

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

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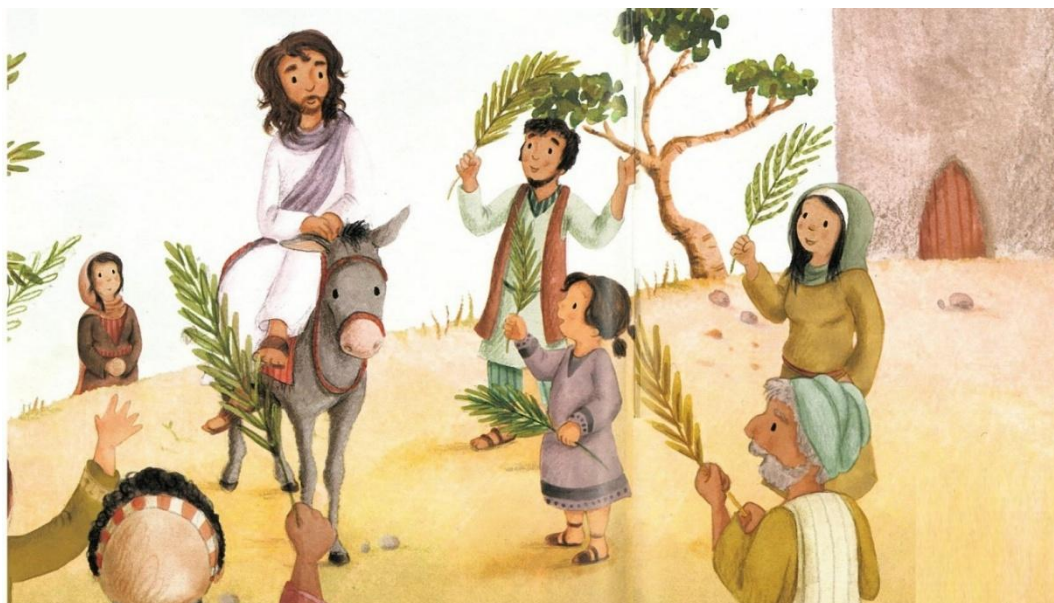
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## 13 APRIL 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



The whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

(Luke 19: 37-38)

*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 and Lebanon and Syria and in Ukraine, and indeed in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and in all the wars and conflicts in our world... We pray especially that the ceasefire in Gaza might be reinstated and for positive diplomatic developments in Jerusalem/Washington/Kiev/Moscow....and we continue to pray for dear Pope Francis, ...*

**This Sunday is Palm Sunday ... and our Lenten journey culminates in the Services of Holy Week.** We encourage you to join in all the services of the 'Triduum' (literally, the three great days' – from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday - and also Monday's Ecumenical Stations... **Please pray** especially for our **five catechumens, Jamie Archibald, Ryan Atha, Dean Giambianco, Rebekah Hood and Stacey Johnston;** and our **three candidates, Duncan Cullimore, Heather Murphy and Alexandra Stefan,** who are preparing for their baptism/ reception, confirmation, and first communion at the Easter Vigil.

*'For the followers of Jesus to celebrate the passion and death of the Lord is a demonstration of heartfelt gratitude to, and joyful worship of, the incredible love of God, and a call to live like Jesus in solidarity with all crucified victims' – Jose Pagola*

## AN EMERGENCY LEAVING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN MYANMAR

A powerful earthquake struck Myanmar on Friday 28 March, reportedly killing at least 3,600 people and injuring over 5,500. Communities are in urgent need of aid as the number of people affected continues to rise. The earthquakes have struck when there is already a dire humanitarian crisis in Myanmar, making food shortages and the lack of clean water worse. Many communities are still struggling to recover from catastrophic flooding that had impacted half the country. They are also facing extreme heat with temperatures soaring above 40 degrees Celsius. And all this in the midst of a bitter civil war.

Working through trusted local organisations on the ground, SCIAF's network partners are providing life-saving assistance, including water, food, shelter and other essential items to those most in need.

Thanks to our trusted local partners through the Caritas Internationalis network, we are able to respond swiftly and effectively, providing essential supplies and services to those who have lost everything.

There will be a leaving collection after each of the Masses this weekend or alternatively, you can donate online at [sciaf.org.uk/Myanmar](http://sciaf.org.uk/Myanmar)

*Many of the readers of this newsletter appreciate the weekly Reflection on the Readings from Fr Jock's 'Northumberland friend'. He has just written a short story for us for this Holy Week about Pilate and his wife – which will be available free at the back of both our churches.' Click [HERE](#) if you want to read it online....*

**Fr Jock is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** after morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 14-16 April, and any time by appointment.

