

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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24 AUGUST 2025 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able'. (Luke 13:23-24)

We continue to hold in our hearts those who are suffering – and all those who have lost their lives – in Gaza and Israel and 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 humanitarian aid might reach those suffering in Gaza and that somehow a permanent - and just - ceasefire might happen in Ukraine...

A warm welcome to Fr Loreto Tabone, who arrives from Gozo early on Tuesday morning for a 10-day visit covering for Fr Jock (who sets off on his summer holiday, cycle as ever on top of his car, on Sunday afternoon). He will be succeeded by **Fr Luke Beckett OSB**, a monk of Ampleforth Abbey, who will be here from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 September. Meanwhile the faithful **Fr Jim Smith** will be celebrating our weekday Mass this Monday, and from Monday 8 September to Thursday 11 September.

A Gentle Request from Gena Gallagher re New Members – and Lifts - for the Thursday Club.

'The Thursday Club, open to the elderly people of our community, is looking for new members. Join us every Thursday, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm, in St John's Hall for an afternoon full of bingo, music, fun, chats and cakes, teas and coffees. Please contact Gena if you wish to join.

Also, if you own a car, please can you consider helping to take some of our senior citizens, either to or from our Club... If so, please contact Gena on 0131 669 1311. We would be so grateful.'

The warmest of welcomes to our 12 Holy Rood HS S6 pupils who are seeking the Pope Benedict Caritas Award and who will kindly be performing a number of roles at Sunday Mass in both parishes in the coming months – Raysa Uddin, Grace Golden, Nicole Skrzypek, Orla Lang, Nadia Kacala, Zusanna Sluzewska, Sophia Jekabsone De Lima, Lorena Crolla, Luca Pacitti, Lilly-Ann McDowall, Libby, and Francesco Pia.

Our next **Baptism Preparation course** will take place in the Parish House on **Wednesday 24 September** (at 7.30pm) and **Thursday 2 October** (7.45pm). Please make contact with Fr Jock if you would like to enrol on it.

A Request from the J&P Group - WANTED – Are you under 70 with a clean driving licence? Are you happy to give three hours once every two months to support people on the street? We staff the Bethany Care Van every second Sunday, between 11.45am and 2.45pm distributing sandwiches and hot drinks to people on the streets and, with the number of volunteers we have, this is an individual commitment of once each two months. If you are interested in driving the van, please let Jim Roarty (jimroarty4@gmail.com, tel: 07719952472) know. If you want to find out more, we can arrange for you to come out with the team to see the operation.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 23 August -10.00am – St John's – **Bereavement Mass** – *livestreamed*

1.30pm - Cathedral of St Patrick and St Phelim, Cavan - **Wedding of Jamie Archibald and Saorcha Lundy**

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

Sunday 24 August – **21st Sunday of the Year**

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

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

Monday 25 August - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** (Fr Jim) – *livestreamed*

Tuesday 26 August - 7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** (Fr Tabone) – *livestreamed*

Wednesday 27 August - 9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Thursday 28 August - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Friday 29 August - 9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Saturday 30 August - 6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 31 August – **22nd Sunday of the Year** - 9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

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

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



In the Coming Weeks – Tuesday 23 September – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Eleanor Moffatt**

WORRYING NEWS FROM THE STEKA HOME AND GODKNOWS MAZEKO IN MALAWI

‘PREPARE FOR SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS AHEAD. - The Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM) forecasts inflation to reach 32.5% by December 2025, but from the looks of things it may exceed this projection and reach around 40% due to severe food shortages. Expect maize prices to skyrocket, with a 50kg bag potentially costing between K120,000 and K150,000. So, it's important you stock maize now. Those in restaurants business, must seriously plan for this. Farmers need to plan now, fertilizer will be around K250,000 or above. Salaries and wages will likely not keep pace with inflation; this will definitely lead to a significant decrease in purchasing power. Let's start thinking of engaging in extra income generating activities. Expect many families will be forced to pull their children out of school due to unaffordable fees. The RBM warns of persistent upside risks to food prices, indicating that prices may not stabilize soon. There is no near-term relief.’

