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30 MARCH 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." (Luke 15:31-32)

We continue to hold in our hearts those who are suffering – and all those who have lost their lives – not only in Gaza and Israel and Lebanon and Syria and in Ukraine, and indeed in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and in all the wars and conflicts in our world... We pray especially that the ceasefire in Gaza might be reinstated and for positive diplomatic developments in Washington/Kiev/Moscow....

NB – This Sunday at 2.00am, the clocks go forward an hour....



We continue to pray for dear Pope Francis, ...

Sunday is Mother's Day – so we remember with gratitude all Mums, Grandmas, Great Grans, godmothers and spiritual mothers – and ask God to bless them.

A message from Archbishop Cushley about today's 'SCIAF Sunday'

"This Sunday there is a special collection at all parishes for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF). 75 per cent of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25 per cent to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. Last year £38,000

was raised from this collection; £28,500 went to SCIAF and £9,500 went to the Archdiocesan Care Fund. With your kind donations Care Fund grants went to: *Bethany Care Trust* (Homeless support), *Ukraine Project* (rehabilitation centre in Ukraine), *Across* (Pilgrimages for people with severe disabilities) and *FAFCE* (Promoting Family Life at the UN, EU and Council of Europe). We pray for all those involved in charities which help those in need in the Archdiocese and across the world, including the good work of SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving this Lent.”

Bishop Brian McGee's **Pastoral Letter** – ‘Uniting to End Poverty’ – is included in this week's newsletter.



**Holy Hour this Thursday 3 April will be held at St Mary Magdalene's at 6.45pm
(note the slightly earlier time this month)**



Deacon Eddie writes: ‘As we approach the 10th anniversary of the publication of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' Encyclical which focuses on the care of our common home, this wonderful planet and all the beauty of nature, this will be the theme for this month's Holy Hour. This seems especially fitting as it should be the first Holy Hour of the year which starts before darkness, with the clocks changing this weekend.

Do join us in St Mary Magdalene's for prayer, music and adoration. Feel free to join us and sit in silent adoration or to join in with the prayers and music (sheets are provided). **(Lifts can be arranged for anyone wanting to attend the Service at St Mary Magdalene's and then the Talk in St John's straight afterwards)**

An invitation to Young People to a Taizé Prayer Evening on Thursday 3 April at 7.00 pm in the Parish House Prayer Room – Agnieszka Kiersztejn writes: ‘S5 and above students are warmly invited to this Prayer Night followed by a social. In the meeting we'll pray with Taizé chants, short Bible readings and in silence. Come, bring a friend and your favourite snacks. *Taste and see that the Lord is good.* See you there!’

Fr Jock's ‘Overview of the New Testament’ – 7.45pm – St John's Hall – Thursday 3 April

Fr Jock will be offering, in response to a request, the second of three evenings repeating the presentations he gives in January each year to our RCIA Group – this week offering an overview of **The New Testament** (The first of these, on the Old Testament, took place on Monday 24 March - if you want to catch up on it the link is <https://youtube.com/live/PNqCE1IA22I>)

Attempts to make the various maps offered in the first talk available on-line had a mixed reception because of a lack of readability so this week the three maps to be used will be sent in advance to those interested – simply email requesting them to jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk. The final talk will be on Thursday 10 April on The History of the Church. Thanks to the generosity of our livestreaming team, the YouTube links for all the evenings can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4iFEKMe>

A Response to Concerns about Assisted Suicide – An Initiative of our Five Cluster Parishes - This Friday, 4 April – 7.30pm – St Ninian's, Restalrig

The Alliance of Concern against Assisted Suicide - a group which includes organisations such as Care Not Killing, the Campaign against Assisted Dying, and the Catholic Parliamentary Office - will be giving a presentation on Friday 4th April at 7.30 in St Ninian's. The speakers will explain issues related to the Assisted Dying Bill: the possible and probable outcomes of the Bill and the action we can take to contact MPs and MSPs prior to the forthcoming vote. Tea and Coffee will be available from 7pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about this important bill and to ask questions of the speakers.

