

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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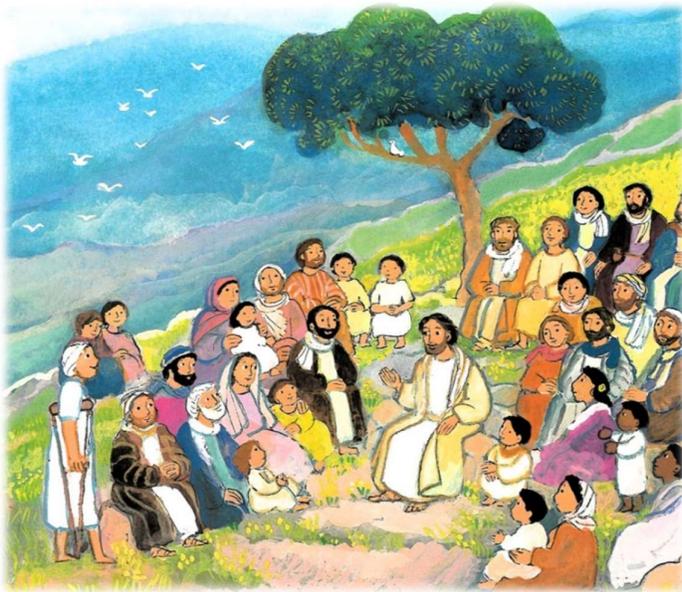
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16 FEBRUARY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people ...

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God...'

(from Luke 6:17.20-26)

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 in all the wars and conflicts in our world...

We pray especially that the ceasefire in Gaza might happen and hold.

Our condolences to the Sacred Heart Sisters at Lauder Lodge as they mourn Sr Monica Macdonald who died very peacefully in her early 90's last Thursday morning.

Today, 16 February, at the end of the 9.30am Mass at St John's we will welcome **eight Maasai warriors**, who will sing a post communion reflection and then join us in the Hall to sing some gospel songs. They will have performed at the Town Hall on the Saturday night at a Fundraising Ceilidh for the **Osiligi Maasai Children Foundation in Kenya** and were keen to sing in a local church.

'The charity was started to help a Maasai community in Southern Kenya, but our projects are now across the whole of Kenya, helping families out of poverty through education, health and local clean water and by assisting people to become more economically active. For further info, please visit <https://www.osiligi.org/>. Thank you.' There will be a table of their crafts for sale in the hall after Mass, please bring cash (although they have a card reader, but it will cost them a fee, so ...)

A Message from Mary's Meals – *'We are reaching out today because children and families in Southern Africa urgently need our help.* The region is experiencing its worst drought in 100 years. Crops have failed, cattle are dying, and food is scarce and expensive. Six countries have declared a state of emergency, and the UN has called for action to avoid a full-scale humanitarian disaster. The situation is desperate. Families

have little to no food to put on the table and an estimated 21 million children are suffering from malnutrition. How can you help?

Mary's Meals is providing a lifeline to families in four of the worst-affected countries in the region. In Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the promise of our nutritious meals means they know their children will eat at school and they can stretch the little food they have at home further.

We are currently reaching 1.5 million children in Southern Africa with our life-changing school meals. But there is more we can do. We want to grow our programmes in Southern Africa so we can reach the next child who needs Mary's Meals so urgently.

To help us to grow our life-saving outreach, please go to www.marysmeals.co.uk to donate.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 15 February - 11.00am – Parish House – **Inclusivity Group Meeting**

12.00pm – St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith – **Memorial Mass for Fr John McFadden**

1.00pm – St John's – **Wedding of Eilidh Hopkins and Ethan Scott**

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

Sunday 16 February – **6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – **with baptism of Lewis Allan and post communion song by a group of Maasai warriors.**

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

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

Monday 17 February

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

7.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing**

Tuesday 18 February

4.00pm – Lauder Lodge - **Mass**

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA (Catechumenate 9)**

Wednesday 19 February

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

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

10.30am – St Paul's, Glenrothes - **Requiem Mass for Denise Arnot** (Fr Jock concelebrating)