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – François Mauriac

French Novelist and Nobel Laureate (1885-1970) – Anniversary: 1 September

"It is impossible for any one of those who has real charity in his heart not to serve Christ. Even some of those who think they hate Him have consecrated their lives to Him; for Jesus is disguised and masked in the midst of men, hidden among the poor, among the sick, among prisoners, among strangers."



François Mauriac, who died in 1970, was the last of the great giants of the Catholic literary revival that flourished in France between the wars. Unlike many of his contemporaries he lived well beyond the Second World War and thus faced the challenge of revisioning his traditional faith amid the ruins of the old world.

Mauriac was born in Bordeaux in 1885. His father died when he was an infant and consequently, he and his four siblings were raised by their mother, a sternly religious Catholic of Jansenistic tendencies. She impressed on her children a strong sense of sin. From his bourgeois grandparents, meanwhile, he was brought

up with the idea that *"the most respectable thing in the world is money honestly earned by a businessman who has started out with nothing, who owes nothing to anyone, and who has acquired the right to marry into an old family."*

The combination of these outlooks - a type of religious phariseism on the one hand, and the values of bourgeois respectability on the other provided the background to many of his later novels. Mauriac was deeply inspired by the work of Blaise Pascal (1623-1662). He once suggested that his own work was reflected in the title that Pascal had proposed for a chapter in his unfinished apologetics: *"Misery of the world without God."* In a series of dark, pessimistic novels such as *The Desert of Love* and *Woman of the Pharisees*, Mauriac explored a world in which human beings were warped and distorted by frustrated hopes, pride, avarice, and the failure to connect with other persons in love. And yet his characters were not drawn in spite. For one thing, he had too much respect for the complexity of the human soul to paint anyone as purely villainous. Ultimately, he believed that within each person there were the outlines of the fully realized human being, the saint, which he or she was called to become. *"For Sartre hell is other people; but for us, others are Christ."*

One of his most famous characters was the protagonist of his novel *Thérèse Desqueyroux* (1926). She is a notorious sinner, an embittered wife who rebels against the entrapment of her unloving marriage by attempting to poison her husband. Behind her shocking actions, Mauriac tried to suggest the uncompromising spirit which might, under the influence of grace, propel Thérèse to holiness. She is a woman who typifies *"that power, granted to all human beings – no matter how much they may seem to be slaves of a hostile fate - of saying 'No' to the law which beats them down."*

In his *Viper's Nest* (1932) Mauriac portrayed a family enclosed behind a mask of pious respectability that hides the swamp of hatred and sin within. The hero of the novel is the family's much-despised patriarch, a man who spends his time plotting ways of depriving his children of his fortune. His life, as we learn, has been fatally derailed by the mistaken (as it turns out) belief that his wife never loved him. When he learns the truth, it is the beginning of his conversion and salvation.

Mauriac was deeply affected by the tragedy of World War II and the experience of the Occupation. He was haunted by the moral failure that allowed his fellow citizens to collaborate in the deportation of French Jews and by the capacity of so many Christians to look the other way. His writing took on a steadily deeper concern for social issues, reflecting his conviction that Christianity must incarnate the values of the gospel in history. As he wrote, *"Our hidden life with Christ ought to have some bearing on our lives as citizens. We cannot approve or practice publicly in the name of Caesar what the Lord condemns, disapproves, or curses, whether it be failure to honour our word, exploitation of the poor, police torture, or regimes of terror."*

Increasingly Mauriac was recognized not only as a religious artist but as a voice of conscience within the church and French society. Although this embroiled him in controversy, his contributions were recognized in many public honours, including the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1952.

Mauriac's earlier work had tended to focus more on the vertical relationship between God and the individual soul. In his later life he became more concerned with the implications of the Incarnation and its meaning for our encounter with God in other people. One of his last books was entitled *The Son of Man*, a meditation on the humanity of Jesus. In this work he pondered the significance of the fact that God chose to be incarnate as a poor man, a worker, and a Jew. What would our world look like if Christians gave proper credit to these facts? For Mauriac this insight was the foundation for a profound Christian humanism: *"All tyrannies are founded upon contempt for man. When this temptation to contempt overcomes us, we must remember that Christ was a man like us and that He loved us. If He was one of us, then every man, no matter how miserable he be, has a capacity for God."*

Mauriac died at the age of eighty-five on 1 September 1970.