A Polish Bake Sale next Sunday for the Steka Skills' Woman's Hostel - Agnieszka Kiersztejn writes: ‘Come and enjoy some flagship Polish baking after 9:30 and 11:15 Masses on Sunday 6th April to support our parishes' fundraising efforts for the STEKA Women's Hostel in Malawi. Sit in and takeaway options available.’



The new issue of **Living Faith**, the Redemptorist magazine, with a reflection for each day for the next three months of the year, is available free at the back of both churches from this weekend (though if you would like to help us cover costs, a donation of £2 would do so...!)

... *hope does not disappoint* ... (Romans 5:5)

OUR OTHER LENTEN PARISH INITIATIVES

Lent is primarily a time of preparation for our celebration of Holy Week and Easter – it's always good at the start of Lent to mark **the date of Holy Week (13 to 20 April)** in one's diary/phone/calendar and to try to keep it as free as possible....

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **after each weekday Mass** until Good Friday – and every Saturday evening after the Vigil Mass – and at any time by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The Legion of Mary will lead **Stations** at St John's every Wednesday after Morning Mass. There will also be **Stations of the Cross at St Mary Magdalene's this Thursday 3 April** immediately after 10.00am Mass followed by tea/coffee and sandwiches, and on **Friday 11 April** at 2.00pm followed by tea/coffee/scones/pancakes.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 29 March

11.15am – Parish House – **Inclusivity Group Meeting**

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

Sunday 30 March – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 'SCIAF Sunday'

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

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass (for both P3 and P4)** – *livestreamed*

Monday 31 March - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Tuesday 1 April

7.00pm – Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA – Lent 4**

Wednesday 2 April - 9.10-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – with Primary 1 from St John's Primary School

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

Thursday 3 April

10.00am – Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* - with Primary 2 and 6 from St John's Primary School

10.45am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Stations of the Cross**

6.45pm – St Mary Magdalene's – **Holy Hour with Adoration** (Deacon Eddie) – *livestreamed*

7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room - **Young People's Taizé Prayer Night**

7.45pm – St John's Hall – **Fr Jock's presentation on The New Testament** – *livestreamed*

Friday 4 April

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

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

11.00am – Holy Rood HS – **Leavers' Mass and Ceremony** (Fr Jock)

7.30pm – St Ninian's, Restalrig - **A Response to Concerns about Assisted Suicide – An Initiative of our Five Cluster Parishes**

Saturday 5 April

9.30am-1.30pm – St John's Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Charity Sale**

10.30am – Parish House – **Cluster Jubilee Pilgrimage Planning Meeting**

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

Sunday 30 March – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* (followed by Polish Bake Sale for Steka)

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

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* (followed by Polish Bake Sale for Steka)

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

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Sebastian Castellio

French prophet of Religious Liberty (1515-1563) – Feast Day: 20 March

"To kill a man is not to defend a doctrine, but to kill a man."



With the unfolding of the Reformation Christendom was increasingly rent by a profusion of doctrinal confessions. One side's orthodoxy was another's heresy. Amid this controversy there were a few who raised their voices to affirm one simple truth: that no doctrine of Christ should be a cause to inflict torture or death. Among the clearest of these voices was a French scholar, Sebastian Castellio.

As a young man in Lyons in January 1540 Castellio witnessed the public execution of three Lutheran heretics. He was profoundly shaken by the experience so much so that he forsook his country and his Catholic faith. Declaring himself for the Protestant cause, he made his way to Geneva, where John Calvin appointed him as schoolmaster. He proved himself a creative scholar and a man of deep faith and courage. He put the city's ministers to shame when he volunteered, as they would not, to minister to the victims of the plague. Yet his own request for ordination was denied on the grounds of his liberal exegesis and doctrinal disagreements. Among other things, he refused to accept Calvin's notion that some people - the reprobate - are predestined to damnation. He believed this to be a monstrous doctrine. Thus discouraged, he moved to Basel where, after some years of poverty, he found a position as a professor of Greek.

In 1553, at Calvin's instigation, an amateur theologian named Michael Servetus was burned at the stake in Geneva for denying the doctrine of the Trinity. To Calvin it was the responsibility of the magistrate to defend true doctrine, and thus to maintain the honour of God. For Castellio this was a defining moment that called for immediate response. The message of Jesus was mercy and forgiveness. He believed there could be no greater blasphemy than to kill a human being in the name of God. He responded with a major book, *On Heretics: Whether They Should Be Punished by the Magistrate*, and several other impassioned works.