**Flyers for Holy Week and Easter** - If you receive this newsletter by email, one of the attachments is a flyer for the Holy Week Services... please print off one or two and hand to friends who might be interested in coming along to one of our services. Alternatively, if you are at Mass this weekend, please pick up two or three hard copies and, again, share with your neighbours and friends (**even if you did so last week!**). Thank you...'



**Please remember to return your SCIAF 'Wee Boxes'** during Holy Week – ideally before Holy Thursday – so they can be included in that evening's Offertory Procession.

**Those attending the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** (on Monday night at St John's at 7.30pm) **and the Easter Vigil** (also at St John's) are encouraged to bring **small torches**/mobile phones (on silent...!) in order to be able to participate while the Church is in darkness.

**Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper** (7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's): **those attending are asked to consider the possibility of participating in the footwashing that takes place after the Gospel**, following the example of Jesus at the Last Supper, and his words – 'Blessed are you if you do likewise.'.... There'll also be the opportunity of handwashing, for those who prefer.

**Watching with Jesus in Gethsemane** (till 11.00pm) – The Altar of Repose will be in St Mary Magdalene's side chapel.

### A Request for Child Readers at the Good Friday Children's Stations Friday 18 April: 9.30am: St John's Church

**Katrin Ottersbach writes:** 'The Good Friday Children's Service is a lovely take on the story of Good Friday but at the children's level. There are 14 Stations and 2 Readings for which we are looking for readers. They are simple and short - therefore we would welcome participation from children of any age. It may be of particular interest to the Sacramental children in P3, 4 and 7. The service should last no longer than 1 hour.

**Should your child be available to read, please contact Katrin ([katrin.ottersbach@ed.ac.uk](mailto:katrin.ottersbach@ed.ac.uk)).**

**At the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy (3.00pm – St John's), as you enter you will be offered a stone.** Later in the service, when we process to venerate the Cross, we will have the opportunity of leaving 'our' stone in one of the baskets at the foot of the Cross – **a symbolic way to leave our cares and worries at the feet of our Saviour, crucified out of love for us.**

***THE EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MASS – 11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's***

*'Join us for Easter Sunday Celebrations at St Mary Magdalene's! Arrive by 10.40am to join in the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet decorating. After Mass join in the Easter Disco Hour - no age limit'*

## **THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 12 April -6.30pm – St John's – Vigil Mass – *livestreamed*** – with procession from the Hall

**Sunday 13 April – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with P3/P4 Children – *livestreamed*** – with procession from Brighton Park

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass – *livestreamed*** – with procession from the Courtyard.

**Monday 14 April**

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

10.35am – St John's Hall – **April Coffee Morning** (*in aid of SightSavers*)

11.15am – Seafield Cemetery – **Burial of Carole Blair**

6.00pm – ZOOM - **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/4ctxDUA>

7.30pm – St John's – **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross – *livestreamed***

**Tuesday 15 April**

**9.45am** [NB Change of Time] – St John's – **Mass – *livestreamed***

7.00pm – St Mary's Cathedral – **CHRISM MASS**

**Wednesday 16 April**

9.10am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

10.35am – St John's – **Stations of the Cross**

6.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Retreat**

**Thursday 17 April – THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass of the Lord Supper** (and Watching in the Garden of Gethsemane / Day Chapel concluding with **Night Prayer at 11.00pm**) - *livestreamed*

**Friday 18 April – FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

9.30am – St John's – **Children's Stations of the Cross – *livestreamed***

10.20am – **Walk of Witness towards PJPC and back to St John's**

10.45am – St John's – **Ecumenical Service – *livestreamed***

3.00pm – St John's – **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – *livestreamed***

7.30pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Stations of the Cross – *livestreamed***

**Saturday 19 April – HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST**

10.00am – St John's – **Office of Readings and Morning Prayer**

**Saturday 19 April – THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

8.30pm – St John's – **Easter Vigil with Baptisms, Receptions, Confirmations and First Communions – *livestreamed*** – followed by an **Easter Party** in the Hall

**Sunday 20 April – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

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

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



## **‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Blessed Vilmos Apor**

### *Hungarian Catholic Bishop and Martyr (1892-1945) – Feast Day: 1 April*

*"I offer all my sufferings for others, as an atonement. I ask the Lord not to hold the crimes they commit against the Church in their blindness, against them. The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep."*



Vilmos was born in Transylvania, the mountainous region of northern Romania. His father was Baron Gabor Apor, his mother was Countess Palffy, and he was the seventh of their eight children. His mother was very devout and ensured that the children had a thorough religious education. Vilmos was educated by the Jesuits from the age of ten and in 1910 went to study theology at Innsbruck University in Austria. He was ordained priest in 1915 and served as a curate in the Hungarian town of Gyula, near the present Romanian border.

