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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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1 NOVEMBER 2026 - FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven….' (Matthew 5:1-2)

NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MASSES - Our two November BEREAVEMENT MASSES will take place ***this coming Monday 2 November 2026 at St. Mary Magdalene's at 7.00pm*** *and on Monday 16 November 2026 also at 7.00pm at St. John's*. These are gentle and beautiful candlelit Masses in which we remember our dead - and have the opportunity to light a candle for them. Forms are still available from the back of both churches for you to complete with the names of those you would like remembered and read out. (To ensure the Masses don't take too long the suggestion is that we limit to 6 names – the last of which might be – 'the Deceased Members and Relatives of the ***** family'). The completed forms should be placed in the boxes provided. Alternatively, please email the same information **ASAP** to Chris Jones, who is kindly collating the lists - chrisjones442@hotmail.com

HOLY HOUR - THIS THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER – 7pm – ST JOHN'S

Deacon Eddie writes: 'Join us on Thursday at 7pm in St John's for the final Holy Hour of 2026. In our November Holy Hour, we will have a chance to pray in thanksgiving for our loved ones who are no longer with us, and to pray for the repose of their souls and the souls of those who have no one to pray for them.

A simple time with a balance of silence, prayers and music. Do join us to say a prayer and light a candle, sit in silence before the Lord, join in some gentle hymns and listen to short readings and reflections.

(There will be no December or January Holy Hours due to School commitments)

The Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course Begins This Thursday

We are having a Eucharistic Ministers' training course on the first three Thursdays in November (**starting this Thursday 5 November at 7.30pm in St John's Hall**) and have been approaching individuals asking them if they might consider the possibility of participating in the course. *We are still hoping that parishioners will suggest names of people they believe will be suitable for this wonderful ministry* – whether it be giving communion out at Mass and/or taking communion to the housebound – to any members of the Pastoral Team (*Fr Shaiju*, *Deacon Eddie, Chris Vinestock, Jennifer Morris and Fr Jock*) or to either of the Eucharistic Minister co-ordinators in our two parishes (*Una Gallagher and Jim Roarty*).

New Website for St Mary Magdalene's

Fr Shaiju writes: 'We are pleased to announce the official launch today, Sunday 1 November, of the new parish website for St Mary Magdalene, Bingham (stmarymagdalenes.co.uk). The website offers a warm and welcoming space for everyone who visits us online. Alongside essential information, including Mass schedules, weekly newsletters, sacramental guidelines, and parish events, the site also features engaging podcasts and personal faith stories shared by members of our parish community.

Latest Podcasts

Geff Dobson speaks with **Jim Gallagher** about Jim's professional life, his work with governments, and his journey of faith. Jim also shares his interest in music and the story of how he first began playing the guitar at St Mary Magdalene.

Sisters **Jean McInally and Laura Tweedie** share their many years of experience at St Mary Magdalene. They talk about their involvement in parish life, sharing fascinating stories and treasured memories that capture the rich history, and strong community spirit of the parish.

https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsandStMaryMagdalenes

Latest Blog: Touch a bone, take a ghost - Colin Davey takes us on a journey beneath the streets of Paris to reflect on the *les catacombes de Paris* and the quiet reminder they offer us to cherish the gift of life.

https://stjohnsportobello.co.uk/touch-a-bone-take-a-ghost/

Mr Havard, former Head Teacher of Holy Rood HS (1971 – 1978)

Joan Daly, Holy Rood HS Head Teacher, writes: 'Former Holy Rood Head Teacher, John Havard sadly passed away on 9 October. He was 93 years old. Mr Havard was Head Teacher in Holy Rood from 1971 until 1978, and he was the first Head Teacher of Holy Rood.