Thursday 20 February

10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for May Flynn** – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **Meeting with P3 Parents and Children in preparation for First Reconciliation**

Friday 21 February

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

Saturday 22 February – **FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER APOSTLE**

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

11.30am – St John's – **Baptism of Michael Nasmyth**

1.00pm – St John's – **Baptism of Finn and Paddy Campbell** (Deacon Eddie)

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

Sunday 23 February – **7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with Enrolment of P7 Confirmation Candidates** – *livestreamed*

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass with Baptism of Belinda Britton** – *livestreamed*

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Ruari McMenamin-Bain** (Deacon Eddie)

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Saturday 1 March – St John’s Hall – “**Love, Loss & Chemistry**” - A jazz cabaret to raise funds for L’Arche, Edinburgh, featuring The Swells, Louise Hoden and David Simpson

Wednesday 5 March – ASH WEDNESDAY

Friday 7 March – 11.00am – St John’s – **World Day of Prayer** (more details soon)

Saturday 8 March – St John’s Hall – 2-4pm - **Bingo Afternoon Tea on International Women’s Day – one of the final events in aid of our fundraising for StekaSkills Women’s Hostel** (and many thanks for all volunteer bakers – any further volunteers please email stekaskills@gmail.com)... Tickets on sale next week.

Sunday 9 March – 7.00pm – St John’s Hall – **Synodality in Parish Life** (NB CHANGE OF DATE - more details soon)

Thursday 20 and 27 March – 7.30pm – St John’s Hall - **Baptismal Preparation Course** (if anyone would like to register for the course, please contact Fr Jock)

Friday 21 March – 7.00pm – St John’s – **Justice & Peace Concert** (*in aid of SCIAF and Mary’s Meals*)

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO’S AD CLERUM

'Hope Eternal': choral music by the Schola Cantorum - On **Monday 17 February** at 7:30pm, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral's Schola Cantorum will perform a hope-filled concert of choral music at Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh. All are welcome, and all proceeds will help to support the choir's singing at Scots College Ordinations in Rome. Tickets are £10 / £8 concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door: <https://tinyurl.com/hopeschola>

Workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders - If you are involved with Children's Liturgy in your parish, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on **Saturday 22 February** from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass.

Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsJ5kL>.

Ecumenical event - A special ecumenical event titled *The role and importance of Interreligious Dialogue in Catholic Peacebuilding*, takes place at the Conforti Centre in Coatbridge on **7/8 March**. The event is the annual Symposium of the Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue. All welcome. Details and registration: <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/symposium-2025/>

RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession - If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from **10am-4pm** on **Saturday 8 March** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at bit.ly/return2025

Rise in Faith, Live in Hope - The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on **Saturday 15 March**. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at bit.ly/archyouth or for large groups please email youth.office@staned.org.uk

Healing after abortion - A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held north of Glasgow on **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March**. This confidential, supportive retreat is powerful for anyone who has been affected by their own or someone else’s abortion experience. For more information, please call/text Sr Andrea on 07816 942824 or email at sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. For more details, see www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

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

'SAINT' OF THE WEEK – Ben Salmon

American Catholic Pacifist (1889-1932) – Feast Day: 15 February

"If Christians would have the same faith in their God that non-Christians have in a mere materialistic idea, 'Thy Kingdom come' would shortly be a reality in this world of sorrow and travail."



In 1917 President Woodrow Wilson led America into the Great War in Europe. For many who had voted for Wilson precisely on the basis of his promise to keep America out of the war, this came as a surprise. Nevertheless, most citizens accepted the president's vow "to make the world safe for democracy," and so rallied to the cause with patriotic fervour. Most, but not all. There were Socialists and other radicals who claimed that this was not a "war to end all wars," but a capitalist war. There were isolationists, who believed that if foreigners wanted to kill each other that who believed that all killing, whatever the cause, was to be opposed. Ben was one of the pacifists, one of the several hundred who refused even to accept noncombatant status in the military and so endured brutal imprisonment. But in one important respect Salmon was from the others - different from virtually every other man in America. He based his pacifism on his Roman Catholic faith.

