

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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Shared Parish House: *3 Sandford Gardens, Edinburgh, EH15 1LP*

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>

Joint Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsandStMaryMagdalenes>

11 JANUARY 2026 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When Jesus was baptised by John ...

the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

(from Matthew 3:13-17)



**This Monday, 12 January, at 2.30pm at St John's, we will celebrate our first Healing Mass of the Year,
with the sacrament of the sick. All most welcome.**

REFLECTIONS ON WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSGENDER – A TALK BY DR JOHN CRICHTON – 7.00pm – Thursday 15 January – St John's Hall

John Crichton is a Catholic psychiatrist who is currently Medical Director of the Mental Welfare Commission of Scotland and has had 27 years experience of working as a psychiatrist in the Royal Edinburgh hospital. He is happy to share reflections drawn from his professional experience of supporting a number of transgender people in different circumstances over the years, alongside the experience of having a close family member who has transitioned gender. While not claiming to be an expert in the field, he will speak from the perspective of a Catholic physician with relevant professional experience, offering thoughts to help foster understanding and respectful discussion in a safe and thoughtful forum. The session will take place in St John's Hall at 7 pm on Thursday the 15th of January and tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. All most welcome.

Sing-a-long at St Mary Magdalene's



Do you like to sing?
Come and join us
on **Thursday 15 January at 2.00pm-4.00pm**

Just for fun!
Everyone welcome!
Sing Songs we all know and love.
Keyboard player to help us along - words provided



A Request for Help – for Cleaning St John's Church:

Chris Vinestock writes: 'Volunteers would be greatly appreciated if they are willing to join our small group on Wednesday mornings after the 10am Mass – in sweeping and dusting and general tidying up – do contact me or Fr Jock or ring Enrico on the parish house number – 0131 669 5447.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 January

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

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

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

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

Sunday 11 January – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.30am – St John's – **P3 Children's Mass** – *livestreamed*

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **P4 DTIM Children's Mass** – *livestreamed*

2.00pm-4.00pm – St John's Hall – **Porty Twinning with Gaza**

Monday 12 January - 2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing** – *livestreamed*

6.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** – click [HERE](https://bit.ly/499lsfQ) or type <https://bit.ly/499lsfQ>

Tuesday 13 January

4.30pm – Parish House – **Pastoral Team Meeting**

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA** (Catechumenate 4)

Wednesday 14 January - 9.15am-9.45am – St John's – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

10.00am – St John's – **Mass for the Patronal Feast with St John's Primary School** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 15 January 2026

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

1.30pm-3.30pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club**

2.00pm-4.00pm – St Mary Magdalene's Hall – **Sing-a-long**

7.00pm – St John's Hall – **A Talk by Dr John Crichton on working with transgender people**

Friday 16 January

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

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

12.00noon – Holy Cross – **Requiem Mass for Eddie Jones** (Fr Shaiju)

Saturday 17 January - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

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

Sunday 18 January – Second Sunday of the Year

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with the enrolment of the candidates for confirmation** – *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 – Monday 26 January - 10.30am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Margaret Duffy**

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Joseph Vaz (1651-1711)

Portuguese Oratorian Priest and Missionary – Anniversary 16 January

It is simply a matter of the way of the cultural tradition in which the faith is presented. If we cling to the past, we simply become irrelevant. If we have the courage to change, then the message comes through in a way that is meaningful to people. That is the hope – Bede Griffiths, OSB



The relatively recent (1995) beatification of Joseph Vaz sets the seal of church approval on a style of mission activity that has not always been the hallmark of Christian evangelists: free of political or economic manipulation, untainted by cultural imperialism, respectful toward non-Christians, and relying solely on personal sincerity and charity. His background is the very imperialist struggles between the Portuguese and Dutch in colonial Asia. Through an arrangement with the papacy known as the *Padroado*, the (Catholic) Portuguese crown enjoyed extensive jurisdiction over local churches established there in the sixteenth century. In the following century most of Portugal's Asian possessions were seized by the (Protestant) Dutch, and Catholic missionaries fled or were expelled.

Joseph Vaz was born in Goa, one of the few Portuguese enclaves left. His family belonged to the Brahmin caste and were Catholic converts. He was ordained in 1676 and found himself caught up in struggles between Rome — now appointing vicars apostolic in Asia since Portugal could no longer fulfil its responsibilities — and Portugal, still clinging to its rights under the *Padroado*. Joseph refused to become embroiled in these quarrels and so gained the reputation of being a true *sanyasi*, a holy ascetic, with people of all religions, but not with the Portuguese ecclesiastical authorities in Goa, who accused him of disloyalty.