Mr Havard was in contact with us on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Holy Rood in 2021.Although not well enough to attend the celebration, he wrote to us recalling the different political and social climate, when comprehensive schools were relatively new and therefore there was great interest in this new school called Holy Rood. He wrote of the need to build relationships with the local community as they were less than pleased that the site for a new school should be on the edge of a Royal Park. Mr Harvard set about ensuring that we could work together and the technical department at the time went on to build a fibre glass cupola for Duddingston Golf Club which can still be seen today.

His funeral Mass is on Tuesday 3rd November at 11am in St Columba's, Upper Gray Street. Mrs Havard has invited Holy Rood pupils to participate in his funeral.'

The new issue of **Living Faith**, the magazine from Redemptorist, with a reflection for each day for the next three months of the year, is finally 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…!). Thank you for your patience.

Prepare the way of the Lord … (MARK 1:3)

Confirmation Programme 2026/2027

Arlene Lauder writes: 'We are delighted to announce the start of the Confirmation Programme for 2026/27. As Archbishop Leo Cushley reminds us, Confirmation is the final stage of Christian initiation, helping young people deepen their faith as they mature into adulthood. All young parishioners and their parents/carers are warmly invited to **an Information Meeting** on ***Monday 9 November 2026 at 7.00pm in St John's Parish Hall.***

The Confirmation journey will begin with the **Enrolment Mass** on **Sunday 15 November** at **9.30am** in St John's Church, when our Confirmation candidates and their families will be formally welcomed into the programme. We extend a special welcome to families whose children attend schools other than St John's Primary and who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as part of our parish community next year. Thank you.'

Our next Baptismal Preparation Course *will take place* ***Thursday 26 November*** *and* ***Thursday 3 December*** *at 7.30pm in the Parish House.*
If you would like to enrol for it, please make contact with Fr Jock.

THIS WEEK

Saturday 31 October - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 1 November – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
9.30am – St John's – **P3 Children's Mass with the Signing of the Cross** – *livestreamed*
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **P4 Children's Mass and launching of St Mary Magdalene's website** – *livestreamed*

Monday 2 November – COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS**)**
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
5.45pm – Zoom – **Gospel Sharing**
7.00pm – St Mary Magdalene – **Bereavement Mass** – *livestreamed*

Tuesday 3 November
10.00am – Baptist Church Café **– Monthly Meeting of the Holy Huddle** (Local Ministers and Priests**)**
10.30am – Parish House – **Legion of Mary weekly meeting**
11.00am – St Columba's, Upper Gray St **- Requiem Mass for John Havard**
7.00pm – Parish House Prayer Room – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
7.45pm – Parish House – **RCIA Enquiry Period 5**

Wednesday 4 November - 9.10am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Thursday 5 November - 10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
1.00pm-3.00pm – St John's Hall – **Thursday Club**
6.00pm – Parish House **– Confirmation Team Preparation Meeting**
7.00pm – St John's – **Holy Hour** (Deacon Eddie) – *livestreamed*
7.30pm – St John's Hall – **Eucharistic Ministers' Training Course** (First Night)

Friday 6 November - 9.10am-9.50am – St John's – **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

Saturday 7 November - 9.30am-1.30pm – St John's Hall – **Pamoja Fashion Charity Sale**
10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** – *livestreamed*

Sunday 8 November – 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – *livestreamed* – **with baptism of Ruan Norton**
11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – *livestreamed*

IN THE COMING WEEKS – Friday 13 November – 9am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for John McLaughlin**

***Sacrament of Reconciliation**: 10.40am-11.10am Saturday morning after Mass, 7.30pm after the Vigil Mass Saturday evening or any time by appointment*

FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S 'AD CLERUM'

Diploma in Catechetics 2027 – Registration Now Open - Registration is now open for the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics 2027, beginning **Thursday 28 January**. The course offers 36 weekly Zoom sessions exploring the Catholic faith, with expert speakers, guided readings and one-to-one support. The cost is £220 (bursaries available), with places limited to 100. Please encourage parishioners to consider enrolling and share the attached poster and the following registration link in parish newsletters: bit.ly/2027catechetics. For enquiries, email diploma@staned.org.uk.