See: François Mauriac, The Son of Man (New York: Collier, 1961); Sr. Annita Mazrie Caspary, I.H.M., François Mauriac, The Christian Critic Series (St. Louis: B. Herder, n.d.).

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Catholic Conversations for Women - Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those desirous of faith-focused discussion all warmly welcome to this event. It takes place at St Andrew's Parish rooms, 77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS, on **Saturday 30 August**, 3:45pm-4:45pm. Optional Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Peace with Creation - The national Care of Creation Office has organised a series of Zoom sessions with the theme *Peace with Creation*, 7:00pm-9:00pm **each Thursday, beginning on 4 September**. Each week features a guest speaker. Register at <https://forms.gle/JXUWYtJjid1zeqSQ9>.

Season of Creation Conference - The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to its National Season of Creation Conference on **Saturday 6 September 2025** in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Special guest is Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Registration and details at www.bcos.org.uk/scc25

National Pilgrimage to Whithorn - The National Pilgrimage to Whithorn in honour of St Ninian will take place on **Sunday 31 August**. Mass at St Ninian's Cave will be celebrated at 4:00pm by Bishop Frank Dougan. Event information is in the news section at <https://rcdg.org.uk/>

Fife Pilgrim Way - Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims on the Fife Pilgrim Way over six stages **each Saturday, beginning 30 August**. Meet at 11:00am at the Fife Pilgrim Way information board, Battery Rd, North Queensferry, walking to St Margaret's, Dunfermline. A great way to mark the Jubilee Year. No registration required. Queries to Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com

National Pilgrimage to Carfin - The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on **Sunday 7 September** at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant and preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for Catholics in Scotland to come together to celebrate.

Carlo Acutis relics - The relics of Carlo Acutis visit the Archdiocese from **13-15 September 2025**, by which time he will be a saint of the Church! Schedule for St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh: Sat 13 Sep - 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Cathedral open until 8:00pm for veneration); Sun 14 Sep - Midday Mass; Mon 15 Sep - 12:45pm Mass for Schools.

Altar Servers' Day - The Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers, our Guild of St Cuthbert, is on **Saturday 13 September 2025**, 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. This year we will be in the presence of a saint - the relics of Carlo Acutis will be there! This is a day of faith, formation and fun, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register with Fr Jock.

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

FR JOCK DALRYMPLE (SNR) – FAITH NOT WORKS

(Taken from his book Simple Prayer, first published in 1984)

Someone seeking to deepen their prayer life may well find themselves asking how Christian it is to be concerned with prayer, prayer methods, spiritual reading, in a world where the majority of our fellow human beings are living subhuman lives either because they are exploited by the rich and powerful or simply because they have not got enough to eat.

How Christian is it to be cultivating the art of prayer in the leisure moments of a privileged life instead of helping the underprivileged to gain freedom? Has, in fact, prayer anything to do with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world today? Is it not, rather, the drawing room pursuit of the relatively idle middle classes of the affluent western world? Facing these questions honestly compels us to examine the relationship between the Christian quality of our prayer and that of the remainder of our lives. If they are not closely connected, then indeed our prayer is not Christian, nor are our lives. I will now seek to examine the relationship between prayer and the rest of our lives.

The test of the quality of one's prayer is the quality of one's life. It is tempting to make the test of prayer how one feels during prayer. We do this automatically. Prayer has been smooth and easy; there have been few distractions; we have felt close to God. So we say that our prayer is good and that we have no problems with it. On another day, however, it has gone badly, dreadfully patchy and interrupted with distractions; we have not the presence of God at all. We conclude from this that there is something wrong with our prayer.

In both these cases we are making the mistake of judging our prayer by our feelings during it. To do that is to make prayer an end in itself, something we do apart from everything else, unconnected with the rest of our life. That is, of course, not the case. Prayer is the articulated expression of our whole lives. We take the whole of our living, in prayer and outside prayer, and present it to God as an offering subject to his judgment. Prayer is nothing more than the explicit articulation of our lives offered to God. It is necessarily connected with how we are conducting our lives as children of God.