As a "native," he was barred from the mainstream religious Orders, who confined their candidates to those of European blood. He therefore joined a group of Goanese clergy who were seeking to form their own Congregation. He was elected their superior and established the community on the Oratorian model. He had, however, long been concerned by the plight of Catholics in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), where the Dutch East India Company controlled the ports and allowed no Catholic priests to land on the island. So, he resigned as superior and, with a former family servant named John Vaz, managed to make his way there in disguise. They arrived sick after a dreadful crossing and were rescued from death by a woman who brought them a little rice gruel every day.

He could then only beg for a living, but the rosary he wore round his neck brought him protection by established Catholic families, who found him a safe haven. Then the Dutch increased their anti-Catholic measures, flogging the most prominent Tamil Catholics to death and forcing Joseph to take refuge in the still independent Buddhist kingdom of Kandy. His luck turned when, after a spell in prison, the coming of the monsoon rains after a long drought was attributed to his prayers. He sent John back to Goa with a letter asking for help, and volunteers from the Goan Oratory began to arrive. Since they worked dressed usually as coolies and could blend in with the local population, they managed to exercise their ministry even beyond the borders of Kandy without being caught by the Dutch authorities. Joseph expected them to master the two vernacular languages, Sinhalese and Tamil. He himself composed hymns and prayers in both. The missionaries supported themselves, Buddhist-style, on alms alone, and such was the response of their flock that they were able to give surplus rice to the poor, making, at Joseph's insistence, no distinction between Catholics and those of other faiths.

He was revered by the Buddhists, especially for his care of the sick during an epidemic of smallpox. His work even reached the ears of Pope Clement XI, who offered him a bishopric. He refused this, fearing that papal recognition would enrage the Portuguese authorities in Goa and make them prevent any more missionaries from being sent to Ceylon. By the time of his death, on 16 January 1711, there were seventy thousand Ceylonese Catholics, of whom forty thousand were former Catholics whose faith had been revitalized and thirty thousand fresh converts. The Goan Oratory continued to provide the island with missionaries until it was suppressed by an anti-Catholic Portuguese government in 1834. The cause of his beatification was started just two years after his death but met with a number of procedural (political?) obstacles, and it was not until 1995 that he was declared blessed, by Pope John Paul II, and then canonised by Pope Francis in 2015..

from Paul Burns - Butler's Saint for the Day - Liturgical Press (2007)

NOTICEBOARD

Porty Twinning with Gaza: Seeking Twinning and Friendships with people living in tents in Palestine

This Sunday 11 January – 2.00-4.00pm – St John’s Hall

Alasdair Cameron writes: ‘Porty Pals of Palestine is a small community group in Portobello in contact with two health professionals living under occupation in Gaza. Their vision is that by 2040 we be able to exchange visits with our friends in Gaza and welcome each other into our homes. Come along to and learn more about their aims as well as about Palestinian people, culture and resilience. You can take part in craft activities, share Palestinian sweet treats and mint tea and hear from local speakers. Visit <https://events.humanitix.com/portytwinningwithgaza> for info and free tickets.’

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

AN URGENT REQUEST FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Jeremy Thorp, local Treasurer of the Society, writes: ‘**Many people made generous donations to the SVP at the two Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve.** Unknown to us, *the card reader had a fault so none of your donations were processed.* If you are one of these people, please check your own bank; if you can't see any charge, *we are asking you to make payment 'again'!* The card reader will be at the back of the church after 9:30am Mass at St John’s; if you do so, please let us know that so that we can keep track. Thank you so much.’

Last week’s Leaving Collection for the National Justice and Peace Commission raised a total of £362.40.
Many thanks.

Two messages of Gratitude from the Justice & Peace Group...

Water for a Village Appeal

Jim Roarty writes: ‘In December, we invited our parishioners to contribute to the Water for a Village appeal -- a SCIAF Real Gift costing £1200 which would enable SCIAF to provide badly needed clean water for drinking, washing and irrigation. There is always a degree of trepidation about a challenge like this, but our trepidation was, as usual, unjustified – we raised the wonderful sum of £2022 which the J&P Group has rounded up to £2400, twice the original target! A huge **thank you** to all who donated.

And More Thanks...