In the First World War he was sent to the Italian front, where his already strong commitment to the poor was strengthened by the suffering he saw. He returned to Gyula after the war and became parish priest. Romania went on fighting against Hungary and Romanian soldiers occupied the town, deporting Hungarian prisoners inside Romania. Vilmos interceded successfully with Queen Mary of Romania for their release. More lasting problems he set out to tackle were a decline in church attendance (often through poverty), unemployment during the depression of the 1930s, and relations with other churches. He improved the latter so significantly that when he was

appointed bishop of Győr in 1940, the dean of the Reformed Church in Gyula spoke of the *"golden age of denominational peace"* he had created and upheld for twenty-five years.

As bishop, he saw at once that the persecution of the Jews in Hungary was the worst problem facing him. He protested constantly against their deportation and sheltered refugees. In 1944, when Jews were being sent to death camps in their thousands, he wrote to the minister of the interior: *"I protest before God, Hungary, and the world against these measures, which are in contradiction to human rights."* He went to German headquarters to protest; he wrote to the prime minister and heads of local authorities, asking to be allowed to visit the Jews held in captivity. Everything was refused, and he was threatened with imprisonment.

On Whitsunday of 1944 he preached again against the treatment of the Jews, saying that everyone who allows torture must be regarded as a pagan, *"even if he boasts of being a Christian."* Writing to a fellow-bishop, he declared, *"One cannot tolerate anti-Semitism. It must be condemned from the Pope down to the least of the bishops. ... One must state openly that nobody must be persecuted for the blood in his veins. What Jews are undergoing is genocide. ..."* Again, his protests fell on deaf ears, and more Jews were deported to their deaths.

When the Russians advanced into Hungary in autumn 1944, he gathered some three or four hundred refugees in the cellars of his vast bishop's palace, which he equipped with food supplies and generators. It was not until Holy Week 1945 that the Russians engaged the Germans in Győr. He personally welcomed the Russian troops but would not allow them to molest his refugees. On the evening of Good Friday some drunken soldiers started to abuse a young woman. She called to the bishop for help, and he stood in front of her. The soldiers fired at him and wounded him seriously. He could not be taken to hospital in time to prevent his wounds from becoming infected, and he died on Easter Monday. He was buried in the Carmelite church, as the cathedral was too badly damaged. Devotion to him spread quickly, especially among refugees, and in 1986 the authorities allowed his body to be moved to the rebuilt cathedral. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in November 1997 and remains an outstanding example, a martyr to the cause of racial harmony and the plight of refugees, issues that once more trouble and disfigure the world.

*from Paul Burns' Butler's Saint for the Day*

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP):**  
By phone or text: 07752682213 - email: [svpedineast@gmail.com](mailto:svpedineast@gmail.com)

### *Offertory 5/6 April 2025:*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £270.58 total**, including £139.58 Offertory, £55.00 Gift Aid and £76.00 weekly average online donations. **St John's, £1528.20 total**, including £330.20 Offertory, £148.00 Gift Aid, and £1050.00 weekly average online donations.

**Tanya White writes:** “Grateful thanks to everyone for your thoughts, lovely cards and prayers as I literally try to get back on my feet. I’m relaxing in the holidays and enjoying my box of teas!”

**Agnieszka Kiersztejn writes:** ‘We are very happy to announce that the **Polish Bake Sale** we held last week raised **£450.00** for the *StekaSkills’ Woman’s Hostel in Malawi*. We are particularly thankful to all our fellow parishioners, friends and relatives who came along and joined us after the Sunday Masses. We could not expect such participation and generosity. Thank you’.

## Sing-along

Thursday 24 April – 2.00pm-4.00pm – St Mary Magdalene’s Church Hall



Do you like to sing? Come and join us  
Just for fun!  
Everyone welcome!  
Sing Songs we all know and love.  
Keyboard player to help us along.  
Words provided.



## A Celebration of the life of Fr Tommy Greenan

Thursday 8 May – 7.00pm – St Mary’s Cathedral

The story of the Portobello priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary’s Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday 8 May at 7:00pm.

Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death.

The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

## CLUSTER PARISHES’ JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE - Save the Date: Saturday, May 10



*Angie Brack and Fr. Piotr Krakowiak SAC write:* ‘Our 5 cluster parishes, St. Teresa’s, St. Mary Magdalene’s, St. John’s, St. Ninian’s, and St. Mary, Star of the Sea - are organizing a Pilgrimage of Hope on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Parishioners are invited to walk as much or as little of the route as they wish or are able to. Those unable to walk but still wishing to participate are welcome to use bicycles or share car/public transport. The main pilgrimage route covers approximately 8.5 km, with an optional extension to St. Mary’s Cathedral, bringing the total distance to 10 km. We will begin at 10:00am from St. Teresa’s, stopping

at each church in our Cluster along the way at designated times, and concluding around 4:00pm. Final details regarding timings and routes will be shared in the coming weeks. We look forward to this special cluster event and encourage all parishioners to take part in this 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of Hope, visiting and connecting with our wider community and praying for peace in the world and in our hearts.’

**Fr Jock writes:** ‘We are looking for two teams, one to act as ‘hosts’ at St Mary Magdalene’s, the other at St John’s to the pilgrims on the day – if anyone is interested (and open to coming to the planning meeting Saturday 5 April at 10.30am at the Parish House), please do contact Jennifer Morris or myself...’



**EDINBURGH JESUIT CHURCH**  
The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart

**On Good Friday**, some young adults from the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart will make a Holy Year walking pilgrimage, “**Seven Sacred Sanctuaries**”, around seven city churches. Gathering at 09.00, with coffee and donuts, the pilgrimage follows a planned route with a stop for prayer at various city churches, including St.Mary’s Cathedral, St.Columba’s and St.Albert’s, returning to Lauriston Street in time for the 3pm solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion. Pilgrims will bring a packed lunch. All are welcome (but do, please, let us know if you’re joining us on [ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ejcyoungadults@jesuit.org.uk)).

## Wise Words on Holy Week taken from another parish newsletter and adapted for our use

*'If you do not usually attend Mass on Maundy Thursday or Holy Saturday, or the Passion on Good Friday, I would definitely encourage you to try it this year. The celebrations are long and take our time and effort, but they are irreplaceable, rich, beautiful. The importance of Holy Week is summed up by the little phrase the priest uses at the start of the Palm Sunday liturgy: "Let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life". 'Partakers' is the mot juste. Holy Week is not just any old festival, it is a sacramental participation in the life and death of the Lord Jesus Himself.*

*We "follow in his footsteps" in two ways that are interconnected. The first way is by really celebrating the Word of God in a very serious manner. Throughout the different liturgies, we eat a veritable banquet of the Scripture, comprising all the greatest mysteries of our life, from the creation of the world to the last hours of Jesus' earthly life, His death, and His rising. At the same time, we enact those mysteries through liturgical action engaging our senses: the waving of palms, the washing of feet, the veneration of the Cross, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, and so on.*

*Secondly, we "follow in his footsteps" by letting this Word change our hearts. For example, spending time in meditation before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday is not just remembering Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, but it is really joining with Him there, praying for the whole world and asking for the strength to die to sin with Him. Celebrating the blessing of the font at the Easter Vigil is not just a recalling of baptism, but a real refreshing of our baptismal grace that flows from the life of the Rising Christ Himself.*

*Holy Week marks and shapes our Christian life entirely. At Easter, we will all renew our commitment to God as Christians, and the Holy Spirit will mark our eight catechumens and candidates, making them full members of the Church's family. They will receive the Lord who was crucified and became our food for the first time in the Eucharist, just as we celebrate Christ, the New Passover, who is sacrificed. Holy Week is not just thinking about salvation - it is actually about being saved. At the end of the Easter Vigil, the priest blesses the people saying: "Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy." We pray that, with Christians around the world, we will celebrate this week as fully as we can - and that we will celebrate it one day, not in sacraments, but in the presence of the Holy Trinity itself, with the saints in heaven. We pray especially this year for Christians in the Holy Land, and in our parish for our five catechumens, Jamie Archibald, Ryan Atha, Dean Giamblanco, Rebekah Hood and Stacey Johnston, and our three candidates, Duncan Cullimore, Heather Murphy and Alexandra Stefan.'*

## FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

**Stations of the Cross** - Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Bishop Frank Dougan of the Diocese of Galloway. This **Monday (14 April)** at 7:45pm. Register: [bit.ly/stations25](https://bit.ly/stations25)

**Fundraising concert** - A Performance of *Pergolesi Stabat Mater* by Genevieve Evans and Emma Hocking takes place at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:30pm on **Monday 14 April**. Entry is free with retiring donations to support the Schola Cantorum's singing in Rome in May 2025.

