.30pm in St John's Hall...Mary Iannarelli and the Hospitality Team would welcome assistance – **please contact Mary (07534 666439) or Fr Jock if you are willing to help....**

## ‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Raoul Wallenberg *Righteous Gentile (1912-?) – Feast Day: 20 December*

*"I think I may have been forgotten by Sweden, and the rest of the world.  
I wonder if any of the people I saved still remember?"*



Among the list of Righteous Gentiles Christians who undertook the rescue of Jews from Nazi extermination, the name of Raoul Wallenberg is the most highly honoured. Born to a life of privilege, a member of one of Sweden's most distinguished families, he volunteered in the midst of the war for a hazardous diplomatic mission in Budapest for the purpose of rescuing Hungarian Jews.

By the time he arrived in Budapest in July 1944 half a million Jews had already been deported to death camps in Poland. Additional transports were leaving every few days. Under the cover of his diplomatic status, Wallenberg immediately went to work distributing Swedish passports to Hungarian Jews. Despite the brazen audacity of his operation, he managed to browbeat the Hungarian authorities, working under the thumb of the Nazis, to respect the protected status of these "subjects" of a neutral state.

That fall the Nazis finally swept away the fiction of Hungarian autonomy and took charge of the deportations. Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's notorious overseer of the "Final Solution," was himself in Budapest. He believed that the extermination of Hungarian Jewry would be his proudest, and perhaps final, legacy. The Red Army was by this time steadily advancing. It was clear the war's end could not be far behind. Still the Nazis applied themselves to their genocidal task with single-minded devotion.

As the months passed, it seemed that Eichmann and Wallenberg were locked in a personal contest to see whether the Nazi's passion for killing would triumph over the Swede's passion for life. By this time there were over a hundred thousand Jews left in the ghetto of Budapest. Wallenberg had managed to have as many as thirty thousand of them segregated into a special preserve for "protected foreign nationals." He had become the Jews' last and only hope. He would typically appear at the train station, alerted that a shipment of Jews was heading out, bluster his way past the Nazi guards with an imperious shout, "I am Wallenberg! I insist that all Swedish citizens be removed from this transport immediately!" Before the astonished guards could react, he would hustle the children and anyone able to wave a piece of paper - a driver's license, a library card - onto his waiting trucks.

He could not save them all. But there was always the hope that by trying harder, with a bit more finagling, with a little less sleep, with a few more bribes or brash threats, he might save just one more. As the end of the war came steadily closer, the race against death became more heated. He took to reminding the Nazis and their local collaborators of the fate that awaited war criminals. It was not too late to give it up. Wallenberg put the argument to Eichmann himself over a bizarre dinner engagement not long before the end. *"Your genocide plans were doomed from the start. Why not leave now, while you still can?"* But Eichmann was determined to see it through to the end. *"When the Russians come, I know they'll shoot me,"* he said. *"I'm ready."*

The Russian siege of Budapest began on December 8, 1944. The rest of the diplomatic corps abandoned the city. Eichmann, in fact, chose to run. But despite the dangers, Wallenberg insisted on remaining to protect "his Jews" and to oversee relief work after the armistice. He was now a man marked by the remaining Nazis; his diplomatic cover would no longer protect him. Yet he managed to survive, and with him nearly a hundred thousand Jews. For them the nightmare was over. For Wallenberg it was only the beginning.

On January 16 Wallenberg surrendered to Red Army troops and insisted on being taken to headquarters. From there he disappeared into the silence of the Soviet Gulag, one of the first casualties of the new Cold War. Apparently, the Soviets suspected that the rich Swedish capitalist, funded by overseas Jewish organizations and somehow able to manage an enormous underground operation under the noses of the Nazis, must be some kind of foreign spy. Within days Wallenberg had been conveyed to Moscow, where he was held in the infamous Lubianka Prison of the secret police.

Inquiries by the Swedish government were simply ignored. Then the Soviets claimed he had died in the battle of Budapest. Finally, in the 1950s, as pressure mounted, it was claimed that he had died of a heart attack in Soviet custody in 1947. That remained the official Soviet story. And yet reliable witnesses continued to report chance encounters with Wallenberg in prisons throughout the Soviet Union as late as the 1960s. Although he was constantly moved through the penal system and kept in careful isolation, there were occasional mistakes, an opportunity to entrust a short message to a fellow prisoner: *"Tell them you met a Swede from Budapest"*.



