

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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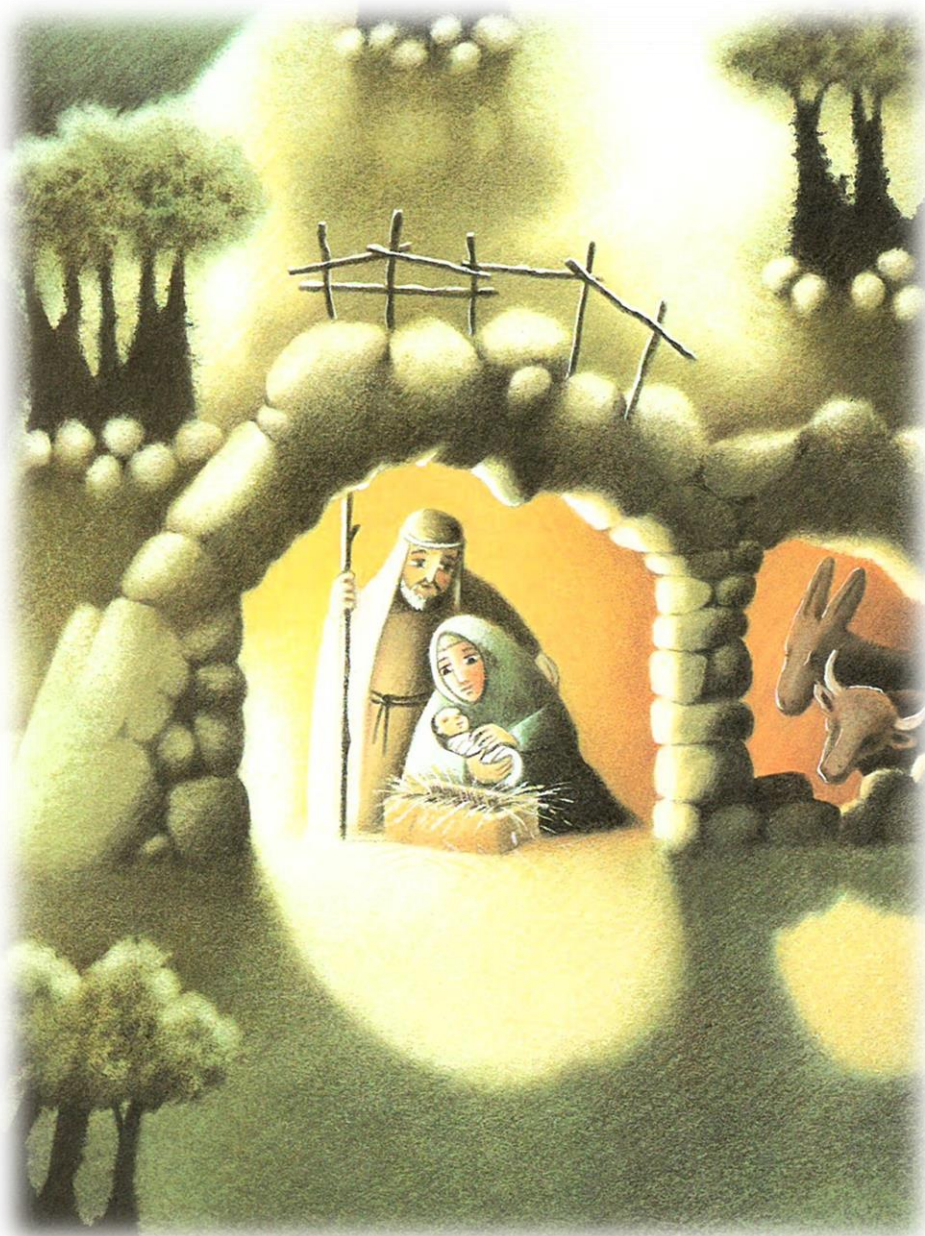
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24 DECEMBER 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
25 DECEMBER 2023 - CHRISTMAS DAY



Christmas 2023



The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'
(Luke 1:26-28)

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...