**Chrism Mass** - The Mass of Chrism in the Archdiocese will be celebrated on **Tuesday of Holy Week (15 April)** at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm. At this Solemn Mass Archbishop Cushley will bless the Oils to be used in parish celebrations of the Sacraments for the year ahead, while priests renew the promises made at ordination. All are welcome as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

**Parent Forum** - The next Archdiocesan Parent Forum will take place on **Wednesday 23 April** at 7:00pm. This meeting **will now be online**, and all Parent Council Chairpersons and Parish Representatives are invited. If you haven't received an invite or confirmed your attendance, please email [melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk](mailto:melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk)

**Assisted Suicide** - The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please visit [carenotkilling.uk/petition](https://carenotkilling.uk/petition) to sign the petition and email your MP in a few simple clicks.

**Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh** - SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on **Saturday 26 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: [bit.ly/proliferosary25](https://bit.ly/proliferosary25)

Events in the Archdiocese - For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

# A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY - Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15, 47

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

When Eyeliner Vance and the Orange President ganged up like playground bullies against Volodymyr Zelensky live on worldwide TV, most rational people looked on agog. Embarrassing didn't come close as an adjective. Two were speaking in their mother tongue, the third was obliged to defend his corner (and his country) in his third language. One point was particularly telling – and was only picked up by two of the attending press corps. The President of USA was bemoaning the loss of life, on both sides of the conflict – adding with his usual penchant for hyperbole – that millions and millions of lives were being lost. He was shifting the blame inexorably towards the Ukrainian side lest he offend his big buddy Vladimir Putin. Zelensky spoke up and reminded those assembled: “We are all going to die, Mr President!” The expression on Donald Trump's face spoke volumes – almost as if the issue of his own mortality had been introduced to him for the very first time in his life. His change of facial expression was quickly followed by a change in his whole demeanour and the meeting descended into a saga of Faustian proportions. The bullying intensified. Anyone with a heart sided emotionally with Volodymyr Zelensky. Everyone yearned for the fiasco to end. Final result: Human Edification Nil – Human Degradation Ten.

Many of us have known the excitement accompanying the arrival of a new-born baby. For a few days and weeks, the new-born is indeed the centre of everyone's attention, the epicentre of the family universe. We make every effort to ensure that older siblings are not pushed out, made to feel less – but the real attention remains focussed on the perfectly formed fingers and toes, the first contortions of a smile – or was it wind? As the child grows, he or she learns that despite first impressions they are not the centre of the universe after all – a lesson seemingly lost on some that spring to mind. The minefield of sibling rivalry has to be negotiated and then there is the awakening afforded by nursery, and primary school. As we grow, we learn that we are given a **service** to offer. We have a specific role to play, an explicit place in this great cosmos – we will spend a lifetime trying to identify it – but what a journey: a miraculous sequence of sacred moments, each to be grabbed with both hands and lived to the full – not for our own enrichment, but for the enhancement of the lives of all around us. Most of us negotiate this journey, if not with flying colours, then at least with a level of competency. Ofsted sometimes refers to a school's performance as ‘adequate’. To some this represents a condemnation. My hope is, that when I stand before God, I will have at least reached the standard of ‘adequate’. There is always room for improvement – but adequate means I will have, at least, done my duty, given my service.

If we are full of self-importance, we can see ourselves as little gods. When that happens, we have less room for the God of all Creation. This weekend, Paul writes: *“His state was divine, yet Christ did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as human beings are.”* This emptying of self is essential if we are to become individuals of genuine humility and holiness. Bad things come our way. We don't set out to be personally bad, but on occasion, we will face personal tragedy: a diagnosis of cancer, the premature death of a younger family member, the death of our spouse. When these events occur, we find ourselves no longer in control. We want to scream – but above all we want to be back in control of events and life, back in the centre of our world. Things won't be the same again because things can't be. We learn to let go – we have no choice but to let go and let God.

Donald Trump famously told us that he reads the Bible ‘a lot’. I will hazard a guess that if he had not encountered the notion of mortality before his hissy fit with President Zelensky, then he has never read Paul's letter to the Philippians either. For the first three years of his public ministry, Jesus went where he pleased. He was in control of his own life. He freely set out for Jerusalem: once there, he was betrayed in the Garden. Hereon in he is no longer in control of events. Events are in control of him.