Salmon was born to a working-class Catholic family in Denver in 1889. Growing up in an era of bitter labour struggles in Colorado, he quickly acquired a keen commitment to social justice. As a young man he became known in Denver as something of a rebel, active in union organizing and other agitation. But despite his radical social views, he remained a devout Catholic who often attended Mass and who took pride in his membership in the Knights of Columbus. In 1917 he married his longtime sweetheart. By this point, however, the war had been declared, and Salmon received notification to report for military service.

Salmon applied for recognition as a conscientious objector on the basis of his religious convictions. The government made provision for conscientious objectors belonging to historic "peace churches" like the Quakers or Mennonites. But Roman Catholics, whose church supposedly disavowed pacifism in favour of the traditional "just war theory," were not recognized as candidates for C.O. status. In any case even recognized C.O.'s were required to accept "noncombatant status," an option that Salmon definitely rejected. He believed that any cooperation with the military system would represent a violation of his conscience, a compromise with Satan. And so he was arrested in January 1918.

Salmon was given a military court martial and sentenced to death, a sentence subsequently reduced to twenty-five years in prison. He was incarcerated in Leavenworth and a series of federal penitentiaries, much of his time spent in solitary confinement as a punishment for his refusal to perform prison labour. For six months he was kept in a windowless, vermin-infested cell above the prison sewer. In that hot and fetid air, he was allowed no visitors or mail and fed nothing but bread and water. Within months of his imprisonment the war in Europe ended. And still his confinement continued. Finally, after two years in prison Salmon announced that he would no longer cooperate with the system and began an indefinite hunger strike. After several weeks, the authorities forced milk down his throat. They kept this up for months, while meantime he grew steadily weaker. Claiming his fast was a symptom of mental illness, the authorities transferred Salmon to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane in Washington, D.C. Finally, when it was clear that they could not indefinitely keep him alive on a diet of milk, they released him from prison in 1920.

Salmon was one of hundreds of resisters imprisoned during the war. But he was one of only four Catholics. Of these, he was alone in attributing his resistance to his Catholic faith. It was a solitary stand that evoked nothing but incomprehension if not the open contempt of his fellow citizens. His hometown newspaper called him *"the slacker, the pacifist, the man with a yellow streak down his spine as broad as a country highway... who loves the German flag more than the Stars and Stripes."* When he began his hunger strike the headline read, *"Slacker starves himself in cell: Denver's 'yellowist draft dodger' plans to cheat justice."* He fared little better among his fellow Catholics. Prison chaplains tried to convince him that he was setting himself up in opposition to the pope, that his duty as a Christian was to defend his country, to obey the law, and to support his family. Some priests refused to offer him the sacraments, accusing him of heresy for his uncompromising pacifism.

Although his pacifism contradicted the wisdom of most Catholic moral theologians, Salmon was able to mount a spirited defence of his witness and beliefs. Armed with nothing but the Bible and the *Catholic Encyclopedia* and weakened by his hunger strike, Salmon managed to write a two-hundred-page manuscript critiquing the church's just war teaching and justifying his commitment to nonviolence. Under any circumstances it was a remarkable achievement for a man with no formal education beyond the eighth grade. Nevertheless, in this work Salmon was the first American Catholic to mount a systematic critique of just war teaching.

Salmon argued that in the modern era it was no longer sensible to imagine a war that could satisfy all the criteria of the just war. In any case, this tradition was impossible to square with the clear teaching of Jesus with regard to the love of enemies. "*The justice of man cannot dethrone the justice of God,*" he wrote. "*There is no such animal as a 'just war.'*" In enduring his imprisonment, Salmon identified with the early Christian martyrs who offered the witness of their lives to oppose the idolatry of the Roman empire. The name of the new idolatry was militarism.

