

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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28 JUNE 2026 - THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL



... and I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,

and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven....

(from Matthews 16:13-19)

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.... the second collection associated with this feast, Peter's Pence, will be taken up next Sunday.

Holy Hour – Thursday 2 July, 7.00pm, St John's

Deacon Eddie writes: As we begin July, many people will be travelling to visit family, enjoy holidays or make pilgrimages. This month's Holy Hour will pray for all who travel, but especially for the often-forgotten workforce whose jobs require them to spend long periods away from home, keeping people and goods moving around the world. In a fortnight's time we celebrate Sea Sunday, when we remember those who work at sea. Many seafarers endure long hours, dangerous conditions and months away from their loved ones, often for very modest wages. We will also remember everyone whose work in transport, fishing, shipping and logistics quietly supports our daily lives. Please join us for an hour of silence, prayer and music as we give thanks to God for all who serve others through their work, and as we pray for the safety of everyone who travels, whatever the reason, throughout this month.'

An Appeal from Stella Maris - Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from our parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a leaving collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org. Thanks.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 27 June

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

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

Sunday 28 June – THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

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

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

Monday 29 June - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

6.00pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing** (click [HERE](#) or type <https://bit.ly/4w69FHF>)

Tuesday 30 June - 10.00am – Lauder Lodge – **Mass**

10.30am – Parish House – **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**

12.00pm – St Mary's Cathedral – **Requiem Mass for Fr Allan Ocdenaria**

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

7.45pm – Parish House – **Inclusivity Group Meeting**

Wednesday 1 July - 9.10am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Thursday 2 July - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

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

7.00pm – St John's – **Holy Hour with Benediction** (Deacon Eddie) – *livestreamed*

Friday 3 July – Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

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

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

7.00pm - St Mary's, Bathgate – **Ordination to the Priesthood of Matthew McAfferty**

Saturday 4 July

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

10.00am – Seafield Crematorium – **Funeral Service of Jeffrey Grieve**

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

12.30pm – St John's – **Baptism of Albie Francis Swarbrick**

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

Sunday 5 July – 14th Sunday of the Year

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

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

IN THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 6 July – 2.30pm – St John's – **Healing Mass**

Sunday 19 July – 11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's and *Tuesday 21 July* – 7.00pm – St John's – **Masses and celebrations marking Fr Jock's 40th anniversary of Ordination.**

Thursday 23 July – 10.00am – St John's – **Barbara Durcacz's Requiem Mass**

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S 'AD CLERUM'

Concert at the Cathedral - A renowned Australian choir sing a special choral Mass at 12:45pm on **Wednesday 1 July** followed at 7:30pm by a free concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The ensemble is from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, and this is a rare opportunity to hear this acclaimed Australian Catholic choir in Scotland.

Visit of relics of St Gerard Majella - The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on **Saturday 18 July**. Entrance of the relics at 10:00am with devotions and talk, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am. Mass at 12:30pm followed by blessing with the relics.

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage 2026 - A pilgrimage to pray for the renewal of the Faith in Scotland, from **31 July to 3 August**, with a walk across the Isle of Mull, returning the relics of St Columba to Iona. Discounts are available for students and under-22s, and under-5s go free. Visit brecbannoch.co.uk

Archdiocesan events - Events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St Alban (third century)

First British Martyr – Feast Day: 24 June



Alban is the first recorded martyr of Britain. The earliest surviving account of his death is provided by the Welsh abbot Gildas, writing in about 540, and the Venerable Bede gives a fuller account in Book 1, Chapter 7 of his Ecclesiastical History, written in about 730. Bede dates his martyrdom to "the twenty-second day of June" and gives the place as "near the city of Verulamium, which the British now call Verlamacaestiror Vaeclingacaestir", now St Albans after the martyr.

According to Bede's account, Alban was not yet a Christian when he gave shelter to a priest fleeing from pursuers. Over some days, the priest instructed him, and he "*sincerely accepted Christ.*" Rumour of the priest's hiding place reached the "evil ruler", but when soldiers arrived to take him away, Alban donned his cloak and offered himself in his place. He was taken before a judge, who "*happened to be standing before an altar, offering sacrifice to devils.*" The judge told him that he would suffer all the tortures planned for the priest unless he renounced his Christianity, but Alban refused, refusing also to give any details about his family, other than that his parents had named him Alban and that "*I worship and*

adore the living and true God, who created all things." The judge ordered him to be flogged and, when this failed to shake his resolve, to be beheaded immediately.