His response is one of love and acceptance. *“Father, let this cup pass me by; nevertheless, let your will not mine be done”*. He leaves an example that we might follow. More importantly he gives us his example as the recipe for peace of mind and contentment. We can let go, live in the moment and embrace our individual mortality – therein lies the path to peace and fulfilment.

# PARISH REGISTER

*Many congratulations to Donna and Allan Buchan, who celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday 12 April*

*Warm birthday greetings to Susan Cammack, 65 last Thursday 10 April (not 70 as last week's newsletter erroneously suggested...!)*

*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Lilian Renshaw - Anthony Roberts*

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

*James Igoe - Frank Bell - Mary Cole  
Moira Scoular - George Mackay Brown  
Michael Hunter - Bill Canning  
Isa McAfferty - Pat McNally  
Nessie Cairns - Christine Allan  
John Freeman - Anita Marcantonio  
Eric McFadyen*

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

Pope Francis, young Francesca Flanagan, Bronagh McCourt, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Mike Foy, Fr John Chadwick, Simon Cook, Diana Williams, Dr Grier Gordon, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Vicky Driscoll, Mian Astill, Stuart and Patricia Falconer, Neil Turner, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Shirley Robertson, Anne Morris, Damian Mulvenna, Richard Reid, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Fr John Hennebery OSA, Peter Hughes, Jean Fraser, Alasdair Mackay, Alison Padley, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, Eileen Ryan, David Miller, Tom Cullimore, David Paterson, Kay Leslie, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Anne Claveirole, Sr Helen McLaughlin, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztejn, Veronica Monbieni, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Caitriona Stark, Pat O'Kelly, Jean Cooper, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Mary McCormack, Helen Bird, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, King Charles, Elizabeth McKenzie, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Mag Farnon, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 14), Pat Campanile, Jill Harvey, Mireille McNab (aged 14), Michelle Lee, Roger Bromley, Saramma Samuel, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tom Heeney, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John Havard, Ellen Green, Sophie Robinson, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), Alan Proudlock, Evelyn Walsh, Eunice McDonald, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Michael Doherty, Jean Wylie, Angela Khan, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 7), Jennifer Kay, Kazim Kazimoglu, Jan Meise, Tony Rigg, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Sr Margaret Mary, Betty Blyth, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

## *Anniversaries:*

### **St John's:**

**Apr.12:** Mary Quadbeck (2006); Alexander Holligan (1998); Elizabeth Meagher (1998); Janet Clark (1990); **Apr.13:** Bert Tow (2020); John Heron (2000); Michael Gilmartin (1994); John Burns (1945); **Apr.14:** Bunny Scoular (2016); Charles McCann (1998); Edmund Francis Flannigan (1992); Kathleen Scott (1986); **Apr.15:** John Freeman (2023); Josephine Day (2018); James P Igoe (2007); Richard Thompson (2001); Alexandrina R Mackay (2000); Mary Rae (1985); James Ward Sen. (1956); Andrew Mannering; **Apr.16:** Margaret Watret (2020); Elizabeth Delaney (2000); Veronica Rowley (1995); Elizabeth F Demarco (1985); Catherine O'Brien (1958); Mrs Duffy (1956); **Apr.17:** Michael Hunter (2022); Agnes Adamson (1990); John Rae Sen. (1976); Julia Lacey (1941); **Apr.18:** Anita Marcantonio (2024); Eric McFadyen (2023); Robert Hazlett (1998);

### **St Mary Magdalene's:**

**Apr.12:** Aileen McKay (2023); Jean Newlands (1972); **Apr.13:** Margaret Duff (2024); Mary Cole (2023); Margaret Mills (2014); Janet Christie (1998); **Apr.14:** Teresa Vivien (1980); **Apr.15:** John Dubosz (1980); **Apr.16:** Pat McNally (2009); John O'Hara (2006);

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

### **St. John's:**

Simon Hall, Gena Gallagher, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, Pamela Hanlon, Mike and John Lawler, Sheila Tansey, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Moira McCafferty, Helen Kilgour, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, John Flanagan, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, Jimmy Curnyn, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Ann Dobie, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

### **St Mary Magdalene's:**

Alison Connelly, Peggy Ferguson, Maureen Scott, Julie Keegan, Jean McNally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, Tom Kay, Eleanor Campanile, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, Tom Bauld, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Bridget Malone, Margaret Ryan, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Jude Ferguson and James Muir.