

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

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*Parish Administrator: Enrico Fertini*

*(Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.00am to 3.00pm & Friday 11.00am to 4.00pm)*

*Joint Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes>*

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## 16 NOVEMBER 2025 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.'  
(from Luke 21:5-19)

**We warmly welcome back Fr Shaiju, who returns from India on Thursday evening.**

**This week is Prisoners' Week** - it runs **from 16 to 23 November** and a launch service takes place at 3:00pm on Sunday 16 November at Letham St Mark's, Rannoch Road, Letham PH1 2HH.

More at [prisonersweek.org.uk](http://prisonersweek.org.uk)

**On Sunday at 6.45pm, there will be the second of our two St John's Open Parish Meetings of the year – all most welcome...**we do hope as many parishioners as possible will come as we look at what's been happening in our parish and community - and plan for the coming months...as always, it will be followed at 8.30pm by a buffet/party...

**The November Coffee Morning** will take place in St John's Parish Hall on this **Monday 17 November at 10.30am**. Donations will be given to **STEKA Home in Malawi**, which looks after 100 children. Prices have doubled there, recently and it is increasingly difficult to feed all the children, as well as others who come to them for help. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee and home baking.

**NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MASSES** - Our second November *BEREAVEMENT MASS* will take place **this Monday, 17 November** at 7.00pm, at St. John's. This is a gentle and beautiful candlelit Mass in which we remember our dead - and have the opportunity to light a candle for them... Forms are still available from the back of both churches for you to complete with the names of those you would like remembered and read out. (To ensure the Mass doesn't take too long the suggestion is that we limit to 6 names – the last of which might be – 'the Deceased Members and Relatives of the \_\_\_\_\_ family'). The completed forms should be placed in the boxes provided as soon as possible. Alternatively, please email the same information to Chris Jones, who is kindly collating the lists [chrisjones442@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisjones442@hotmail.com)

**FIREFLY INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CONCERT** - *Bring light into these dark evenings, join us for the Firefly concert in St John's Church, Thursday 20 November (World Children's Day) at 7.00pm!*

**A message from the Justice & Peace Group:** 'An evening not to be missed! If we charged admission, the tickets to see our stellar cast would be selling for £'000s on the black market but there is no charge – admission is FREE! This year's all-star cast includes the wonderful **Feast of Life Choir**, **Jeremy Thorp** on piano with friends including our own songbird **Louise Holden**, **Jerome Knox** whose velvety baritone wowed us last year, the brilliant **Lee Patterson** and, topping the bill, the **St John's Primary School Choir**.

At the interval, there will be a small sale of ladies, gentlemen and children's accessories.

The good cause we are supporting this year is **Firefly International**, a small Scottish charity with a long global reach, whose MD, Jane Salmonson, is one of our parishioners. **Firefly (<https://www.fireflyinternational.org/>) actively aids children suffering from the trauma of war and violence and is working with children affected by wars in Bosnia, Syria and Gaza.**

As well as the wonderful entertainment, you will also have the opportunity to win one of our fabulous raffle prizes including getting your hair done at Charlie Miller's, eating out at a range of good restaurants, home-baked Christmas cakes and the star prize – a 5lb bag of homegrown Charlotte potatoes! Be in it to win it!!

All prizes have been donated and all the money raised from the raffle and from donations go directly to Firefly International (cash would be preferred). Thank you.'

**Catholic Education Week - Archbishop Leo writes:** 'The *annual special collection for Catholic Education week* will take place next **Sunday 23 November**.'

The Catholic Education Week celebrates the importance of educating children and young people in the Faith. There will be a special collection next Sunday for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service which promotes and supports Catholic Education. More at <https://sces.org.uk/catholic-education-week-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/> (The Archdiocesan Mass for pupils and teachers will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley in St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday 25 November** at 11:00am. *Please keep teachers, school staff, parents and pupils in your prayers.*)

...and **next Sunday**, the Feast of Christ the King, is also one of our two **NAMETAG SUNDAYS** in the year – a chance finally to learn the name of the person whose face you have known for weeks/months/years).

## **Two notices from the Justice & Peace Group – Bethany and SCIAF**

**Jim Roarty writes:** 'As many of you will be aware, *Bethany Christian Trust* provides services and support for the ever-growing number of homeless in our country. Volunteers from our parishes are involved in providing hot meals for the people using the Bethany Welcome Centre, an overnight shelter for people with no home, and also in staffing the Bethany Care Van which provides sandwiches and hot drinks for people on the streets.... **Each year, Bethany offers the opportunity for people to "buy a bed", i.e. to make a donation, this year of £25**, which will cover the cost to them of providing a bed for a homeless person for one night. In exchange, you will receive a beautiful gift card which will make a lovely present for someone.