Travel with the Archdiocese to World Youth Day in Seoul - Young adults aged 19–35 are invited to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, from **1–9 August 2027**. The approximate cost is £3,000 per person, including flights, accommodation and meals. Registration closes on Friday 6 November. To register, visit bit.ly/archwyd. For enquiries, email youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Retreat Day - Are you a young woman thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Come to *Explore,* a retreat day to reflect upon and explore God's will for you. It takes place on 10:00am-7:00pm Saturday 14 November, at 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. Includes Mass, reflections, prayer, a holy hour, and a chance to socialise over pizza. To register email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

GodTalk: The Book of Job - GodTalk is a new venture from the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre which begins on **Tuesday 3 November**. This first short course will explore the Book of Job in which is found the greatest poetry and the most challenging theology of the Hebrew bible. Participants will be guided through selections of the text and explore the challenges of biblical criticism and the theology of evil and suffering that Job raises. No prior knowledge is assumed but GodTalk aims to go beyond the basics. Tuesdays 3, 10 and 24 November and 1 December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, led by Fr Adrian Porter SJ. All welcome.

Mass for the Faithful Departed - Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh on **Monday 2 November**, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

Red Wednesday Mass – St Mary's Cathedral - Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on **Wednesday 18 November at 7:00pm** to mark Red Wednesday, an annual initiative organised by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). The Mass will be an opportunity to pray for Christians around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith, and to show solidarity with those who suffer for their beliefs.

Young Adults Mass - The Archdiocesan annual Mass for young adults takes place on the Feast of Christ the King, **Sunday 22 November**, at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Celebrant: Archbishop Cushley. Social afterwards. Archdiocesan events - *More events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events*

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH NEWMAN SOCIETY will take place **at 7.30m this coming Thursday 5 November:**

Bernadette Campbell writes**: 'We** welcome the eminent Irish Jesuit scholar and former Provincial of Jesuits in Ireland, **Fr. Gerry O'Hanlon,** coming over from Dublin, to give us **an update on the progress of Synodality and how it may influence the role of women in the church**. Gerry has been very influential in the Irish Church in promoting the synodal process and has been a major voice in highlighting the need to rethink our attitude towards women in our Catholic Church. The meeting will be in our usual venue Mayfield Salisbury Church of Scotland (now retitled Newington Trinity), 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1TQ. It will begin at 7.30 pm end at 9.30pm at the latest. All are welcome.'

St Aloysius' College, Glasgow – Open Morning and Academic Scholarships - ***Séamus Scorgie, Principal of St Aloysius', writes***: 'St Aloysius' College, Glasgow, Scotland's Jesuit school, invites prospective families to its Open Morning on **Saturday 14 November 2026**, with school tours running from 10.30am. This is an opportunity to discover more about the College's Catholic and Jesuit tradition, academic excellence and the wide range of opportunities available to pupils.

The College is also welcoming applications for its Ignatian Academic Excellence Scholarship for pupils entering S1 in August 2027. Scholarships offer up to 50% remission of annual tuition fees, from S1 through to S6, for pupils demonstrating outstanding academic potential, intellectual curiosity, integrity and a commitment to contributing positively to their school community. Applications close on Thursday 31 December 2026. Families interested in visiting the College or learning more about the scholarship are warmly encouraged to contact St Aloysius' College directly for further information. Thank you.'

‘SAINT’ OF THE WEEK – Leon Bloy (1846-1917)

French Novelist, ‘Pilgrim of the Absolute’ – Anniversary: 2 November

"There is only one sorrow — not to be a saint."

The novelist Leon Bloy was more than simply a man of letters. To his friends he was a prophet, a "pilgrim of the absolute," a man on fire with zeal for the justice and love of God. To his critics he was a man blinded from staring too long at the sun. He was in any case one of those who helped stimulate the extraordinary revival of French Catholic literature in the early twentieth century.