Upon his release Salmon led a relatively quiet life with his family. Nevertheless, his prison ordeal had permanently affected his health, contributing to his early death at the age of forty-three on 15 February 1932. He remained a devout Catholic to the end of his life. Of his three children, one became a priest and another a Maryknoll Sister. See: *Torin R. T. Finney, Unsung Hero of the Great War (New York: Paulist, 1989).*

NOTICEBOARD

A Request for Donations towards the cost of a Funeral – Some weeks before Christmas, our community sadly lost Charles, a loved St Mary Magdalene's parishioner. For a number of reasons, his funeral has been delayed, but it can now take place. Charles would very much have wanted a Requiem Mass as well as a burial at Mt Vernon in his family plot. Given these circumstances, any donations given towards the costs of both would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Fr Jock if you are able to help.

A Voice from the Holy Land - Thursday 20 February – 7.00pm - Meadowbank and Willowbrae Church, 83 London Road, EH7 5TT... **Rev Dr Stewart Gillan is a Church of Scotland minister** based at St Andrew's Church in Jerusalem and Tiberias Church. He is embarking on a tour of churches to amplify the voices of people directly affected by the Israel-Hamas war. Join us in the Meadowbank building to hear him speak and engage in a question-and-answer session, followed by refreshments. All welcome!

“Love, Loss & Chemistry” - A Jazz Cabaret to raise funds for L’Arche, Edinburgh
Saturday 1 March 2025 - 8.00pm (door 7.30pm, duration 1h 15min) - St John's Church Hall

Jeremy Thorp writes: ‘ “Love, Loss & Chemistry” had a successful 4-star run in the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe, and The Swells are delighted to bring their show to St John's church hall for a repeat performance, with some additional songs.

Join **The Swells** – *Malcolm Windsor* (vocals), *Jeremy Thorp* (keyboard) and *Nick Gent* (guitar), plus special guests *Louise Holden* (vocals) and *David Simpson* (clarinet) – as they explore love, loss and new thinking on the chemistry between couples through their life events. It's not a chemistry lesson! The jazz cabaret includes songs both happy and poignant, such as those sung by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Burt Bacharach.

All concert proceeds will be donated to L’Arche Edinburgh, a community of around 80 people, people with and without learning disabilities, based in the Leith and Restalrig areas. The members live and work alongside each other as friends and equals in community. More information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4gOdGJz>

St John's and St Mary Magdalene's have had a deep relationship with L’Arche over many years, the most visible sign of which is the annual Epiphany lunch – an occasion of food, joy, dancing and music!

Jazz cabaret style seating - BYOB (soft drinks provided) - Tickets - £12 from Jeremy Thorp: 07900 278043, jdt121@btinternet.com...or Eventbrite (The Swells): <https://bit.ly/42cb7wz>

Jeremy will be at the back of St John's – and then in the Hall - selling tickets at both Masses this weekend and also at St Mary Magdalene's after the 11.15am Mass on Sunday 23 February.

An Invitation from the Justice & Peace Group - St Patrick's Day Concert & Raffle 7.00pm – Friday 21 March – St John's Church

'Good news! – a good night's entertainment is planned for **21 March** – the Friday after St Patrick's Day so expect a little bit of the shamrock (but not too much!) in the evening's programme. The all-star programme is still being assembled but will include the St John's Primary School choir, stars of previous shows in the church. The charities being supported are: the **SCIAF appeal** to help the re-building of lives in Gaza, and **Mary's Meals**, helping impoverished children not only to have food but also education.

As previously, admission will be free, with funds raised through donations and, of course, the raffle – and we would be very grateful for donations of raffle prizes to help us with our fundraising. Donations can be given to Jennifer Morris, Jim Roarty or any member of the J&P Group. Thank you.'

Would you like to be part of a Joint Parishes Eco Group?

Deacon Eddie writes: 'Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* invites us to really think about the stewardship God has given us of this wonderful planet.

How we go about improving our environment, or just learning more about it to appreciate it, is a challenge to ensure it is a worthwhile experience and not just a box ticking one. For this reason, we would like to start up a group to look at some ideas, many "recycled" from some of the other parishes in Edinburgh.

Would you be able to spend some time once every few months meeting up and having some email exchanges in between? We have some ideas to start with and would love to see if we can expand on these and make a lasting and sustainable positive impact on our wonderful communities.