The exact fate of Wallenberg remains unknown. Perhaps in his cell in a remote prison, or in a hospital, or even in a mental asylum in the company of other special prisoners, he eventually passed from this world. Under other circumstances he might well have lived to see the collapse of communism, as he had witnessed the collapse of the Nazi empire. He would have been seventy-seven in 1989. But many others lived to see that day because of his efforts, and they are only a small fraction of those who revere the name and memory of Raoul Wallenberg. Aside from the mystery of his fate there remains a deeper enigma.

Unlike many other rescuers, Wallenberg left no record of soul-searching, conversion, or even profound reflection on the meaning of his efforts. He did not come from a particularly religious family, and his privileged upbringing had fairly insulated him from much contact with suffering. He simply rose to the ethical demands of the situation as though it was the self-evident duty of a human being. He did what needed to be done. The Nazis did not know what to make of this. More than once it seems they put the question to him: "Why would a Christian go to such trouble to save some Jews?" There is no record of his ever having dignified the question with a reply. See: Kati Marton, *Mallendery* (New York, 1982)



## NOTICEBOARD

*Do any of our parishioners feel drawn to work with young people .... or even as a youth leader...if you do, or even if you think you might just wish to investigate the possibility, please contact Fr Jock...*

**If anyone has experience of the Alpha course, could they please make contact with Fr Jock...**

Date		*** St John's Eucharistic Ministers rota ***		
December	16	Christina Vinestock	Jesus Miguel Pena	Rossana Velazco
	17		Eliza Veitch	Aga Magnucka

### From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

**'Buffer Zone' Bill** - A new bill proposes criminalising prayer and offers of help to women in designated 'buffer zones' around abortion centres in Scotland, including inside private homes within a 200m zone. Please respond to the government consultation which ends on **20 December** at [bit.ly/f2pshortsurvey](https://bit.ly/f2pshortsurvey). Please also write to your MSP to express your concerns. Visit <https://rcpolitics.org/buffer-zones> for more information on what you can do to

stop this disproportionate and intolerant law being introduced, including help with responding to the consultation and writing to your MSP.

**Advent Rosary** - The Advent Pro-Life Rosary concludes on Monday (**18 December**) at 7:45pm and includes a reflection from Mgr Allan Chambers (St Mary's, Bathgate). Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for the unborn, mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

**Advent talk series** - Canon Hugh White continues his Advent talk series 'Time with God' each Monday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel. Visit [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](http://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

**St Paul's Bookshop** - For Christmas gift ideas, cards, bibles, rosary beads, holy images calendars and lots more, visit St Paul's Bookshop at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh (beside John Lewis). It is open seven days a week from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

**Christmas Mass times** - Christmas Day and Vigil Mass times for our parish and all churches in the Archdiocese can be viewed at [www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/](http://www.archedinburgh.org/christmas-day-mass-times/)

**Donations for the Holy Land** - Archbishop Cushley is encouraging us to consider making a donation to Friends of the Holy Land in Advent. He said: "It is a non-political Christian charity and the donations will be used to provide aid and support for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land at this difficult time." A donation page has been set up for the Archdiocese at [bit.ly/archholylnd](http://bit.ly/archholylnd). Find out more about its work at [www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/about-us](http://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/about-us)

**Feast of the Holy Innocents** - Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at midday on Thursday **28 December** at St Margaret's Chapel, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents)

**Catholic Families for Life** - ---The first issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

*I sing of a maiden  
That is makeles;  
King of all kings  
To her son sheches.*

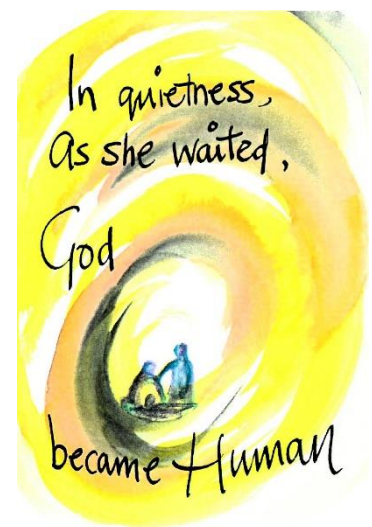
*He came also still  
There his mother was,  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the grass.*