Castellio observed that Christ called his followers to put on the white dress of a pure and holy life. *"But what instead occupies our thoughts? We do not dispute concerning the way to Christ, but on his relationship to God the Father, on the Trinity, predestination, freedom of the will, the nature of God, the angels, the state of the soul after death - on a multitude of things which are not essential to salvation; things which, in truth, we can never know unless our hearts are pure, for these things must be comprehended spiritually."*

One's first duty as a Christian was to love one's neighbour as oneself. But how could one love one's neighbours while killing them over differences about "sound doctrine"? *"Oh, their sound doctrine!"* he exclaimed of the theologians. *"How Christ will despise them on the Day of Judgment for this sound doctrine!"*

Castellio noted that all sects are certain that their religious views are based on the Word of God. *"Calvin says that his are certain and they theirs. He says they are wrong and wishes to be the judge and so do they. Who shall be judge? Who made Calvin the judge of all the sects, that he alone should kill?"* What, after all, is a heretic? he asked. *"After diligent investigation... I can discover no more than this, that we regard those as heretics with whom we disagree."*

At a time when nearly all his contemporaries held to the view that "error has no rights," Castellio's plea for toleration and respect for the rights of conscience was certainly exceptional. *"To force conscience is worse than cruelly to kill a man,"* he wrote, *"because I must be saved by my own faith and not by that of another.... Religion resides not in the body but in the heart, which cannot be reached by the sword of kings and princes. The Church can no more be constructed by persecution and violence than walls can be built by cannon blasts."* When Calvin asked how then was the true church to be recognized, Castellio answered, *"By an assured faith concerning things which are hoped for, not known, by love which is better than faith and may be clearly discerned, by the doctrine of piety which is to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, to hunger and thirst after righteousness and endure persecution for righteousness' sake."*

Castellio published his works using a pseudonym. Nevertheless, the authorities had little difficulty tracing them to his pen. Legal proceedings were initiated which might, presumably, have led to his imprisonment or exile, had he not died before they could be concluded in 1563. At that time the wars of religion in Europe had barely

begun. Centuries were to pass before Castellio's position won widespread respect. His name deserves similar honour.

See: Roland Bainton, ed., Concerning Heretics: An Anonymous Work Attributed to Sebastian Castellio (New York: Octagon Books, 1965); Roland Bainton, The Travails of Religious Liberty (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1951).

A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Lord thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones who endure sleepless nights with infants in their arms.

For the busy ones who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones who always seek to forgive and engage with their teens.

For the persistent ones who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini adults.

For the mother aunts who step in to cradle and care for their nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums who are called to gather and care for the fragile ones.

For the Sunday mums who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the mums who give far beyond their own resources –

who overcome disability to cherish and love.

For the mums who mourn the loss of their children and grieve with broken hearts.

For those who deeply desire to be a mum but who, for whatever reason,

find themselves without their own children to love.

May you bless them all on this day and always.

NOTICEBOARD

St Patrick's Day Concert – Thank You from the Justice and Peace Group Organisers

‘A big thank you to all our performers on Friday evening. We were royally entertained, not only by our headline act, the St John's Primary School Choir, but also by all our other brilliant singers and musicians – and Gerry Gallagher, our dancer.

A big thank you also to all who supported the evening financially. Donations plus the raffle raised the princely sum of **£1220**. The charities we were supporting are the SCIAF Gaza appeal, nominated by the J&P Group, and Mary's Meals, chosen by the primary school. The J&P Group have topped up the monies raised on Friday so *cheques for £1000* are winging their way to these wonderful causes.

A big thank you also to all those collected and donated raffle prizes, sold tickets, served interval refreshments and all the other things that contributed to the success of the evening'

PS There are four unclaimed raffle prizes, two for *Ian Perth* and one each for *Gary Blackwood* and *Ronnie Peters*. These can be claimed from the parish house.'

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



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

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

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



10th Anniversary of Laudato Si' - This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' acclaimed encyclical Laudato Si': *On Care for our Common Home*. The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland invites us to discern how, in this Jubilee Year, we can be Pilgrims of Hope for our common home.