Fr Jock writes: 'Just as this Advent, we have left the second candle on the Advent wreath – traditionally the Bethlehem/Peace candle – **unlit**, in memory of all who are suffering in Israel and Gaza... **so the Crib at St John's will be different this year** (at least from after the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass).

St Oscar Romero (1917-80), the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, once wrote: '*We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the under-nourished children who have gone to bed tonight without eating, among the poor newsboys who will sleep covered with newspapers in doorways.*'

One of the (horrific) features of this last year is the number of children who have died under rubble – whether as a result of earthquakes (Turkey/Syria, Marrakesh, Afghanistan, Nepal, Northern China, and several others - google 'Earthquakes in 2023') or wars (as in Gaza and Israel). So it seems sadly appropriate – and especially in the light of St Oscar Romero's words above - that **the figure of St John's own baby Jesus this year lies amidst the rubble....'**

'In the face of the Infant Jesus, let us see the faces of all those children who, everywhere in the world, long for peace; let us also see the faces of our sisters and brothers in war-torn parts of the world, who will experience this Christmas in the dark and cold, far from their homes due to the disruption caused by conflict.'
(Prayer composed by the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre in Colchester and Chelmsford)

Fr Jock, Deacon Eddie, the Pastoral Team and the parishioners of our two parishes would like to welcome all visitors to our sister parishes here for the festive season, and to offer blessings – in a world sadly riven by war - for a truly peaceful Christmas and a fruitful New Year, full of Hope.

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who have so generously given of themselves and their gifts in the preparations for our celebrations – whether it has been helping prepare the churches or the liturgies, livestreaming them, assisting at them in many different ways, and in providing refreshments in the Halls after them...



Fr Jock and Deacon Eddie and the Parish House Team would also personally like to express their gratitude for the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes they have received.

A warm welcome and our thanks to Fr Jim Smith, concelebrating our Christmas Masses (and celebrating Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this coming week) **who has contributed so much to our parishes in the last year.**

This Wednesday – 27 December – we celebrate the Feast of St John the Evangelist, St John’s Patronal Feast, with Mass at **10.30am**, followed by a little celebration in the Hall afterwards – everyone (from both parishes) most welcome.

A message from the J&P Group - Water for a Village – Update

Last week we reported that donations from our parish communities amounted to £309 and were hoping to achieve £600 which the J&P Group would then match to achieve the target £1200. In fact, thanks to the generous response from so many of you, **the total has surged to an incredible £1371** with more donations still coming in!

A huge **thank you** for your open-hearted response. **We are keeping the appeal open to see if we can push the total closer to £2000 – who knows, miracles can happen!**

A reminder of the background to our appeal: ‘As per the last two years, we have embraced the challenge offered by **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.’

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE will take place on Thursday 11 and Thursday 18 January at 7.30pm in the Parish House... if you would like a child baptised, please make contact with Fr Jock.

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*May the infant Saviour bless you
His mother guide your way
And may their love enfold you
Today and every day*

joy!

THIS WEEK

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 ← *the only Mass on Sunday morning for both churches!*

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

Tuesday 26 December – FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

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

Wednesday 27 December – PATRONAL FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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

10.30am – St John’s – **Mass** – livestreamed – **followed by tea and coffee and mince pies in the Hall.**

Thursday 28 December – FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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

Friday 29 December

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

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

Saturday 30 December - 6.30pm – St John’s – Vigil Mass – livestreamed

Sunday 31 December – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene’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 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 – Rabbi Abraham Heschel

Teacher and Prophet (1907-1972) – Feast Day: 23 December

"I did not ask for success; I asked for wonder. And You gave it to me."