Bede then pursues the narrative with an interesting mixture of miracle and naturalistic detail. The place appointed for the execution was an arena some five hundred yards outside the city wall, separated from the city by a fast flowing river spanned by a bridge. The dense crowds on the bridge made it impossible for Alban, "*who desired a speedy martyrdom,*" to reach the place, so he prayed, and the river dried up, enabling him to cross. When the man appointed to behead him saw this, he threw down his sword and asked to die in his place. Another man eventually picked up the sword and beheaded both Alban and the man who had refused to kill him. But, Bede recounts, he "*was not permitted to boast of his deed, for as the martyr's head fell, the executioner's eyes dropped out.*"

Bede and Gildas before him describe the place in some detail, even allowing for the symbolic aspects of the water: "*This hill, a lovely spot as befitted the occasion, was clad in a gay mantle of many kinds of flowers. Here was neither cliff nor crag, but a gentle rising slope made smooth by nature, its beauty providing a worthy place to be hallowed by a martyr's blood. As he reached the summit, holy Alban asked God to give him water, and at once a perennial spring bubbled up at his feet—a sign to all present that it was at the martyr's prayer that the river also had dried in its course ... but the river, having performed its due service, gave proof of its obedience and returned to its natural course.*" Neither Gildas, a solitary on an island in the Bristol Channel, nor Bede, a monk in even more distant Northumbria, could have known the topography of St Albans (which is accurately portrayed, except for the size of the River Ver), so it seems likely that they were both drawing on an earlier source—possibly one with a Celtic origin, in view of the appreciation of natural beauty it expresses.

There was in fact no persecution in the West at the time to which Bede dates the martyrdom, and there has long been debate about the actual date. Some scholars have suggested a time almost a century earlier, around 209, under Severus, but the consensus now appears to place it during persecutions under Decius or Valerian I, so in the mid-third century. The fact that he was killed with a sword implies that Alban was a Roman citizen, and that he could shelter a priest suggests he owned a house of some size. His name is unusual for a Romano-Briton and may indicate that he came from the Albanus region of Italy, so he could have been a Christian escaping persecution on the Continent.

Devotion to St Alban extended, not unnaturally, to attempts to identify the priest whom he sheltered, and a mistranslation of an early document, embellished by later pilgrim-seeking abbots and chroniclers, may have given rise to the creation of "St Overcoat." Severus was accompanied on his Scottish campaign by his son Antoninus, who wore an overcoat of a type known as a *caracalla*, which led to him being nicknamed Caracalla. So "et Caracalla" (meaning "and his son") came to be understood as "with his overcoat." Later, the term *caracalla* dropped out of common usage, and an overcoat became an *amphibalon*. A copyist mistakenly moved the "with his overcoat" two lines down, to a reference to Alban and his priest companion, who thus became known as Amphibalus. Remains "discovered" four miles from St Albans in the twelfth century were declared to be his; this was taken up by the chronicler Geoffrey of Monmouth, and "St Overcoat" was established. The problem with

this delightful theory is that it suggests the less likely dating of 209, under Severus, for Alban's martyrdom.

An earlier account than Gildas or Bede, the *Vita S. Germani*, written by Constantius of Lyons in about 480, helped to spread the story of Alban beyond Britain and to allow his fame to survive the collapse of the Roman Empire. When Pelagianism was rife in Britain, the British bishops sought help from France and invited Germanus of Auxerre and Lupus of Troyes to come and refute its proponents. This they did, in 429 (surviving a sea whipped up by demons), and after the "abominable heresy" had been (temporarily) put down, Germanus visited Alban's tomb, "to return thanks to God through him." He deposited relics of "all the Apostles and several martyrs" in the tomb, and took away some earth from the place where Alban had been killed: "This earth was seen to have retained the martyr's blood, which had reddened the shrine."

After campaigning with the Britons and winning a victory over the Saxons and Picts through great shouts of "Alleluia!", Germanus returned to France, his voyage kept smooth by his merits "and the prayers of the blessed martyr Alban" (Bede, 1, 17-21).

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

A Glowing Inspection Report for Holy Rood HS, our Secondary School

Julie Harris, Chair of Holy Rood RC High School Parent Council, writes: 'His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) has a statutory duty to inspect and report on the quality of education in Scotland. Holy Rood RC High School was inspected in March 2026, and the report has been published this month.