If you wish to buy a bed, please contact Jennifer Morris, myself or any member of the J&P Group. Alternatively, you can donate online at <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/>.

Also, available at the back of each of the churches after the weekend Masses, we have a beautiful selection of **Christmas cards produced by SCIAF** and containing the message "*May you be filled with love, joy and peace this Christmas*" Each pack contains ten cards with two attractive designs and costs £4.50. Thank you.'

**Our next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on Wednesday 26 November and Wednesday 3 December at 7.30pm in the Parish House....**

if you would like to have a child baptised, please contact Fr Jock....

# THIS WEEK

## Saturday 15 November

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
10.30-11.00am – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
11.15am – Parish House – **Inclusivity Group Meeting**  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Sunday 16 November - 9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
6.45pm – St John's Hall – **St John's Open Parish Meeting**

## Monday 17 November

10.30am – St John's Hall – **Charity Coffee Morning** (in aid of *StekaSkills*)  
6.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing**  
7.00pm – St John's – **Bereavement Mass** – *livestreamed*

## Tuesday 18 November

11.30am – Gillis Centre – **Archdiocesan Council of Priests**  
2.00pm – Mortonhall Crematorium – **Funeral Service for Florence Reynolds**  
7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA (Enquiry Session 7)**

## Wednesday 19 November

9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

## Thursday 20 November

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
1.30pm-3.30pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club** (with presentation by the Oral History Group)  
7.00pm – St John's – **Firefly Concert**

## Friday 21 November

9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

## Saturday 22 November

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
10.30-11.00am – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.40pm – St John's – **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Sunday 23 November

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – with baptism of Sophie Sanchez Makkie  
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*  
7.00pm – St John's Hall – **A talk by Rev Sigrid Marten on 'The Role of Women in the Formation and Growth of Christianity'**

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



## A Concert at St Mark's on Saturday 22 November at 3.00pm

CONCERT  
AND

AFTERNOON TEA  
"END OF THE PIER"

Songs by Flanders and Swann, Joyce Grenfell, Helen Hopekirk  
and others - instrumental and sing-along items

with Lawrence Durr, Roger Chalmers-Long, Wendy Weatherby, Fiona Carlie, Alan McMillan, Rosemary McMillan



# ‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Sister Stan Kennedy (1939-2025)

## *Irish Social Activist – Anniversary: 3 November*

*The nun who ‘gave Ireland a conscience’, who left behind a ‘rather wild’ youth to challenge the Catholic Church’s wealth and was once silenced by the Vatican, dies aged 86.*



When the 18-year-old Treasa Kennedy told her friends in Lispole, on the Dingle Peninsula in Co Kerry, that she was entering a convent, they expressed total incredulity at the idea.

The girl who loved dancing, the lively, flirtatious one among her friends who stayed late at the local dances, had an ear for music and an eye for a good-looking young man, was the last in her garrulous circle who was thought likely to become a nun.

The future sister later admitted that in her youth she was “rather wild” and recalled that, on the July day in 1958 when she entered the Religious Sisters of Charity, the sound of a carnival carried through the convent windows. “*I could hear the music,*” she said, “and I remember thinking, *‘That’s where I should be.’*”

It was that same impulsive warmth — part rebellion, part compassion — that made Sister Stanislaus Kennedy, as she became, but known to all as Sister Stan, one of the most remarkable voices for social reform in modern Ireland.

As the founder of the housing trust *Focus Ireland*, she transformed the country’s approach to homelessness; through the Immigrant Council of Ireland, she fought for the rights of new arrivals; and at The Sanctuary, a centre for meditation in Dublin’s north inner city, she created a space for quiet in a noisy world.

She stood with the poor, the excluded and the newly arrived, and she did so not from behind an institution but amid the hands-on, raw reality of urban need. What made her unusual among Irish nuns was that she was also a critic — sometimes a very sharp one — of her own church.