Abraham Heschel was born in Warsaw in 1907. Descended from a long line of Hasidic rabbis, it was his destiny to take his place among them. Nevertheless, he resisted the will of his family when he chose to leave his enclosed community to explore the wisdom of the outside world. He studied philosophy in Warsaw and then at the University of Berlin, where he received a doctorate in 1933. Though he was never again at home in the Jewish ghetto, he did not dispense with his Orthodox faith. Rather, he believed it was his special vocation to connect two worlds: the mystical world of Hasidic Judaism and the modern world of *"man in search of meaning."*

Heschel succeeded Martin Buber in his chair at Frankfurt. But in 1938, as a foreign Jew, he was expelled from Germany and forced to return to Warsaw. He was fortunate to escape the city just weeks before the Nazi invasion in 1939. He made his way to London and eventually to the United States, where he remained for the rest of his life, teaching in a series of Jewish as well as Christian seminaries. Though he wrote relatively little about the Holocaust, his writing was deeply affected by his brush with this modern manifestation of evil. As he wrote, *"I am a brand plucked from the fire, in which my people was burned to death."*

Through a series of books published in the 1950s Heschel emerged as one of the significant religious voices of his time. His writings contributed greatly to the spiritual renewal of Judaism. *"A Jew,"* he wrote, *"is asked to take a leap of action rather than a leap of thought. He is asked to surpass his deeds, to do more than he understands in order to understand more than he does."* But Heschel exerted an almost equal influence on Christians, so much that he was called another "apostle to the gentiles." His writings recalled Christians to their Jewish roots and their common faith in the God of Israel.

Heschel was a passionate champion of interfaith dialogue and cooperation. *"No religion,"* he wrote, *"is an island. We are all involved with one another."* And *"God is greater than religion."* Heschel was particularly influential in challenging the Catholic Church to overcome the harmful legacy of anti-Semitism. He met with Popes John XXIII and Paul VI and was an official observer at the Second Vatican Council. There his influence was felt in the council's historic statement on the church's kinship with Judaism.

With his bushy beard and aura of holiness, Heschel gave the vivid appearance of a biblical prophet. Indeed, his study 'The Prophets' is a modern classic. He emphasized in that work that the prophet was not a fortune-teller but someone who identified with and communicated the pathos of God. In the 1960s Heschel's vocation as a prophet was tested against the challenges of war and social justice. He was a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., and took a prominent place in the protest against racism. He was also an early critic of the Vietnam War, noting, *"To speak about God and remain silent on Vietnam is blasphemous."* Explaining his engagement in political issues, he referred to the lessons he had learned from the prophets:

"that, morally speaking, there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings, that indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, that in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

Faithful to his Hasidic roots, Heschel managed to communicate to a largely secular world a sense of *"the holy dimension of all existence."* He had a poetic knack for communicating whole volumes in a single phrase: *"To pray is to dream in league with God, to envision His holy visions."* Heschel's religion did not represent an escape to another world but a deep sense of responsibility to this world and its questions and needs. *"We are not asked to abandon life and to say farewell to this world, but to keep the spark within aflame, and to suffer His light to reflect in our face."*

He had written of the prophets that because they are ultimately motivated by love, their message often begins with denunciation but concludes with hope. This too characterized Heschel's message. Shortly before his death he taped a television interview, which he concluded with some words for young people: *"Remember that there is meaning beyond absurdity. Know that every deed counts, that every word is power.... Above all, remember that you must build your life as if it were a work of art."* Heschel died on December 23, 1972.

See: Abraham Heschel, I Asked for Wonder: A Spiritual Anthology, ed. Samuel H. Dresner (New York: Crossroad, 1993); Franklin Sherman, The Promise of Heschel (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1970).

Wonderful and prophetic words for us all at Christmas and for our hurting world found in a hymn composed by John Bell and Graham Maule:

*Who would think that what was needed
To transform and save the earth
Might not be a plan or army,
Proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision,
That a child could lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven,
Coming here on Christmas Day.*

NOTICEBOARD

WE'RE SORRY IF YOU'RE COLD IN ST JOHN'S BUT...

the Background to the Need to replace the Gas Central Heating System

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 last week, we were alerted by the alarm going off that something was wrong. When **Lothian Heating**, our engineers, 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 have now appointed a specialist consultant to advise us as to the best way forward. They will be visiting us in the New Year. Once they have advised us, 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... **we have, at least, managed to buy an industrial heater nearly twice the size/power of the heater we had rented for last weekend.**

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...