They have organised a zoom meeting for Thursday 3rd April at 7.00pm.

Visit bit.ly/3RltKaB

REQUESTS FOR HELP a) **Does anybody have green fingers?** We are looking for a few people willing to lend a hand with the Parish House garden....

b) **The St John's Fabric Committee are looking for people willing to offer help** – and any skills they might possess – to enable us to keep the fabric of the Church in good condition... For both or either, please contact Christina Vinestock or Fr Jock...

In last week's St Ninian's newsletter, Fr Piotr Krakowiak wrote about his Aunt Wala who had just died:

'For my Aunt Wala, in her 92nd year of life, this was her last Lent. After months in a hospice and years of suffering, the Lord took her to Himself on the Sunday of the Transfiguration. Let me share with you just one event - one that made me a Krakowiak rather than a Miller. From the German Nazi Stutthof Camp, my Aunt Wala and my father, Mietek, were selected for forced adoption into a German family that had lost its children on the front. They were taken in by the Miller family in Pomerania and treated as farmhands, beaten whenever they tried to speak Polish. It worked, as my 5-or 6-year-old father completely lost his mother tongue and spoke only German. After the war, when this German family was being relocated, it was my brave Aunt Wala who dared to say, 'my name is not Miller, but Krakowiak'. Because of this, Allied soldiers took the children away from the Germans and, through the Red Cross, found their surviving family, some of whom had endured the horrors of war. Throughout their lives, my courageous aunt and my father were inseparable, always supporting each other. Aunt Wala lost an eye in the war, yet she became a teacher—a nearly impossible feat at that time. She taught for 40 years and bore blessed fruit despite the tragic times in which she lived.'

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S AD CLERUM

Stations of the Cross - This **Monday (31 March)**, 7:45pm. Join Fr Greg Murphy OP, from St Joseph's Dundee, and Catholics from across Scotland praying for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

Annual Mass - The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass is at 7:00pm this **Wednesday (2 April)** at St Margaret's, East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB. Fr Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.

Young Adults' Holy Week event - The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on **Saturday 12 April** at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB from 11:30am-3:00pm. There will be talks from speakers including Fr David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Recollect, pray and celebrate your Catholic faith. Register by emailing frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk.

Palm Sunday Youth Day - Let your children know about this day of games and inspiring talks hosted by the Archdiocese at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on **Saturday 12 April** from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples - The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on **Tuesday 27 May** at St Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.

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

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GOSPEL - LUKE 15: 1-3; 11-32

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

A magazine item on the 10 O'clock News last night (Wednesday) informed its audience that 'Tea Rooms' are back. Prosecco and strawberries are so last year! If you want to be at the cutting edge of fashion and trends, make sure you stay connected with the wisdom that emanates from this keyboard! Apparently, women prefer the 'safety' of meeting with friends for afternoon tea. While their husbands may seek masculine banter over a pint, women opt for a fondant fancy and a cup of Darjeeling or Earl Grey – but never builders' tea. As part of the piece, old black and white film footage of Jo Lyons tea shops was shown. I was transported back to 1965 – or maybe earlier: we had been on yet another day trip to Durham Cathedral. Whilst my dad never tired of its architectural magnificence or its feat of engineering – this 12-year-old was not so much impressed, as bored witless. The sacrifice always proved worthwhile when the day was finished off with a trip to Jo Lyons Tea Rooms on North Road, next to the Bus Station in Durham. Battenberg and a glass of Dandelion and Burdock was more than adequate compensation. Heaven! My Mam and Dad were huge fans of Jo Lyons Tea Rooms. It had been their chosen venue for their wedding day breakfast, in April 1936 when they and their two witnesses sat down to egg and chips after the wedding ceremony in St Mary's Catholic Church, Croydon. I invariably enjoy a private 'chuckle' (such a brilliant word) whenever I find myself eavesdropping on a conversation about forthcoming nuptials: *I don't know where we'll find the money – it's going to cost us a small fortune.* My Dad paid for the lunch in 1936 and received change from his ten-bob note! (50p).