She was forthright in arguing that the Catholic Church in Ireland had grown “too comfortable”, and that the wealth and display of ecclesiastical life ran contrary to the gospel it proclaimed. “*Keep an eye on her,*” one bishop warned. “*She may be a nun, but she’s a nun with a flick-knife.*”

In Kilkenny, where she worked for nearly two decades before moving to Dublin, she urged the church to “*identify more with the poor*”. Later, she wrote a paper suggesting that the church’s unused property should be devoted to the homeless; it “*caused all hell to break loose*”, as she put it. The paper was sent to Rome, and she was formally silenced by the Vatican for a time, a rebuke that did nothing to dampen her independence. Her criticisms were always grounded in practical work. When she began researching homelessness in Dublin in the early 1980s, she lived for a time with young women sleeping rough on the streets, better to understand their world. From that experience came *Focus Point*, later *Focus Ireland*, now the country’s largest voluntary housing organisation. She believed that service without advocacy was useless, and she badgered government ministers and bishops alike for change. Charles Haughey, the former taoiseach, once called her “*the most intransigent woman I’ve ever met*”. She took it as a great compliment.

Treasa Kennedy was born in the hamlet of Lispole, Co Kerry, in 1939, the fourth of five children of a small farmer, Tadhg Kennedy, and his wife, Bridget, both of whom were native Irish speakers. The family lived modestly, yet with music, language and faith at its core. Her mother, a young woman from Dingle who had once worked in the American home of Alexander Graham Bell’s family before returning to marry, filled the house with stories of the wider world. Treasa was educated at the secondary school in Dingle before taking her vows.

After early postings in education and social work in Kilkenny, she studied social science at University College Dublin. Her doctoral research on women’s homelessness became the foundation of Focus Ireland. In 1998 she

founded *The Sanctuary*, and in 2001, she co-founded both the *Immigrant Council of Ireland* and *Young Social Innovators*, encouraging a generation of teenagers to engage with social problems rather than lament them. Her voice on immigration remained steadfast and humane to the end. Having welcomed migrants to Ireland when few others did, she defended them again amid the tensions of recent years. “*Our health service would fall asunder if we didn’t have migrants,*” she said last year, pointing out that nurses, carers and cleaners from abroad had become the backbone of Irish daily life.

While recognising that accommodation pressures were real, she urged the country to keep its sense of proportion and generosity. She brought a moral clarity to policy discussions that sometimes unsettled politicians. She was an early supporter of female priests, optional celibacy and same-sex marriage, arguing that equality and inclusion were not political but theological imperatives.

For all her public profile, she cultivated a private inward life. At *The Sanctuary*, she taught meditation and published a string of reflective books, among them *The Road Home* (2012), a memoir whose tender descriptions of her Kerry childhood were matched by a steely analysis of modern Ireland’s inequality. Over the years, she wrote or edited more than two dozen titles.

Sister Stan combined in her person the traditional Irish religious — habit, rosary, and all — with the uncompromising reformer who believed faith must walk the streets. “*Stillness,*” she once said, “*is not escape; it’s where you find courage.*” Her courage, as President Michael D Higgins said of her, “*helped give Ireland a conscience*”.

**Sister Stanislaus Kennedy, social activist, was born on 19 June 1939.**

**She died following a short illness on 3 November 2025, aged 86.**

*This obituary was published in The (London) Times last Monday*

## NOTICEBOARD

### DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BY CARD

Starting this Sunday 16 November, at the 9:30am Mass at St John's, donations to the SVP can be made by debit or credit card, as well as cash. A single card reader will be available on alternate Sundays in either the church porch or the corridor leading to the church hall. We appreciate your continued support as we assist those in need, often unseen, within our parishes.

Contact details by phone or text: 07752682213 email: [svpedineast@gmail.com](mailto:svpedineast@gmail.com)

**Table Sale Flea Market at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Leith Church Hall – Next Saturday 15 November**  
11.00am – 3.00pm A great opportunity to pick up a few presents for Christmas and to discover some very interesting crafts and curiosities. Includes Teas & Coffee Stall & Tombola. Entrance: 50p - Book a table for £25 to sell your goods.  
For info, please contact: 0131 554 2482

**Fancy a Trip to the Balkans?** (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro) - *Tuesday 18 November*

St MM Parishioners Steve and Kate have just returned from a 6-week tour in their campervan and have produced a slide-show photo presentation of their time in this fascinating region and surrounding countries. Join us to share in their fun and adventures in the **Day Chapel at St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham Crossway at 2pm-3:15pm** on Tuesday 18 November. **Refreshments will be provided**