A detailed inspection was conducted over the course of a week, where numerous lessons were observed, pupil work reviewed, school policies, procedures and results scrutinised, and in-depth discussions were held with staff, pupils, parents, and partners.

Holy Rood was evaluated by HMIE on two principal 'Quality Indicators': *Learning, teaching and assessment*, and *Raising attainment and achievement*. In each indicator, a school is graded between 1 (lowest) and 6 (highest), Holy Rood achieved a remarkable **Grade 5**, very good, for both.

To appreciate the significance of this – of all secondary schools inspected across Scotland since 2024, less than 15% can boast such results.

Findings included: *The school's Gospel values of love, forgiveness, justice and compassion underpin a highly positive and nurturing ethos which creates a very positive climate for learning, characterised by trusting and respectful relationships between pupils and staff. There is a calm, supportive and purposeful atmosphere that strongly promotes effective learning. Senior leaders and teachers maintain a relentless, collegiate focus on improving the quality of teaching. At S4 level, most pupils achieve significantly higher than the VC*.*

(*Note - The VC is used by HMIE as it has the characteristics of pupils in a school matched with pupils from across Scotland with similar characteristics. For each pupil, 10 matching pupils are randomly selected based on gender, additional support needs, latest stage and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).

At S4, the percentage of pupils presented for Mathematics and English is much higher than the national average and the percentage of passes are all above the national average. Last year attainment was at its highest in five years and significantly higher than the VC. The overall quality of pupils' achievements is a significant strength of the school. Pupils contribute positively to the school's ethos by undertaking a wide variety of leadership roles. The school's approach to ensuring equity for pupils, rooted in Gospel values, is a major strength of the school. Digital learning is a significant strength of the school. Positive relationships across the school ensure a caring and supportive learning environment where young people thrive and are encouraged to achieve their best.

Holy Rood's observance of Gospel values means that it tends to go about its work quietly and humbly. The result being that 'outsiders' may be unaware of its excellence. We are so fortunate with our high school and are rightly very grateful for the hard work and dedication over many years which has led to achieving such a glowing inspection outcome. The full inspection report can be found on the HMIE website: [Holy Rood RC High School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland.](#)

5 SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - Maria Igoe writes: 'On 4th July, we will begin these Devotions again, especially for those who were unable to complete them previously. The conditions are to receive the Eucharist, which we will do at Mass. Then we will go to Confession and say the Rosary together. We will conclude by meditating on a mystery of the Rosary for 15 minutes. This was asked for by Our Lady at Fatima, and she promised that for those who fulfilled these Devotions, she would be there for them at the time of their death.'

THE LATEST ON THE ST JOHN'S WEBSITE FROM FR SHAIJU

New Podcast: In the latest *Inside the Parish* episode, Emilia Lauder sits down with Kath Zoltie to discuss her experience of conducting Children's Liturgy.

On the Blog: Mike Kinane shares the fascinating story behind the 'Christ the Saviour of the World' artwork in St John's Hall.

Deacon Justin Stanwix - Can the Church Compete?



Pope Leo lit the flares while speaking off the cuff to young Confirmation candidates in Rome. Speaking to around 1,000 young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Genoa who had made a pilgrimage to Rome, he asked them to continue to live the gift of the Holy Spirit and to be missionaries of Christ. He said one of the greatest joys of every Bishop is the opportunity to celebrate Confirmations, since it is *"truly the gift of the Holy Spirit — giving us enthusiasm, strength, and the ability to follow Jesus Christ, to say 'Yes' to the Lord always, and not to be afraid to live the faith in a world that so often wants to lead us far from Jesus."* But what's the reality?

A Bishop's Response

After a confirmation ceremony more than ten years ago, my then-bishop was candid. I asked him, given his widely respected pastoral experience, what we might do to keep in touch with the newly confirmed. His short response: we were unlikely to see most of them again. Sadly that was the last attendance for most. Pope Leo was totally realistic. Just as Confirmation marks great joy for Bishops, it often brings sadness, he said, *"since many young people never set foot in the church again, disappearing from their parishes."* He appealed to young Catholics to pay special attention to perseverance, living their faith together in community. *"We do not live the faith alone; we live it together. Forming relationships of friendship and community is a way to live perseverance as disciples of Jesus."*

How Do We Compete?