From Archbishop Leo's Weekly 'Ad Clerum'

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/

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/archholyland. Find out more about its work at www.friendsoftheholyland.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

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

Job vacancy - The Archdiocese is looking to recruit an Estates Surveyor (full-time). The role holder should have significant property related experience and ideally be RICS qualified. For details and how to apply visit archedinburgh.org/vacancy-estates-surveyor. Closing date for applications is Monday 13 January.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024 - Explore the richness and depth of our Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics from the Archdiocese, led by Sr Miriam Ruth Ryan RSM. Tune in each Thursday at 7:30pm for an expert-led Zoom Webinar. Includes guided readings, one-to-one support and a retreat. The course begins on Thursday **25 January 2024**. Visit bit.ly/archdiploma2024. Questions? Please contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk.

Explore God's will - Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the first one takes place on Sunday **28 January**, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues same time/venue: 25 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 12 May and 22 June. To register email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Save the date I - The Archdiocesan Music Day is on Saturday **27 January 2024** at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It is for those who contribute to the liturgy in their parish through music and/or singing, as well as for anyone interested in finding out more about sacred music. Details to follow soon.

Save the date II - The Archdiocesan Valentine's Retreat for Married and engaged couples will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, on Saturday **10 February 2024**. Details to follow soon.



*I will light candles this Christmas
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage where fear is ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.*

— Howard Thurman

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LUKE 1:26-38

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

Next time you find yourself gently cursing over your slow internet download speed, or the absence of decent 5G coverage, spare a thought for the NASA controllers working out of Cape Canaveral as they continue to stay in communication with Voyager 1. Launched in 1977, the Voyager 1 craft is charged with exploring the outer Solar System. She is currently fifteen billion miles away and travelling at 38,000 miles per hour. Any radio signal from earth takes 23 hours to arrive at the craft with her responses taking the same amount of time to travel back. This is frustrating for the flight control team, some of whom were born after Voyager 1 left the security of earth's atmosphere. She has three computers on board. Recently they have been sending data, that can only be seen as gibberish, back to earth. Scientist here sent messages to the craft in an attempt to re-programme the computer but must wait almost 48 hours to see whether or not the 'solution has worked.' Not quite the recommendation that we often received from the technical helpline: *: Log off, unplug the computer from the wall and wait a couple of minutes before re-booting.* You just have enough time to put a kettle on. (Boil some water for tea, that is - rather than squeezing into a kettle and walking round the kitchen singing 'I'm a little teapot, short and stout! In 1977, the computers on board Voyager 1 were cutting edge. Now they are considered to have less computing power than a modern key fob that enables you to locate your car in a crowded car park, start the engine remotely, turn on the heating/defrost programme so that you never have to enter an icy car. Here in Hexham, we each have a separate key fob so that the car 'knows' which one of us is driving. Gone are the days of arguing which one forgot to slide the seat back, for having identified the driver, the fob ensures that the seat position is in the correct configuration, the rear-view mirror at the right angle – and more importantly the heated seat is at the designated individual temperature. You can hear your inner Victor Meldrew complaining *I don't believe it!* In less than 50 years, the power held in our hands by a tiny key fob leaves us awestruck and is more powerful than the computers on board Voyager 1.

The contrast between the 'power' of that key fob versus the rudimentary computers aboard Voyager 1 are not dissimilar to the process of personal spiritual growth as we prepare for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As primary school pupils, eager thespians in School Nativity Plays as we were, we, like St Paul, *thought like a child, and spoke like a child and reasoned like a child.* Now we are adults, and *all childish ways are put behind us.* (1 Cor 13:11). If last week's exhortation was to embrace silence, this week's is one of using that silence to explore the mystery and majesty of the Godhead. Where, last week I shared with you the "Wow" of watching the Geminid Meteor shower, this week we further deepen that understanding and desire to know more about the sheer vastness of God's creation, willed into existence from a state of nothingness so that we may look and marvel and see the God of Love, the God who chose to enter our time/space continuum as a small, giggling, burping and gurgling, helpless baby, totally dependent on the love of his very young mother and very confused 'father.' *Being a man of honour, Joseph decided to divorce Mary informally*' (Matthew 1:18-25).