*He came also still  
To his mother's bour,  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the flour.*

*He came also still  
There his mother lay,  
As dew in April  
That falleth on the spray.*

*Mother and maiden  
Was never none but she;  
Well may such a lady  
Goddess mother be.*

(From a fifteenth century carol in the Oxford Book of English verse)



*Renewing Christ, let us wait, let us listen, let us dream.*

*Let us be watchful.*

*Let us see visions of love, peace and justice.*

*Let us see Earth's healing and understanding among peoples even in these times of war.*

(Peter Miller)

***Cling to His own sweet Mother*** who carried a Son Whom the heavens could not contain; and yet she carried Him in the little enclosure of her holy womb...  
*...always carry Him spiritually...and you will hold Him by Whom you and all things are held together...*

(St Clare of Assisi: Third Letter to Agnes of Prague)

## A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOHN 1: 6-8, 19-24

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

*Hello darkness, my old friend; I've come to talk with you again. Because a vision softly creeping, left its seeds while I was sleeping. And the vision that was planted in my brain, still remains, within the sound of silence.*

I first 'heard' silence as a 15-year-old. I remember the day as if it was yesterday. Fitzy (as we referred to him in those enlightened days of 1968 - but whose full title was Father Felix Fitzpatrick) was a man of failings coupled with immense wisdom and kindness. He always seemed to have a new car in days when owning a car was a rarity rather than a necessity. One day he took us as a treat to listen to the silence. If we thought this idea somewhat mad, we learned that it was we who were the insane ones. We drove up above the moor at Stanhope, a small market town in County Durham. It was a beautifully still day, the sort of days that were regular features of days of yore, but which are now as rare as hen's teeth with the current cornucopia of climactic variation. He turned off the engine and we wound down the windows – winders in those days, no electric windows unless you owned a Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. We sat and listened and at first became aware of a skylark overhead with its shrill song. Sensing that she was intruding, she performed one last aria before arching away to the right and beyond. We were alone – save for the Sound of Silence. It was round about this same time that I was into my Simon and Garfunkel stage and soft rock folk music. The sound of silence became as comforting to me as my old friend, darkness. It is still just about possible to listen to silence at the top of Stanhope Moor but much more difficult to find a spot where traffic and its associated noise, does not intrude: the sound of silence is just as alluring.

The last two weeks have seen sleepless nights and my renewed friendship with both darkness and silence after my 'new knee'. Growing frustrated at my perceived lack of progress, I was reassured by trainee Kirrrsty and experienced nurse Siobhan who came on Thursday to remove my staples. Kirrrsty possessed a delightful Belfast accent and pronounced her name 'Kirrrsty' as if there would never be enough r's in the lexicon to do justice to her appellation. My knee was flaming so the apology about the coldness of her hands has never been a more welcome warning. Only the removal of the 44<sup>th</sup> staple hurt. If I thought a lollipop had been merited, my hopes were dashed as Kirrrsty, cheerfully enquired: "Shall I count them all just to be sure I haven't left anything behind?" While she counted, Siobhan explained a little more of the surgery I had recently undergone. 'Considering what you have been through, you're really making good progress.' My spirits were lifted, the long dark nights really were nights that had been spent with a dear old friend and the silence that was planted in my brain became life enhancing. It is in silence that we are closest to God; in darkness where there are absolutely no distractions, no light to lead us astray, no flashing neon lights that threaten to blind us permanently. Darkness is not bleakness. Darkness brings us to the core of our being where the absence of distraction or excuse forces us to focus on Him and Him alone.

John the Baptist knew something of the darkness of night. He slept under the night sky and once languished in Herod's gaol awaiting the whims of Salome. Tradition tells us he lived as a nomad, drawing sustenance from a diet of locusts and wild honey. Distractions were few – and in the sounds of silence and darkness of night, John the Baptist came face to face with God and, more importantly his own identity. It is within his identity that lies his dignity and true calling. It is the same for us, and that is perhaps one of the reasons we shy away from darkness and silence. We like chatter – even though the chatterers rarely share anything of substance or improve our understanding of self: they talk without speaking and they hear without listening. The other night, with only my friend 'darkness' for company, I stared for a long time at the Geminid Meteor Shower. Every year it is visible in December. It was one of those wow moments that occasionally bless us. I felt very small and could feel myself being lifted into the mystery of God and Creation. I could only think of one word: Why? How we answer that question determines so much of our life and our response to it, because it points to who we are. *The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him (John) 'Who are you?'. I am as Isaiah prophesied; a voice that cries in the wilderness.* John the Baptist points us to who we are. Voices that speak of love and forgiveness to a world of hate and destruction. We know who we are because we have spent time in darkness listening to the sound of Silence.