These ideas are below. Perhaps you can't come out to meet up, please do still feel free to get in touch and join the email list. Just let Frances McDevitt, Deacon Eddie or Fr Jock know if you would like to get involved.

Or email DeaconEddie.White@staned.org.uk

Can we reuse the old pews?

Either remade as benches for use on parish grounds or for local care homes for people to enjoy? Or can they be used to make other wooden items either religious or otherwise for sale to raise money rather than throwing away our old stuff?

Can we plant up caterpillar/butterfly friendly plants in our gardens?

We may have small gardens or even just a few pots of plants but if the whole community all did the same, there would be many more butterflies sustained by lots of people doing small actions.

Can we agree to put up bird boxes around the church or around our gardens?

Bug hotels around the parish grounds.

Plants created by cuttings from parishioners' gardens to offer for others to start planting in their gardens.

Lobbying local and national governments over environmental issues

Exchanging ideas and advice with our partner community in Malawi

Reflecting on where the parish carbon footprint can be improved.

Photo exhibitions from parishioners' own photographs of the local area.

Recycling our waste in the parishes and advice for those unsure of how to recycle at home.'

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Deacon Eddie writes: 'In the recent open parish meeting in St John's, there was an appetite for more chances to have Eucharistic Adoration in our two parishes - especially in the evenings or at the weekend. For us to offer this, we need your help. If you are a eucharistic minister, **would you be happy to help us offer more times of Adoration?** Or maybe you would be more comfortable supporting and welcoming people during the time. If you think you can help, do let Fr Jock or myself know what days or time would suit you.'

An appeal for a room to rent in Portobello - 'My name is Louisa, I am a Catholic French and Italian speaking Spanish 46-year-old woman on injury recovery as ex professional beekeeper, and looking for ground floor room let near the gym and Alexander Technique school, with garden access for a chihuahua. I want to share with single women or a family. I am an early bird type, requiring silence from 9.00pm.' Please contact Fr Jock if you can be of any help. Thank you.

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - JER 17: 5-8; PSALM 1; LUKE 6: 17, 20-26

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

It's an oft-used phrase, that a watched kettle never boils. I have another: 'An electric iron can be somewhat unforgiving if you put it to work before it is ready.' Doesn't quite have the same ring, does it? I'll wager a small stake that it won't catch on. So, picture the scene. I am pressed for time; I have a white shirt that needs ironing. Out comes the ironing board, the iron is plugged in: I wait a few minutes but ignore the fact that the helpful orange light is still illuminated. There is no forgiveness with that particular light. I place the iron on the white cotton. With metronomic regularity, I hear: Splutter, hiss, snarl, splutter, – there follows the inevitable water stain. I have descaled, used filtered water and descaled again. Someone helpfully suggests: 'You need to throw that iron out!'. I dig in my heels, for I am, by nature, vehemently opposed to the 'throw away' mentality. Instead, I make a simple resolution. Next time, I will wait until the helpful orange light does what it was designed to do. It will tell me when 'Missy Oh So Prissy Iron' is ready to co-operate. The light and iron actually know better than I do. I need to rediscover the virtue of patience. Patience is not an easy companion. We expect instant results, like the flick of a switch. Some of you will be aware of VAR and HAWKEYE. They are meant to bring improvement to our enjoyment of sport. A goal is scored but there is a hint of offside. A ball is called 'out' and match point is at stake. Scorelines are put on hold. Mercifully, HAWKEYE produces an almost instant result. VAR is not so speedy and is handicapped by subjectivity. A televised game of football this week between Manchester City and Real Madrid saw a four-and-a-half-minute delay as videos were analysed and re-analysed. Patience, patience, patience.

The people of the Old Testament were used to waiting, they knew a thing or two about patience. Part of their calling was to look forward, more in hope than expectation, to the days of the Messiah, the moment when God would visit his people, and not only visit, but dwell amongst them. He would walk and linger in their presence. Inevitably, some lost heart. Some were hanging on to faith – often by their fingertips. They needed the thoughts and leadership of their prophets to renew their hope and help them remain rooted in their dedication and patience. They needed reassurance. They have a great deal in common with you and me, so, we too, listen to Jeremiah in today's first reading as he urges: *A blessing on the one who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.* The Psalmist today goes one further: *Happy indeed is the one whose delight is the law of the Lord, who ponders his law, day and night.* Like us, patience and perseverance is the order of the day.