These days, we often hear references to the Bank of Mum and Dad. I wonder if the Parable of the Prodigal Son is the first ever recorded account of the original branch of that Bank. *'Hello, I'd like to withdraw the entire share of my projected wealth.'* *'Of course, sir, how would you like it?'* *'Shekels and gold, please: I won't need any livestock: I'll leave those for my brother. You can put the monies and gold in these saddle bags!'*

The three main characters in this delightful story display characteristics that are all too prevalent in our own lives. They vie for position and importance. They make for an interesting contest and reveal the myriad complexities of our own being. The father comes across as the most level-headed of the three. I see him as a sort of cross between Winnie the Pooh and the British actor Hugh Bonneville with a side serving of Paddington Bear: avuncular, generous to a fault with a warm hug and twinkling eyes. Sometimes, I can be that person – sometimes. Without wanting to claim saintly powers, I can occasionally amaze myself at my ability to be self-effacing and kindly – without a hint of victimhood or self-pity. Sometimes – only sometimes – I can know the giddiness of reckless generosity: *Here! Take it - you need it more than I do!*

I know, too, the need to work at humility. Like the learner driver who only passes his driving test after 99 attempts, (I passed on the second attempt incidentally!) humility can take an eternity to manifest in our lives. We don't know for how long the 'prodigal' was away. How long did it take to work through his inheritance, how long did he work as a swineherd – how long is a piece of string? His stubbornness was costly – as was my own in my thirty-five-year battle with alcohol. Eventually humility wins through. There are relationships in most of our lives that need to be repaired. We don't see why we should be the ones to make the first move. We argue: *he was in the wrong – not me.* After a period of time, as long as that piece of string, we say to ourselves: *Enough is enough; one of us has to make that first move. Let it be me.*

The third characteristic we observe is that of hardness of heart. The so-called 'good' son the 'stay at home' son possesses a soul as hard as nails. Drier than the wilderness Jesus went into for 40 days and nights, no life can be found there: no generosity of spirit, no concept of second chances nor of seeing things from a different perspective, no kindness – only bitterness. A hardened heart will kill us, just as surely as it destroyed the soul of the stay-at-home son.

We can be reasonably certain that Jesus had witnessed characters like these three – not necessarily from the same family. He walked among them, watched them and learned how they 'ticked' and then he wove them into a story – a parable – for our benefit. The lessons are there for all to see. He is speaking to you and me this weekend. He asks: *Can you hear me?*

PARISH REGISTER

Warm birthday greetings to Patrick Herschan, who was 70 on Thursday, 22 March

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Fr Piotr Krakowiak's Aunt Wala

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Margaret Stratton - Liz Davis

Ellie Meagher - Martin Lynch

Canon Andrew Monaghan

Conan Murie - Rita Molloy

Alison Stewart - Vincent Wallace

Tom Thornton - Samuel Casement

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

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

St Mary Magdalene's:

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

THANK YOU

Offertory 22/23 March 25

St Mary Magdalene's, £276.66 total, including £131.66 Offertory and £145.00 Gift Aid.

St John's, not available this week

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Mar.29: Constance Miller (2013); Robert Duffy (2011); Charles Herriott (1998); John Ogilvie; **Mar.30:** Tom Thornton (2017); John Harkin (2003); Giuseppina Nicora (1947); Jean Joyce; **Mar.31:** Sophie Younger (2023); Elizabeth Kelly (2008); Peter Sheridan (2003); Anthony John (2002); Margaret Thackery (2002); Agnes Clyne (1956); Alison Stewart (1994); **Apr.1:** Celesta Crolla (2022); Ellie Meagher (2016); Kathleen Craig (2014); Hedley Smibert (2008); Margaret Smith (2007); James McAlinden (1987); Mary Anne McWilliams (1972); **Apr.2:** Mary Burke (1997); Mrs. Brennan (1993); James Magee (1962); **Apr.3:** Canon Andrew Monaghan (2024); Vincent Wallace (2020); Margaret Skead (1999); James Bryce (1978); **Apr.4:** Terence Anderson (1998); Mary Campbell (1995);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Mar.30: Christina Renton (1980); **Apr.1:** Liz Davis (2016); **Apr.2:** Samuel Casement (2015); Hugh Boyle (1997); **Apr.3:** Norman Hay (2024); **Apr.4:** Thomas Freeman (2004);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

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