Our experience of the generosity of our parishioners in the last couple of months has been truly humbling and inspiring. Thanks to your generosity, in that time the J&P Group has been able to send off cheques for:
£3000 to Firefly International, the wonderful Scottish-based charity helping war-traumatised children.
£1440 to Bethany Christian Trust to support their work of providing overnight accommodation for homeless people.
£1376 to SCIAF for their Real Gifts, contributing to their work of trying to lift people out of poverty in the poorest parts of the world.

Adding in the **Water for a Village** money mentioned above means that, in the space of a few weeks, your generosity has enabled us to send off £8216 to these excellent causes. A very sincere **thank you** from the J&P Group and may 2026 be a happy and blessed new year for you all.’

... and an update on the Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings.

Maria Igoe writes: ‘The **December** Coffee Morning raised **£450** for *Mary's Meals*. This will be a great help in bringing more schools into the feeding programme for children who are suffering food poverty. Many thanks to those, who faithfully come along and donate. There are also others, who give donations but are unable to come. Their contributions are greatly appreciated. The **January Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 19 January in St John's Parish Hall after Mass.** Donations will be given to ***Operation Smile***. Children with cleft conditions urgently need life-changing surgery. Please join us for tea, coffee and home-baking. Thank you.’

Prayer Partners for the First Communicants

Malena Aitken - Geoff Dobson; **Cece Barrett** - Eliza Veitch; **Violet Berry** - Gillian Fleming; **Paddy Campbell** Isobel Forbes; **Matteo Clark** - James Menzies McGreavy; **Antonio Crolla** - Joyce Martin; **Jakub Engel** - Joan Daly; **Innes Ewing** - Lesley Nangle; **Shay Graham** - Frances Paterson; **Innes Hay** - Maia Stasevich; **Kevin Ilie** - Gina Gallagher; **Sofia Juanta** - Deacon Eddie; **Max Kane** - Tanya White; **Fergus MacLullich** - Catrina McGillivray; **Eeva McLeish** - Rebecca Smith; **Noah Mc Roberts** - Geraldine Mackie; **Grace Murray** - Eleanor Cullimore; **Howie Noble** - Lynda Kazimoglu; **Toluwa Oladunwo** - Elise Kazimoglu; **Dawid Piwowarczyk** - Serin Kazimoglu; **Zuzanna Roskowska** - Mary Iannarelli; **Estera Ruchalowska Jameson** - Frances Gallagher; **Aoife Skene** - Kath Zoltie; **Terry Skylogiannis** - Ellen Hepburn; **Inigo de Vicente Villanueva** - Agnes Aitken; **Michael Wilson** - Hugh Aitken; **Arizona Young** - Orla Nangle.

Many thanks to all who have offered their services to act as prayer partners, committing themselves to pray regularly for 'their' child and to try to be present for their First Communion.

A Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord

Margaret Hebblethwaite - Jesus begins his ministry

'Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him.' (Matthew 3:13)

When one of us wants to set up a new enterprise a company, an organisation, a project - we try to put it from the start on a secure and credible basis. Do I have the relevant qualifications? Do I have the funds for a proper launch? Do I have the names of well-known people as backers?

It is not wrong to do this. Yet as Jesus begins his ministry, he shows us another way, which breaks all the rules and gives hope to those who cannot follow the usual recommended practices because they do not have the resources. Instead of getting qualifications, he presents himself to John the Baptist for baptism, as though he were a sinner. It is a sort of anti-qualification, which Jesus insists on despite John's protests.

*Then instead of looking for a bank loan, Jesus goes away for forty days of elected poverty, with neither shelter nor food. Why? Jesus knows that it is the poor, the hungry and the homeless whose ears are most sharply attuned to God's promises and go straight to the point. In the faces of South American campesinos who have nothing, sometimes not even teeth, we see tranquillity, gratitude and faith, while those from the richer countries often get held up in distracting critiques. While Europeans were disputing over the film *The Passion of the Christ*, the campesinos who saw it simply wept for sorrow.*

In his month of fasting, free of other distractions, the ultimate options of life are spread out clearly before Jesus: What am I here for? What really matters? What are my priorities? He comes back with a clear and simple message: the Christ has come for the poor and the captives, the blind and the oppressed (Luke 4:18).

He puts that into practice, working not through institutions, but independently and in the open air. It is what happens in poor countries today, where houses are small and meetings of base communities take place outside rather than inside. From the start, Jesus' ministry is a new enterprise and an option for the poor.