We went out for supper last week. It's a rare occurrence for us and such events always leave a lasting impression. At the end of the evening as we drove home, I reflected that not only had we been blessed with good food, lovingly prepared by our hosts for our enjoyment, we had also been sat amongst good people. We need to remind ourselves that goodness and kindness dwells and lingers amongst us, just as Jesus Christ wandered and lingered among the people of Palestine. He irritated the established religion of the day, was constantly monitored by the Roman overlords. His power lay in his compassion, love and authenticity. He never wavered from his message and conviction. His message came from God, and we can identify with that for there is a well deep within, that will never be emptied, that gives us our identity – and it is there, that we, too, will find God. Believe me, I know. Alcohol was leading me to a certain death. I was told that I was one drink away. Twenty-three years later, I am still wittering on and have never felt more fulfilled. Even that word is a blessing: *ful-filled!* Is there a more comforting word?

We need to focus on the goodness that dwells in our close proximity: the goodness that abides amongst us. Where the Jewish people lived in hope of the Messiah, we live in the hope that goodness will prevail. Sometimes it seems that narcissists threaten our sanity and way of life. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus has a word for such people: *Alas for you when the world speaks well of you.* Dictators seek affirmation in much the same way as you and I seek air to breathe. On Wednesday one of these stood and cried crocodile tears as he lamented the death toll in the Ukrainian/Russian war. He does not appear to have lost a single eyelash over the slaughter of Palestinian women and children, in a slaughter enabled at his continuing behest. To add insult to injury, he has a more effective solution for a speedier ethnic cleansing: remove all of the Palestinian people from their homes and create a brand-new slab of real estate – no doubt carrying his name. Someone needs to tell him: he is nearer his coffin than he is his cradle and, though, he might escape a war crimes tribunal here on earth – he won't escape his final conversation with God: the same God who chose Palestine for his earthly home. The well of stillness deep within me does not afford me the luxury of remaining silent. I have no desire to be or remain trapped in silent acquiescence.

PARISH REGISTER

Warm Birthday Greetings to Bernadette Gallagher, 60 on Saturday 15 February

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Patricia Lawler - Margaret Scott
Sr Monica Macdonald RCSJ*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*John Newall - Robert Cammack
Kevin Crow - Maisie Marron
Margaret Cheyne - Berna McMenamin
Francesco Crolla - Margaret Cheyne*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Feb.15: Francesco Crolla (2022); Violet Donaldson (2021); Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll (1997); John Duffy; **Feb.16:** Charles Malcolm (1993); Betty McGuire (1987); John Denning (1959); **Feb.17:** Patrick Hughes (2011); May Lacey (1941); **Feb.18:** Molly Carr (1997); Sarah Taylor (1965); James J Stone (1954); Gordon Bartek; **Feb.19:** John Newall (2022); James Hughes (1998); Theresa Bannon (1991); **Feb.20:** Elizabeth Gilhooly (2024); Margaret Wood (2001); Catherine McGovern (1970); John McCann (1915); Helen Mackersey; **Feb.21:** John Meagher (1999); Michael McCreddie (1997);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Feb.15: John O'Keefe (1982); **Feb.16:** Ellen Conway (1972); **Feb.17:** David Walker (2005); **Feb.18:** Alex Cummings (2003); Barbara Rourke (1991); **Feb.19:** Margaret Cheyne (2014); **Feb.20:** Anne Wallace (2008); **Feb.21:** Elizabeth Mulvanny (1996); Sarah O'Neill (1993);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

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, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, Mike Fox, John McLaughlin, Celia Stone, Jimmy Curnyn, Charlotte McGregor, 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:

Maureen Scott, Julie Keegan, Jean McInally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Monica Gorman, Aisha Montgomery, Tom Kay, John Flanagan, 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.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

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