Most parishes celebrate Eucharist every weekend, and many offer activities that younger people could participate in. But we also know that participation in either is unlikely. A feature of our post-secular world is that church cannot compete with swimming groups, football matches, or children's parties. When the current crop of faithful grandmothers departs, there will be fewer candidates still. What will we do as a Church to heed Pope Leo's alarm? Will our attachment to tradition — of whatever claimed kind — prevent us from responding to a demonstrated need to change?

Meeting the Desire for Connection

In these liminal times, we must meet our people's desire for connection, community and agency — through relatable liturgical language, a return to Gospel values, homilies that speak plainly, and activities that provide a pathway back to church. We are competing for people's time. That is an unwelcome consideration, but a necessary one — making more bishops sad is infinitesimal compared with the loss of the next generation. Sixty years after Vatican II, we face a new age of renewal — an *aggiornamento* under a new Pope who has sounded the alarm. Possibly early shades of Pope John XXIII at the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls in 1959?

NOTICEBOARD

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

Offertory 20/21 June 2026:

St Mary Magdalene's – £400.83 total: £124.83 Offertory, £176 Gift Aid and £100 online (incl. card reader).

St John's – £1595 total: £257 Offertory, £183 Gift Aid and £1155 online (incl. card reader)

Day for Life Second Collection: £364.07 in total, many Thanks to everyone

Fr Jock is away this weekend helping celebrate the wedding of his first cousin's daughter Albi to Saul (as in the video clip on St John's website) on Saturday morning in Dorset, and his niece Ibbly to James in Somerset on Saturday afternoon....while Fr Shaiju next weekend will be celebrating the four Sunday Masses in North Berwick and Dunbar, as cover for the late Fr Allan Ocdenaria.

26 Mile Trek for The Alzheimer's Society - Jeremy Thorp writes: 'On 25 July 2026, Nicky and I, with her son, daughter and niece, are trekking 26 miles to raise money for The Alzheimer's Society. Nicky's mother died with Alzheimer's and was born 100 years ago; my younger brother, Andrew, is suffering from a cruel form of dementia and is struggling with life. If you feel so inclined, I would be very grateful for your sponsorship! Thank you, Jeremy'. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trek26northyorkmoors202626miles-jeremythorp>

A Message from the Justice & Peace Group re Bethany Christian Trust

Jim Roarty writes: *This is a short description of the link between our parishes and Bethany Christian Trust, a relationship of which I think we can feel justifiably proud.*

'Bethany Christian Trust, as the name suggests is an organisation based on Gospel values of feeding the hungry and providing shelter to the homeless. It is a Scottish charity for the homeless, providing material help in terms of hostels, short-term emergency occupation and Care Vans which operate in some of our cities providing food and hot drinks to people on the street. It also provides support with physical and mental health, addictions, etc and support in getting people into permanent accommodation.

The Care Van is a service that goes out each lunchtime and evening distributing sandwiches and hot drinks to people on the street – some rough sleepers but mostly in B&Bs and hostels. This service is much appreciated by our customers, who frequently tell us so. The service is operated by a team of three, a driver and two people who serve the food and drink from a hatch in the side of the van. The team each make up two or three loaves of sandwiches in advance. Our parish teams do every second Sunday lunchtime meeting at 11.45am at Leith then calling at four distribution points – Market St, Kings Stables Rd, Grassmarket and the foot of Easter Rd, returning to the depot about 2.45pm. With the number of volunteers we have at present, each person does a turn once every two months.

The Rapid Re-Accommodation Welcome Centre provides beds for people who can't otherwise be housed. Having a permanent location has allowed Bethany to link with a large number of services – legal, financial, addiction and housing services right through to employment agencies and English language classes. The guests also receive a hot meal every evening, provided by 45 church groups from in and around the city, including our parishes' teams. We have been blessed by the involvement of Seton Steele who works for a major food producing company, Apetito Ltd. Thanks to Seton, the company now donates the meals and for a long time Seton did the preparation and helped with the serving, so we only needed two volunteers to work along with him. His job has changed so our parish volunteers now do the food prep as well (which isn't rocket science – it involves sticking the food in the oven till it reaches the required temperature; even I can do it, although I have been known to burn the food!).

The Welcome Centre originally opened during the winter months (Oct – April) but now with the assistance of Edinburgh City Council, will remain open throughout the year. Over the years, the number of volunteers has dwindled to 10 so it would be helpful to get a few more people on board.