Margaret Hebblethwaite wrote this while based in Paraguay

An Appeal for Accommodation for a Young Couple

Enrico Fertini, our Parish Administrator, writes: 'I am looking for urgent long-term accommodation to rent for my son Filippo and his fiancée Martyna as their flat was broken into 3 days ago, has been seriously damaged, and is no longer safe without major refurbishment. They are staying with us at the moment, but they are actively looking for a 2 bedroom, pet friendly, flat/house to rent, ideally before the end of this month. Portobello, Joppa, Musselburgh, South-East of Edinburgh considered. If you can be of any help, you might contact me at the Parish House or Filippo directly: filippo.fertini@gmail.com - 07759172171. Thank you.'

A Message from the Fairtrade Foundation

Why Fairtrade is more important than ever



For the millions of the people that produce your food, the new year doesn't just begin with celebration, it begins with uncertainty. Harvests are increasingly threatened by unpredictable weather, commodity prices swing without warning, and families are forced to make impossible choices just to get by.

Behind every Fairtrade product is someone fighting for a future where their hard work is valued and their children have opportunities that they never had.

When you choose Fairtrade, you're standing with them. You're helping a farmer weather the next storm, keep their land productive, and build a life defined by dignity rather than struggle. Your everyday choices carry real hope - so remember to buy Fairtrade.

Water

...and when Jesus had been baptised... (Matthew 3:16)

*In my heat
of anguish
and fear
I am refreshed
by the sprinkling
of your
cool, refreshing water.
In my filth and dirtiness
I am washed
by your
pure and cleansing
water.
In my weariness
and
directionless life*

*I am swept along
by the strong current
of your
water.
In my half-heartedness
half-giving
half-loving
half-living
help me
to be immersed
fully in your water
and cross
Jordan
to the
promised land.*

from the Maranatha Community

ARCHBISHOP LEO'S 'AD CLERUM' NEWSLETTER

Job vacancy - The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at bit.ly/adminarchdiocese. 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 by Friday 23 January 2026.

Diploma in Catechetics - This course is run by the Archdiocese and begins on Thursday 22 January at 7:30pm on Zoom. Cost: £220. Register at bit.ly/diploma2026

Explore - Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will for you. Monthly gatherings will be hosted by the Archdiocese at St Columba's Church, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. The first one takes place from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday 25 January 2026. To register, email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Catholic Conversations for Women - All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 31 January, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion on preparing for Lent. A Holy Hour will follow with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Isaiah 42: 1-4; 6-7; Psalm 28; Matthew 3: 13-17

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

I am awaiting the arrival of Storm Goretti. I fear that as far as Northumberland is concerned, she'll be a damp squib. She possibly matches my mood. Boy, am I angry! Renee Nicole Macklin Goode was a 37-year-old mother of three children. She was not a terrorist. She was white American; born in Colorado whose only misdemeanour appears to have been a traffic violation. Her children have not yet been able to bury her, but a certain well-known politician hasn't even displayed the decency to afford her a modicum of respect through prayerful silence. He craves division, so has designated her a terrorist, a threat, a blot to be erased. His thugs, hiding behind their masks of anonymity are even less silent than he. Their self-righteousness is loud and aggressive. I have a new friend in Hexham – though she's not really new. I've known her since moving here 8 years ago. She is the manager of a health food store. She hails from California but is now living in Prudhoe in Northumberland. I met her in Tesco just after the kidnapping of Maduro and that politician's threat to annex Greenland. I commented that he appears to have the moral compass of a slug. She agreed – but with one important qualification: *a slug appears to have a sense of purpose*, she said, *give them a whiff of my Hosta plant and wild horses won't deter them. That man has no purpose other than himself.*

How are you coping with anger – your own, or when confronted by injustice. There is plenty of injustice around. Many of us struggle with issues of anger management – unless we're behind the wheel; of a car, that is! Cars can convey an air of invincibility. A sense of invincibility when coupled with anger can be extremely dangerous. Anger does not make for an easy bedfellow. I avoid confrontation.

Despite an inability to cope with the anger of others, I have no problem with spring tides, storms or, better still, thunderstorms. From the security of the inside of the house. I will enjoy listening to Goretti's voice. The higher and heavier the roar through the trees, the heavier and more prolonged the rain, the better as far as I am concerned. I love the raw power. The power of nature is good for humility. Sometimes, when I let my imagination run riot, I can believe that God really is venting his anger through the unbridled power of the natural world. Today's Responsorial Psalm tells us: *The God of Glory thunders. In his temple, they all cry 'Glory'.* The specific life-setting of this Psalm is a huge thunderstorm that affected the length of the West Coast of Canaan and moved inland from Lebanon in the north to the wilderness of Kadesh in the south. Nowadays we are much more nuanced about weather, but till the rawness and strength of nature leaves us quaking before God.