Whether we enjoy the faithful trust and acceptance of Mary, or the questioning doubts of Joseph, the Christmas message speaks to all. Both speak of the importance of walking with God. It's time to leave the comfort blanket of the 6-year-old and step into God's infinity. We cannot comprehend 15 billion miles or 38,000 miles per hour, but these figures barely scratch the mystery of God. Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, in obedience to his communist masters proudly stated *I did not see God up there* when asked what his journey had been like. Perhaps he was looking as a six-year-old and not as someone who had grown in the wisdom and knowledge of God.

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Brian O'Keefe - Christine Bird
Ilona Brockbank*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Agnes Prior - Hew Dalrymple
Ann Dockrell - George Service
Alice Taylor - Liz Collins
Palmina Crolla - John Waugh
Fr John Harding OFM - Joe Kane*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Dec.23: Cecelia McIntyre (2011); Alice Taylor (2006); Francis Rooney Snr.; George & Esther Waters; the Clyne, Harrison, Laurie & Lynch families; **Dec.24:** Tom Brennan (1985); Elizabeth Welby (1964); Anne B Gallagher (1948); James McGravie; John Scally; **Dec.25:** Joe Kark (2021); William T Pringle (2007); Francis Skey (1993); Arthur Scholan (1991); James Cordery (1989); John Callaghan (1988); Hugh Docherty (1985); Mary E Sweeney (1984); Raymond Demarco (1980); (Baby) Carol Begg (1952); **Dec.26:** Joe Kane (2021); Iris Murphy (2015); Marjory Graham (2007); Ian Holligan (1997); James Moran (1981); Mary Fusco (1948); David Headspeath; **Dec.27:** Palmina Crolla (2018); Alexandrina Bell (2000); Joseph Mullan (1978); James O'Brien Sen.(1960); Joseph Mullan Sen. (1936); Margaret McGuire (1970); Maria Rossi; **Dec.29:** John Waugh (2021); Isobel O'Neill (2016); Dennis Sstrom (2003); Agnes O'Donnell (1975); Annie Kirk (1962); Jackie Flynn; Marion Napier;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Dec.23: Eddie Kerr (2009); Roseanne Barclay (1992); Michael Boyle (1970); **Dec.25:** John Damer (1997); Cecilia Stewart (1992); **Dec.26:** Loretta Cannon (1996); James Smith (1982); **Dec.29:** Ann Dockrell (2022); Mark Cunningham (2009);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Linda Fuller, Jimi Boyle, Robert Clark, Kathleen Brown, Sheila Tansey, Pat Gilmartin, John Cregan, Charlotte and Fred McGregor, Baby Grayson McNally, Irene Flynn, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Anne Thomson, Janet Cunningham, David Reid, Eddie and 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, Mike Noonan, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Sheelagh Dobson, Chloe Sutherland, Nora Bruce, Ruth Vizor, 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

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Canon Andrew Monaghan, Jim Gray, Baby Thomas Hayward, Jacob Green (aged 13), Pat Campanile, Sr Joan McGuinness, Jill Harvey, Barbara Duff, Stephen Hirt, Mireille McNab (aged 13), Michelle Lee, Fiona and George McDermott, 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, John Curran, Saramma Samuel, Margaret Troupe, 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.

Offertory 17 December 2023

St Mary Magdalene's, £321.00 total, including £185.00 Offertory and £136 Gift Aid.

St John's, £1435.70 total, including £315.70 Offertory, £375.00 Gift Aid, and £745.00 online donations.

THANK YOU!