In summary, if you would like to become a part of our relationship with Bethany – possibly an afternoon every couple of months on the Care Van or an evening every one or two months at the Welcome Centre, please contact Jim Roarty jimroarty4@gmail.com, tel: 07719952472

A REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

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

I well remember as an 11-year-old realising for the first time how difficult it can be to live with lines of demarcation. I had just passed my 11+. Grammar School beckoned. There was the cost of school uniform – obtainable from only two places: the school itself or Caslaws. They had the monopoly on ties, badges and regulation blazers and those awful caps. Caps had to be worn, and the costs had to be born – the price exacted for entry into the hallowed environs of the Grammar School. I knew that my parents would struggle with the cost, but any struggle was outweighed by the pride that filled their chests at their son's achievements. But it was the Bus Pass that seemed to me to be so distasteful. Free School travel was available to anyone that lived outside a three-mile radius from the school. We were short of that arbitrary distance by less than 100 yards. Someone had drawn a line, and we were the wrong side of that line. Pupils who lived in Herrington – both East and West qualified for they were the other side. They lived in the posh houses whereas we lived on the Council Estate. They didn't need free school travel but received it due to their location. We did need free travel but didn't receive anything because we were the wrong side of the line.

These memories have preoccupied my mind a great deal these last few weeks. I have found myself staring for hours (or at least, it seems like hours) into the 'middle distance'. It's one of my favourite views for it lifts me free of my horizons, free from artificial boundaries. It opens my mind to endless possibility. Middle distance knows not arbitrary lines: there is no correct nor incorrect side of boundary. Middle distance is where I can centre myself and see the inter-connectivity between all of my experiences past and present. We live in a connected universe, where the God I believe in is the benign controller, holding together the whole of creation. This is the real communion. His magnificent creation is a communion and community of subjects, not a collection of individual objects. Each of us has a purpose: we may never know it in this life but will be told it in the next. All of the experiences of life make us who we are – and it is the whole of ourselves that reacts and acts with those around us, helping to make them into who they are, even as they reciprocate, sharing their own experiences back to us.

Into this communion wander Peter and Paul. I'd love to go back in time to be there with them. This weekend's Gospel sees Peter raised to an elevated status. Did the others feel a tad resentful? Were they irritated that he was always the first to put his foot in things and now to be rewarded so publicly. And, as for Paul, he had been a tireless persecutor of their number. How could he be trusted? Yes, I would dearly love to be part of that community of subjects, to listen to their dialogue and social interaction. Their lives and teaching, example and failings helped to make the Church what it is and that Church has helped to make me who I am. We're all one. All spinning like plates on a huge stage where even those who wobble and fall are part of the process. We're a community of subjects not a disparate group of objects. Sometimes I would like to be a time traveller, be able to go back to 50 or so AD, when the Church was still in its infancy and Christ's message still fresh and vibrant – and as invigorating as an Alpine stream. I would like to experience the faith and conviction of Peter and Paul. I would like to sit at their feet. I'd relish a meal with Peter because he had been present at table with Jesus and would love to share a goblet with Paul who, in today's second reading is able to write about his life *being poured away as a libation*. And then I realised, I don't need to be a time traveller. I can stare into the middle distance, see nothing in particular and everything in general, and be one and at peace with the God who loves me.... and you....and Peter....and Paul....and the foxglove that has started growing from the side of the wall in our garden. I can see no Foxglove plant for at least half a mile – yet somehow a seed from last year's flowers has made its way here, nestling in between stone and mortar, sleeping quietly until the time was right – and now, wearing its best bib and tucker brings brightness to my day. We're a community of subjects, not a disparate group of objects. The joy that flower brought me, I have shared with you. Was the seed carried by the breeze, did the origins of the breeze begin when a butterfly flapped its wings in the Amazon? The exciting thing is that we will never know. And that's what makes the whole of creation so wonderful and so utterly captivating.

Peter and Paul weren't afraid to embrace mistakes, learn from the past, stare into the middle distance and just 'be' at the centre of God. When I'm lost and confused, when I'm uncertain as to the best way to express my Christian conviction, then I join them and just stare into the distance. He is there waiting to greet me, challenging me. Remember, there's no point having a mind if we're not prepared to change it.