### A TALK BY REVD SIGRID MARTEN OF ST GILES CATHEDRAL

**7.00PM – SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER – ST JOHN’S HALL**

**Eleanor Cullimore writes:** ‘As you may know our two churches have an Inclusivity Group that arose as a result of the Parish Synodality sessions. One of the objectives of this group is to identify how those marginalised in the church may be recognised and empowered. We are lucky in our city to have as a neighbour the Reverend Sigrid Marten, Associate Minister of St Giles Cathedral. We have invited her to come and talk to us on **‘The Role of Women in the Formation and Growth of Christianity’** with a further discussion about where we are now with women in the church, and about her own experiences as an ordained Church of Scotland minister. This will be at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday 23 November in the St John’s Church Hall. There will be refreshments, and you are all very welcome.’

**A Concert at Greyfriars Kirk – Friday 21 November – with the Edinburgh University Music Society**  
**Chris Jones**, from St John's Sunday morning Mass music group, writes: 'Four of our parishioners are in the choir of *Edinburgh University Music Society*. This concert at *Greyfriars Kirk* on **Friday 21 November** has three beautiful compositions in Latin: a Mass by Louis Vierne, a setting by Bruckner of the fourth century prayer of the Immaculate Conception of Mary "Tota Pulchra Es" and Biebl's "Ave Maria".  
To round off the evening there is a performance by the University Sinfonia orchestra of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Not to be missed. Tickets are available from  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/edinburgh/greyfriarsv-kirk/eums-sinfonia-and-chorus-winter-concert-2025/e-vzzjdx>. Thank you.'

**Eyden's Friday Night Music – Friday 28 November**  
7.00pm-9.00pm - Eyden's Café, 215 Portobello High Street, EH15 1EU

**Nick Gent** (guitar) and **Jeremy Thorp** (piano), with **Louise Holden** as special guest, a night of swing jazz.  
A 5-star show at Edinburgh Fringe review 2024 - Booking essential (+£5 for music) at 0131 258 9061

**SING-A-LONG** - Our joint Parish Sing-a-long will take place on **Thursday 4 December... 2.00pm-4.00pm** in *St Mary Magdalene's Church Hall*.

Christmas is the theme... and yes. it's that time already! - Hope to see you there.... Jennifer, Mary and Kate'

*I sat with anger long enough  
until she told me her real name  
was grief.* (C.S.Lewis)

## FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

**Support and Property Administrator** - The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a permanent full-time Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at [bit.ly/archjobdetails](https://bit.ly/archjobdetails) To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Wednesday 26 November 2025.

**How to use AI to speak up for the vulnerable** - This beginner level webinar will show you how to use AI tools to find key pro-life points and express them naturally in your own tone of voice — helping you write to politicians with clarity and confidence. **Monday 17 November**, 7:45pm on Zoom. Register at [bit.ly/prolifeai](https://bit.ly/prolifeai)

**Red Wednesday at the Cathedral** - Archbishop Leo will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 19 November** at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to pray for Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. William More from Aid to the Church in Need, will speak at the Mass.

**Crichton Lecture 2025** - Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music at Westminster, will be speaking on *Music in the Benedictine Tradition* in this year's Crichton Lecture from the Society of St Gregory. **Saturday 22 November** at 11:00am online. Free. All welcome. More at [ssg.org.uk](https://ssg.org.uk)

**Mass for Young Adults** - Archbishop Leo invites Young Adults across the Archdiocese for Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, **Sunday 23 November** at 7:00pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

**Catholic Conversations for Women** - All women are welcome to this event on **Saturday 29 November**, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion. Followed by Holy Hour with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

**Dignity Not Detention Solidarity Gathering** - Join Justice & Peace Scotland to call for *Dignity Not Detention* and advocate for an end to the inhumane practice of unlimited immigration detention. It takes place at Dungavel IRC, Strathaven, ML10 6RF on **Sunday 30 November** at 1:00pm.