Prayer, therefore, is intimately connected with what we do about the exploited poor of our world, and how we live the gospel in our lives. To put it bluntly, if we are not concerned about our neighbour in this world, then it is no use praying, since our prayer will be no good, simply self-indulgence, not Christian sacrifice. If we accept the close connection between prayer and living, we will be able to understand that our conduct outside prayer is the best test of the quality of prayer. If our lives are found to be honest, truthful, caring of others, pure – or at least are a constant attempt to be so in spite of failures, then we may be sure that our prayer is good. Our lives are an attempt to please God, so our prayer is sincere, even if we felt it was no good. How we felt at prayer is not the point. The point is whether we tried to please God with our living of which prayer is simply an expression. If our lives were to be selfish and we were to give up the attempt to do God's will, but we still devoted time to prayer, that would be a sign that our prayer was insincere and hypocritical, even though it might be full of raptures.

God could justly say to us, *'This people honours me with its lips but its heart is far from me.'* In other words, the connection between prayer and the life which is lived on either side of it is intimate. The quality of my life will determine the quality of my prayer, and the quality of my prayer will have an effect on the life that follows it. Notice that in judging this quality the question of feelings does not enter. God's judgment on us is independent of whether we feel close to him or not. He judges us by our deeds and intentions, not by our feelings. Our prayer is good when our hearts are fixed on God, even if it is filled with boring aridity or passionate turmoil.

The more we pray the more the distinction between prayer and conduct becomes blurred. When we start, we are conscious of two separate kinds of Christian action. One kind is conduct, the attempt to live our life as Christians according to the standards of Jesus Christ. The other kind is prayer, the attempt to communicate with God. We see them as two distinct things linked together. At this stage the link consists in directing our prayer towards making our conduct more Christian. We pray to become better people, to be more virtuous.

With time, however, the separation in our minds between prayer and conduct begins to disappear; we see both kinds of response as action towards God to please him. We see the underlying unity of the whole of our life and recognize that our life is lived in the direction of God, and that both prayer and good acts are fundamentally expressions of our love of God; both are 'statements' to God. When this happens, it is beginning to be true that our whole life is prayer, that *'laborare est orare,'* to work is to pray. Notice, however, that what is happening is that our conduct is becoming more akin to prayer; we are making what we do a more or less conscious attempt to relate to God. Another way of describing this growing unification of our lives is to say that we become less preoccupied with morality (correct conduct, works), and more concerned with relating closely to God (faith, prayer).

NOTICEBOARD

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

Sr Pennie Mac Innes, from the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, writes: ‘Dear Fr Jock and parishioners, thank you very much for the warm welcome you gave me when I visited to your Parishes in June for the Mission Appeal, I thoroughly enjoyed my visit, and all the lovely Parishioners I met. Thank you so much for the generous donations of **£1228.00** from your two Parishes towards the work of the Sisters of the Sacred of Jesus and Mary throughout the world. Every penny will go to those most vulnerable and needy and will make such a difference to their lives. Be assured of our prayers for you and the parish. Yours in Christ, Sr Pennie Mac Innes, Mission Appeal Team - Email: penniemacinnnes@gmail.com’

Fire Safety Training at The Gillis

‘Fire safety training sessions will take place at The Gillis Centre on **Thursday 4 September 2025**. These are for clergy and all parish volunteers. Essential Safety Training for: Clergy, Welcomers, PPC Members, Church staff, Volunteers, Children’s Liturgy Leaders, Office staff and all others involved in church ministries. This Fire Safety training course is provided by Thomson & Inglis Business Solutions on behalf of the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. We have morning, afternoon and evening sessions to suit, each lasts two hours. Full details and registration, see QR code or poster at the back of both churches.’



Prayer

*Creator of winter’s beauty,
spring’s promise,
summer’s energy
and autumn’s surprise,
lead us through the seasons of nature and of life
with a rediscovered tenderness and wisdom,
that we may cherish the preciousness
and mystery of earth each day.*

Peter Miller

Holyrood High School, Duddingston - Class of 1972 reunion

Friday evening 10 October 2025 - Docker's club, 17 Academy Street Leith EH6 7EF

Frank Brown writes: ‘We will bring together former pupils from 1972, though an invitation is generally open to former pupils around 1972. To pay for the hire of the function room and a buffet, a donation of £10 is suggested. If anyone feels this cost is too much, please still attend.