PARISH REGISTER



Welcome to the world...Olivia Jade Sanderson, born on Monday 22 June, a brother for Christopher and daughter for Karen and John

Many congratulation to Filippo Fertini and Martyna Pazuchowska, married on Monday 22 June

*Warm birthday greetings to Keira Jamieson, 21 next Wednesday, 1 July
...and to Phyllis McLeay, 80 last Tuesday, 23 June*

Please pray for those who have died recently:

Jeff Grieve

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Fiona McHendry
Andy McGonigal
Jane McGuire
Lorraine Muldoon
Pietrina Crolla
Sam Kershaw*

Anniversaries:

St John's:

June 27: John Michael Peter Martin (2023); Edward Cassidy (2000); Norma Grant (1997); **June 28:** Jane McGuire (2018); Rosella Scott (2012); James O'Brien (1993); Francis Early (1990); John O'Brien (1915); **June 29:** Anne Webster (2018); Harry Cockburn (1988); Nello Andreucetti (1973); **June 30:** Pietrina Crolla (2018); Bridget Tracey(2014); Marie Veronica McAuley (2007); Anne Lawler (1977); John Stone (1930); **July 1:** John Fusco (2008); Patrick Barrins (1942); **July 2:** Bridget Tracy (2014); Daniel Kelly (1982); Anthony Docherty (1968); Christina Cunningham; **July 3:** Sam Kershaw (2014); Katherine Brown (2004); Violet Macnamara Sen.;

St Mary Magdalene's:

June 27: Jean Skey (2018); **June 28:** Donna Skey (1970); **July 1:** Mary Robertson (2000); **July 3:** Dorothy Barrett (2003); Mary Healy (1997);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Ann MacInnes, Catherine and Roger Bromley, Patrick Ford, Fr Frank Murray, John Hussey, Lara Stibbard, Keith Wright, Dawn McLaughlin, John Carwell, Brian Telfer, Carol Mulvenna, Baby Aidan McGuire, Tom Cullimore, Mian Astill, Betty and Natalie Blyth, Catrina Seaton, Stewart McIntosh, Chris and Ewa Kiersztein, Roy Robertson, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 11), Anne-Marie Fryer, Andy Flatt, Michael Marshall, Nigel Verity, Donald Miller, Harry Pearce, Louise Mandars, Eileen and George McCabe, Stevie McGill, Martin Robertson, Fr Joe Russel John and Anne Havard, Barbara Tansey, Ina Bain, Fiona Kinsella, Angela Whyte, Agnes McLaren, Douglas Wallace, Martin Dobie, Sr Bridget McCann, Saramma Samuel, Agnes and Kathleen Reville, little Elena Melrose, Revd Peter Millar, young Elizabeth Mugure Obando (aged 13), Annette Morrison, Mary Jo Bonikowski, Jennifer Kay, Dr Grier Gordon, Eleanor Bagnell, Ken Lewis, Eugene Grant, Baby Freddie Cross, Josie Young, Irene McIsaac, Sophie Robinson, Tricia Scott, Job Jose, Sr Jeanette Connell LCM, Elizabeth McGrath and Granny Elizabeth, Vaji Naji, Caroline Cassidy, Ben Higgins, Wyns and Jan Meise, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Nancy McDermott, James Sutherland snr, Christine Henderson, young Riley, baby Felix, Clare, Sau Mee Jin, Jenny Offord, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Edward and Francisca Chan, Coralie Isherwood, Phyllis Oliver, Sandy Reid, Vincent McCann, 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, Helen Robertson, young Josh Simpson, Evelyn Walsh, Eunice McDonald, Grace Stuart, David Fenwick, Judith Franklin, Clare Johnston, Mary and Derek Lamarque, Michael Doherty, Angela Khan, Charlotte O'Brien, young Martha Moyes (aged 9), Kazim Kazimoglu, Tony Rigg, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, James O'Rourke, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Bernard Igoe, Brother John Halsey, Pat Dishon, Sr Nan McKinnon RSCJ, John Spencer, Derek de Freitas, Betty Dougal, Geoff Dobson, Young Shay Graham, Aengus Murray, Jimmy Curnyn, Mike Burns, Pat Robertson, John Lowe, Rosemary Gillen, Sr Veronica Ranaghan RCSJ, Moira McDiarmid, Christine Muir, Rosella Ritchie, Mary Grady, Margaret Hand, young Saoirse Golden, Susan Cammack, 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, Moira McCafferty, Simon Hall, John McLaughlin, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, John Lawler, Mairi O'Connor, Donald Oswald, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, Kenny O'Connor, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, Pauli Walker, Vincent Knowles, Sarah McManus, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Norman Telfer, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers and Marie Angela Crolla.

St Mary Magdalene's:

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