**Advent Rosary for Life** - Every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes. Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker: Deacon David Harper (1 Dec, Diocese of Motherwell), Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (8 Dec, March for Life UK), Fr Jamie McMorrin (15 Dec, St Margaret's, Edinburgh), and Archbishop Leo Cushley (22 Dec). Register at [bit.ly/rosary25](https://bit.ly/rosary25)

**Diploma in Catechetics** - Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026 by taking the Diploma in Catechetics. The popular course is run by the Archdiocese and takes place at 7:30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on **22 January 2026**. Be quick, places limited to 100. Cost £220. Register at [bit.ly/diploma2026](https://bit.ly/diploma2026)

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

# A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – LUKE 21:5-19

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

On Tuesday, driving into Hexham I stumbled across part of a drama on Radio 4. In the clip, I could hear the dialogue between a precocious young child asking his dad: *Why is the word 'dictionary' listed in the dictionary?* There was an innocence to his logic. He went on to reason: *You must know what a dictionary is for, otherwise why would you use it? So why define the word 'dictionary' .. It doesn't make sense..* The bit of the play I heard, sparked my interest, When I get back home I will be grabbing my dictionary from the top shelf of the bookcase. But, before that, it was time for my date!

I was going to meet 'Gaia'. She presents a fine spectacle – with a figure to die for. She is the creation of the artist Luke Jerram and stands – or rather spins with dimensions of 7 metres in diameter. Illuminate from the inside, her surface is made up of imagery from NASA. The Abbey transept suited her majesty perfectly. Sat underneath, I watched oceans and mountain ranges, continents and countries move slowly across my vision and consciousness. Gaia is beautiful. Her name comes from Ancient Greek Mythology. In Greek mythology she is the primordial deity – existing before all of the other Greek gods. Her age does not belie her beauty or majesty. Humankind has done its best to destroy her, ravaging her core and trying to suffocate her with plastic, litter and detritus, polluting her crystal; clear waters and decimating her beauty but the hope remains that long after humans have self-destructed, she will spin on, bringing glory to the God who created her. Sometimes art does little for me, I am thinking of Tracy Emin's bed – though I can just about understand Damian Hirst's obsession with cows and formaldehyde - but there are other occasions where I am moved to tears or struck dumb. Gaia did both to me. I fought the tears that welled up and grew in frustration when searching for the words that could adequately describe my feelings. Oh, to have a dictionary to hand! I was overwhelmed by the paucity of expression.

I looked around for a dictionary to help me find adequate eloquence to counter the emotional roller coaster that threatened me. I stared at the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, the majestic cloud cover swirling over the Himalayas. I was adrift, lost in wonder – but no words came to help me steer a course. Just when I needed one – there was no dictionary to hand. I climbed the steps to the choir gallery and looked down on her beauty, spinning slowly beneath me. Was this the view that God enjoyed, I wondered? Greek mythology may have needed a goddess to describe the earth. They may have called her Gaia, but I needed no such help – for I enjoy the love and friendship of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As I stared at Gaia I became aware of my **insignificance** – and, in a strange way, my **significance**. God knows me. He knows my name. He knows my anxieties and secrets, my hopes and my fears. He knows me – and His world spins...for me.

I returned home. I went straight in to reach for my dictionary. The character in the radio 4 play was correct. The word 'dictionary' did indeed appear in my dictionary. There were entries for 'word', 'paragraph', 'sentence' 'chapter' – everything, in fact, that you and I instinctively understand but which are explained and defined so that others, without our nascent understanding, might learn their meanings. It was Mrs Garton in Junior School who taught us how to use a dictionary and who introduced us to its treasures. A young child, approaching my first decade I would read the dictionary for pleasure. There is, however, only one word that really matters. The Word. The Word that was made flesh and lived among us - and who shared Gaia's majesty, blessing it with the footsteps he trod.

This weekend we see him engaging with some tourists, visiting Jerusalem. His words carry warning. The Temple – even in its finery is as nothing in comparison to the eternity that is the Godhead. The group before him do not realise who it is that they are talking to, have no understanding. He is warning that all things pass – be they wars, famines, earthquakes, fine buildings, leaders, dynasties. Only God remains, steadfast and resolute. He warns them not to put their trust or faith in things that have no lasting value. Jesus offers a new way and a new hope. His credibility rests on his authenticity.

So, this weekend he leaves us much to ponder. Where do our priorities lie? All things pass. A sunrise doesn't last all morning; a cloudburst doesn't last all day. Monuments, Castles and Cathedrals all eventually fade. Trillionaires and Billionaires all must die. Dynasties always end. Only His Word endures. Stick with that Word.