We want to encourage attendance and celebrate with old friends and former staff.

Please spread the word, we expect it to be well attended by both former pupils and staff.

https://www.facebook.com/events/568240692967819/?active_tab=discussion
<https://holyroodhigh.com/>

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – LUKE 13: 22-30

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

Dress code: wear something colourful and bright! Such an invitation is always welcomed by yours truly. The new protocols around death are a strange mishmash. When my own father died in 1992, my mother fretted about the costs involved. My brother still has the original invoice for the burial plot from Mr Bradbury, the undertaker. Everything was done and dusted for £16.25 including £1 for the priest and 75p for the gravedigger who had to dig to a depth of 9 feet to ensure enough room for two more coffins. There was no 'reception' to pay for. Everyone piled back home to a mountain of open baps with ham and pease pudding, prepared by Mrs Scafton and Mrs Mulligan from two doors down to the left and right of the front door. They served cups of steaming tea from two huge brown enamel tea pots borrowed from the community centre; cream cakes were offered to the ladies and Uncle John went round pouring whisky and rum into everyone's tea. And you thought that having your drink spiked is a modern phenomenon! Nowadays, death has become a much more lucrative business if the TV adverts are anything to go by. The elderly are encouraged by a subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) message to pay for their own funeral while still alive so that the 'family' can benefit from the double bonanza of not having to fret as my mother did and plan their own reception somewhere exotic no doubt with slingbacks and fascinators, Armani, Versace, Tom Ford and Jo Malone in attendance! Look them up if you're confused. Oh, before I forget, the reason I like a dress code of 'colourful and bright' means that I no longer have to lie flat on the floor, breathing in with all my might so that I can fasten the trousers of my black suit of indeterminate vintage, hoping that the trousers will hold once I stand up and that no-one will notice that the jacket can no longer fasten at the front! Much nicer to wear the hippie shirt I kept from the 70's and chinos of sail-like dimensions.

Thursday afternoon, saw me indulging my favourite pastime. I was sat on my usual seat outside Hexham Abbey watching Hexham life weave its own kaleidoscopic tapestry. It was just before 2pm. A hearse pulled up outside the Abbey door. Panic! What was I to do with my carton of chips? I was too late to discretely exit left. The Dean had already clocked me with his mischievous twinkle. I would stand to attention, chips behind me on the bench, hoping they would go unnoticed. I would wait for the rhythm and energy of the psychodrama to evolve. The coffin was slight, the mourners sparse. I remembered Eleanor Rigby and Father Mackenzie and Paul McCartney intoning – 'All the lonely people – where do they all come from? All the lonely people, where do they all belong?' The Abbey is a grand building; I wondered how many coffins had been carried through its doors. Whether carried from an ancestral pile in the middle of a 5000-acre estate or a terraced house in Haltwhistle, all coffins have one thing in common. They are all quite diminutive. It's apt that their proportions fit in perfectly with Jesus' admonition this weekend:

Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

It's easy for us to assume that we are doing enough, that we're getting by and that we will manage to squeeze in. What if we cannot squeeze through the door that has not kept pace with our girth, our love of the transient pleasures of this life. It's not the door's fault. Recently we had our female Dobermann to the vet who described her weight as 'generous'. She looked at me but said nothing. The lesson had been given. The medics tell me that I'm carrying a sack of potatoes unnecessarily. I don't need them to tell me. I know I am. Tomorrow I'll do something about it. Tomorrow. In the meantime, I'll wear something bright and colourful! We sometimes fool ourselves into thinking we're doing enough: Daily prayers - tick! Sunday Mass - tick! Giving to SCIAF - tick! Helping with the soup-kitchen- tick! Supporting the local food-bank - tick! We pride ourselves on the number and variety of ticks already achieved. We assume we are doing enough. Beware. Assumption can morph into presumption in the blink of an eye. We aren't always aware of the danger posed when we delude ourselves that time is on our side. The reality is that we can always do more, try harder, be more kind, show more compassion. There is always more opportunity to demonstrate love and more time to rededicate our commitment to the Gospel message. The athlete gets to the top not because of the first training session but because when he was nearing exhaustion he turned and went for one more run. one more sprint, one more throw.