In the Gospel passage, Matthew tells us that the heavens opened and a voice spoke from Heaven. This time – not a booming roar but a voice speaking ever so gently: *This is my Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on him.* This phrasing echoes perfectly the words of Isaiah in the first reading: *he does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.* Gentleness, peacefulness, calmness, serenity - these are the watchwords and the order of the day. *This is my Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on him.* This phrasing echoes perfectly the words of Isaiah in the first reading: *Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.... he does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.* The highlight for me is how Isaiah describes the soul of God. Delight in that word for a while. Allow it to wash over you - the **soul** of God. The sentiments expressed, speak of gentleness, peacefulness, calmness, serenity - watchwords - and the order of the day. Injustices will always be present in our world because we are all flawed human beings and live through the constant battle between good and bad, but our armoury is made up of gentleness, peacefulness, calmness and serenity

There is much anger around. When vengeful rage flows it is the little people that drown in her wake. Anger masks self-righteousness and self-righteousness is the enemy of service. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry of service -and it's a ministry we're invited to share: to follow where he leads. Are we ready for the challenge?



PARISH REGISTER



Please pray for those who have died recently:

Pauline Murphy - Eddie Jones

Ruth Ferguson Richards

Kathleen Verlinden - Sheila Telfer

Jacqui Ge - Margaret Duffy

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Catherine and William Durkin

Elizabeth Wynn - Jane Murray

Andrew Nielsen - Giuliano Crolla

Jane Fitzgerald - Alec Cranston

Gerry Cannon - Annie Harris

Canon Hugh Gordon

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Christine Muir, Rosella Ritchie, Margaret Cahill, Pat Robertson, Margaret Hand, young Saoirse Golden, 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, 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, Mike Burns, 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, 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.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Jan.10: Alex Cranston (2023); Frank Davey (1999); Andrew Durkin (1991); Andrew Blaney (1958); **Jan.11:** Betty Peddieson (2007); Donald Montgomery (2004); James Clarke (1933);

Jan.12: Gerry Cannon (2025); Elizabeth Doherty (2009); Maureen Molloy (2002); Canon Hugh Gordon (2001); Arthur J Cockburn (1980); James Marshall; **Jan.13:** Andrew Neilson (2001); Lizzie Waugh (1997); Veronica Black (1992); Bridget Meldrum (1986); Anne Wood (1963); William Smart (1945); **Jan.14:** Annie Harris (2016); John McLoughlin (2012); Jean Holligan (2006); Richard Watt (1995); **Jan.15:** Giuliano Crolla (2021); Rita Santangeli (2012); Isabella Thomson (2001); Kitty Durkin (1995); **Jan.16:** Nancy Hancock (1997); Cyril Gorman; Angus McKinnon; Mary Scollan;

St Mary Magdalene's:

Jan.10: Alex. McEwan (1997); **Jan.12:** Maureen Fairnie (2009); Peter Fergus (1997); **Jan.15:** Luigia D'Inverno (2003); **Jan.16:** Thomas Farrell (1969);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Grace Lee, Stuart Falconer, Sr Bridget McCann, Saramma Samuel, Agnes Reville, Rebecca Coffey, Celia Peerless, little Elena Melrose, young Elizabeth Mugure Obandoh (aged 13), Annette Morrison, Mary Jo Bonkowski, Jennifer Kay, Anne Lauder, Mian Astill, Anne Claveirole, Dr Grier Gordon, Kathleen Reville, Eleanor Bagnell, Ken Lewis, 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, Wyns and Jan Meise, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Tom Cullimore, Nancy McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, , young Riley, baby Felix, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Mike Foy, Fr John Chadwick, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Damian Mulvenna, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Alasdair Mackay, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, Vincent McCann, Peter Higgins, Revd Peter Millar, Ewa Kiersztein, 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.

Offertory 3/4 January:

St Mary Magdalene's, £361.10 total, including £166.10 Offertory, £80.00 Gift Aid and £115.00 online.

St John's, £1676.60 total, including £259.60 Offertory, £151.00 Gift Aid and £1265.00 online.