# PARISH REGISTER



*Please pray for those who have died recently:*

*Mae Taggart (Bronagh Power's aunt)  
Gerard Hagan - Margaret Wills*

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

*William Fleming - Domenico Fertini  
Jude Payne - Michael Reynolds  
Hugh Campbell - Ferdinand McDevitt  
Michael Clyne - Jean Nelson - Sally Stone  
Johnny McNeil - William Fleming*

*Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:*

## St. John's:

Anne McBirnie, Margaret Hand, Ann Dobie, young Saoirse Golden, Ros Mackay, Duncan Cullimore, Sr Nan McKinnon RSCJ, Kate Walsh, Pauline Robertson, Dorothy Dickson, Celia Stone, Carol Simpson, Maggie and John Flanagan, Alex Nielsen, Belinda Wingfield Digby, Sr Helen McLaughlin RSCJ, Helen Kilgour, Mike Fox, Moira McCafferty, Young Shay Graham, Jimmy Curnyn, Simon Hall, John McLaughlin, Susan Cammack, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, Pamela Hanlon, John Lawler, Betty Dougal, Barbara Durcacz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Margaret Duffy, Mike Burns, May Thomson, Kenny O'Connor, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

## St Mary Magdalene's:

Maureen Scott, Monica Gorman, Julie Keegan, Jean McNally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Aisha Montgomery, Tom Kay, Eleanor Campanile, Mary McGovern (jnr), Carolynne McCann, 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.

## *Offertory 8/9 November:*

**St Mary Magdalene's, £412.52 total**, including £95.52 Offertory, £210.80 Gift Aid and £107.00 online.

**St John's, £1826.40 total**, including £406.40 Offertory, £243.00 Gift Aid and £1177.00 online.

*World Day of the Poor SC*  
**£446.77 in total**

## *Anniversaries:*

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

**Nov.15:** Michael Reynolds (2018); Hugh O'Rourke (2006); Helen Shanley (1991); Agnes Loftus (1988); Agnes Rafferty (1987); Ferdinand McDevitt (1973); George Cordery (1948); William Henery; James Ward; **Nov.16:** Domenico Fertini (2017); Alexander Pyper (2007); William Cairns (1994); Daniel O'Lone (1979); Michael Clyne (1960); **Nov.17:** George Hooper (2014); Winifred Thomson (1997); Helen Flynn (1992); **Nov.18:** Fr. Gerry Jackson (1996); James P Meehan (1990); Annie Danial (1978); John Hartnett (1967); Harry Lawler (1965); Francis Flynn; **Nov.19:** Jean Nelson (2022); George Harper (2014); William Fleming (1960); James Flannigan; Charles I Jamieson (1948); Ella Flynn; **Nov.20:** Sally Stone (2003); Peter Rennie (1987); Elizabeth Durkin (1973); Alice McAuley (1935); **Nov.21:** Johnny McNeil (2024); Jude Payne (2015); Andrew Stevenson (2003); Hugh Campbell [9yrs] (2000); Patrick Ginnelly (1984); Alfred Sivell;

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

**Nov.15:** Charles Balfour (2003); **Nov.16:** James Madden (2007); **Nov.19:** John Murphy (1967); **Nov.21:** Mrs Durkin (1974);



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

Ann Bentham, Pat Brown, Kathleen Reville, George Gaynor, Eleanor Bagnell, Ken Lewis, Brian Philipps, Eugene Grant, Bronagh McCourt, Baby Freddie Cross, Josie Young, Irene McIsaac, Sophie Robinson, Tricia Scott, Baby Aidan McGuire, Job Jose, Eileen and Rick Sheptak, Ann Dooley, Sr Jeanette Connell LCM, Vaji Naji, Christopher McCarthy, Caroline Cassidy, Ben Higgins, Frances O'Donnell, Anita and Roger Bromley, Paul Kuppinger, Wyns and Jan Meise, Kaz Mordaszewski, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Tom Cullimore, Brian and Nancy McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, Saramma Samuel, young Riley, baby Felix, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Mike Foy, Fr John Chadwick, Dr Grier Gordon, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Mian Astill, Stuart Falconer, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Anne Morris, Damian Mulvenna, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Peter Hughes, Alasdair Mackay, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, David Miller, David Paterson, Mary Ferguson, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Anne Claveirole, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztejn, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Mary McCormack, Sheila Laughlin, Helen Campbell, Mr Mega, young Zachary Cowie, King Charles, Elizabeth McKenzie, Marna Clarke, Eugene Feehan, Ann Currie, Jacob Green (aged 14), Pat Campanile, Mireille McNab (aged 15), Michelle Lee, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John and Anne Havard, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), 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 8), Kazim Kazimoglu, Tony Rigg, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, John Kellagher, Betty Blyth, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.