PARISH REGISTER

Welcome to the world ... Peter Lee, a son for Jennifer and Lee, and little brother for Mary and Ava, born on 30 June 2025

Warm birthday greetings to Mary Windle, 90 on Monday 11 August

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Eleanor Moffatt - Janette Stewart
Tom Heaney - Fr Tony Quinlan OMI
Andrew Boyd*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Susan Tinney - Jimmy Gallagher
Tom O'Malley - Ella Ayers- Nora Stone
Violet Paterson - Mamie Richards
James Martin - Charles Douglas*

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Maggie Flanagan, Alex Nielsen, Mike Iannarelli, Belinda Wingfield Digby, Sr Helen McLaughlin RSCJ, Helen Kilgour, Mike Fox, Moira McCafferty, Young Shay Graham, Jimmy Curnyn, Simon Hall, John McLaughlin, Susan Cammack, John Flanagan, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, Pamela Hanlon, John Lawler, Sheila Tansey, Betty Dougal, Carol Simpson, Barbara Durcaz, Mairi O'Connor, Lesley O'Donnell, Donald Oswald, Prisca Kemp, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, Celia Stone, 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 Vizer, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, young Saoirse Golden, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mary McGovern, Maureen Scott, Julie Keegan, Jean McNally, Bill McGeachie, Norrie Gibson, Monica Gorman, 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 16/17 August 25

St Mary Magdalene's, £319.60 total, including £140.60 Offertory, £103.00 Gift Aid and £76.00 online donations.

St John's, £1726.50 total, including £299.50 Offertory, £130.00 Gift Aid and £1297.00 online donations.

Special Collection for African Missions and the Holy Places: £534.03

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Aug.23: Sandy Ferguson (2023); Norah Hall (2009); James Anderson (2007); Thomas Bannon (1999); William Power (1991); Mary Martin (1990); Ann Hughes (1977); Nora Stone (1976); **Aug.24:** Mary Phillips (2017); Alan Haigh (2017); Jimmy Gallagher (2016); Theresa Bell (2011); Sarah McDonough (2010); Ian Bain (2001); Kitty Demarco (1997); Thomas Tracy (1976); **Aug.25:** Violet Paterson (2023); Mamie Richards (2019); Billy Harrison (2018); John Fegan (2008); Bridget Halpenny (1992); Guido Avella (1991); **Aug.26:** Theresa McArthur (2021); James Martin (2008); Maureen Lacey (1983); **Aug.27:** Charles (Tony) Emslie (1998); Denis Kelly (1997); Agnes J McKay (1986); Mary Holligan (2001); Michael Meldrum (1975); James Waldie (1960); Patrick Birnie (1940); **Aug.29:** Norrie Lamb (1997);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Aug.23: Charlie Douglas (2018); **Aug.24:** Mary Damer (2002); **Aug.26:** John Flannigan (2005); **Aug.27:** Bridget Gillespie (2003); William Kempton (2001); Catherine Muir (2001); **Aug.29:** Ella Ayers (2021); Jean Connelly (1982);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Irene McIsaac, Andrea Ford, Julie Cortelli, Elaine Mulholland, Baby Aidan McGuire, Job Jose, Eileen and Rick Sheptak, Ann Dooley, Gina Nipitella, Ellen Green, Sr Jeanette Connell LCM, Vaji Naji, Christopher McCarthy, Caroline Cassidy, Ben Higgins, Frances O'Donnell, Anita and Roger Bromley, Paul Kuppinger, Wyns Meise, Kaz Mordaszewski, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Jennifer Kay, Tom Cullimore, Brian McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, Saramma Samuel, young Riley, baby Felix, Bronagh McCourt, 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, Kay Leslie, 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, 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 Mireille McNab (aged 14), Michelle Lee, Peter Hanley, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Tish Deacon, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, John and Anne Havad, 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), Kazim Kazimoglu, Jan Meise, 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.