# PARISH REGISTER

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Fr Terry Murray OMI - Gerry Fitzsimmons*

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

*Alice Doherty - Jim Marin  
Joan Peet - Mary McInally - Eddie Kerr - Una Johnston - Mary McClory  
Margaret Knowles - Alice Taylor*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### St. John's:

Baby Grayson McNally, Irene Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Eddie and Robert Clark, Sheila Tansey, Pat Gilmartin, John Cregan, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Frank Phillips, Ann O'Brien, Kathie Gallagher, Diane McCarthy, Raymond Walker, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, Harry Allan, May Thomson, Carol Simpson, Kenny O'Connor, Gerry Gallagher, Rose Thornton, Kathleen Brown, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Nora Bruce, Ruth Vizer, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Betty Dougal, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

### St Mary Magdalene's:

Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, Eleanor Campanile, 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, Julie Keegan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.

## *Offertory 10 December 2023*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £395.48 total**, including £131.00 Offertory and £264.48 Gift Aid.

**St John's, £1300.50 total**, including £349.20 Offertory, £206.30 Gift Aid, and £745.00 online donations.

## *Anniversaries:*

### St John's:

**Dec.16:** Una Johnston (2021); Winifred Curran (2012); Margaret Mary Dick (2001); Patricia Scott (1999); John Nolans; **Dec.17:** Annie Nelson (2005); William Cotterell (2000); Elizabeth Grieve; Mary Meehan; Maurice O'Neil; **Dec.18:** Nan Rostant (2020); Robert Devine (2001); Pauline Iannarelli (1968); Agostino Nicora (1964); **Dec.19:** Michael O'Brien (2017); Margaret Knowles (1998); William Rafferty (1989); Derek Aitken (1987); Robert Greenan; **Dec.20:** Paddy Breen (1988); Frances Welby (1949); **Dec.21:** Mary McClory (2009); Eileen Flannigan (2012); Alexander Paton (2001); Jean Malcolm (1998); Mary Gallagher (1992); Francis O'Connor (1969); **Dec.22:** Gytha Somervell (2014); Joseph Desmond (1990); Francis Rooney;

### St Mary Magdalene's:

**Dec.16:** Patricia Scott (1999); **Dec.19:** Mary McInally (2006); Joseph J McKenzie (1979); **Dec.20:** Jim Marin (2010); **Dec.21:** Elizabeth McEwan (1996); **Dec.22:** Sally Murphy (2002); John Shaw (2000); Thomas Heaney (1989);

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

Canon Andrew Monaghan, Baby Thomas Hayward, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Sr Joan McGuinness, Jill Harvey, Barbara Duff, Bernard Traynor, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona and George McDermott, Ilona Brockbank, Michael Daly, Roger Bromley, Richard Reid, Douglas Edington, Anne Morris, Dr Grier Gordon, Nessa Campbell, Mike Fox, Rose May Mattison, Brian Gurney, Alec Robb, Mike Nelson, Dave Cook, Shirley Robertson, Miranda McDonnell, Mary Madden, John Wiggins, Lucy Pagett, Jim Gray, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe Robert Clark, Peter Robinson, Peter Hanley, Kate Titterington, Ann Currie, Helen Robertson, baby Josh Simpson, Shona Killin, Tom Heaney, Mary Whyte, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Andrew Muldoon, John Havard, Mary Wallace, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Louise Young, Tricia Scott, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 9), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Grace Stuart, Stephen Norwood, Agnes Clarke, David Fenwick, Maurice McAllister, Rita Noonan, members of the McGrath Family, Hans Zaunbrecher, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Keiran Smart (aged 16), Michael Doherty, Carol Turnbull, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Tara Kuppinger, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 6), Jennifer Kay, Seval and Kazim Kazimoglu, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister), Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Stuart Falconer, Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Ann Thorp, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Clare Richardson, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

**THANK YOU!**