Bloy, who had little formal education, spent most of his youth drifting aimlessly from job to job. His relations with the church reflected a similar inconstancy, his flirtations with piety alternating with crude rebellion. The turning point in his life came with his attraction to an impoverished prostitute, Veronique. Convinced that she possessed a spark of greatness Bloy dedicated himself to her "rescue." She was soon caught up in a religious conversion so dramatic that it pulled Bloy himself along in its wake. Sadly, her religious exaltation eventually gave way to madness, and the poor woman spent the rest of her life in an asylum. Bloy was left on the edge of despair, but with his faith intact, along with a new and unshakable sense of his vocation. He would be a writer.

Bloy later married and had four children. But his life remained marked with affliction. He managed to publish dozens of books, but few of them ever sold more than a thousand copies. As a result, he and his family were consigned to atrocious poverty. Many winters were spent close to literal starvation, with his wife burning books and furniture to provide a little heat. Two of his children died in infancy from the effects of their deprivation.

Arguably, there were alternatives to such misery. But Bloy seemed to feel, with a kind of religious certainty, that he was meant to devote himself to his literary witness and to trust himself entirely to the providence of God. At the same time, he felt it was his vocation to identify with those who had nothing and so to bear witness to the beatitude of poverty: *"One does not enter into paradise tomorrow, nor in ten years; one enters it today, when one is poor and crucified."* The mystical dignity of the poor as ambassadors of God was one of the principal themes of his novels.

Another was the spiritual value of suffering: *"In his poor heart man has places which do not yet exist, and suffering enters in order to bring them to life."* Elsewhere he wrote, *“Suffering ... is that holy veil imprinted with the bleeding Face of our gentle crucified Saviour A heart without affliction is like a world without revelation; it sees God only in the faint gleam of twilight. Our hearts are filled with angels when they are full of afflictions”.*

The other side of Bloy's pathos was a capacity for holy rage over the materialism and injustice of modern society. He loathed the bourgeois spirit — the love of success and comfort and the idolatry of money. When he saw these values accepted within the church he responded with prophetic wrath. He recalled that Jesus himself had paired his *"Blessed are you poor"* with *"Woe to you rich!"* With scathing invective, he calumniated against those who dined on the blood of the poor. For the sins of the world and the failings of Christians he prophesied a coming cataclysm.

As early as 1893 he wrote, *"Pity cannot extinguish my anger, for my anger is the daughter of infinite foreboding. I am devoured by the need for justice as though by a dragon famished since the days of the Deluge. My anger is the effervescence of my pity."*

Among other evils of the day, he devoted considerable attention to the rise of Christian anti-Semitism. Like few of his Catholic contemporaries, Bloy had a deep veneration for the Jewish roots of the church. Among all his books he particularly favoured one called *Salvation from the Jews*. There he wrote, *"Anti-Semitism is the most horrible blow which Our Lord has received in His Passion that continues forever; it is the most bloody and the most unpardonable, because He receives it upon the face of His Mother and from the hands of Christians."*

Bloy received little recognition from the church. Within the literary world he tended to be dismissed as a Catholic fanatic. Yet his works attracted a certain number of devoted readers, many of whom became his friends. Among these were a young couple, Jacques and Raissa Maritain. They were inspired by his writings and his friendship to enter the Catholic church. Bloy served as their godfather, a privilege he prized before any other honour. That the Maritains had been led to Christ through his writings, he believed, signified a confirmation from the Holy Spirit that his vocation was true.

With the coming of World War I, Bloy fell into increasing melancholy. For many who had placed their faith in progress the war brought a shattering disillusion. But for Bloy, who had never entertained such false faith, the horrors of the war were only a forewarning of even more terrible and apocalyptic suffering to come. At the time Raissa Maritain wondered whether he was not like the prophet Jonah, so unbalanced by righteous anger as to despair of God's excessive mercy. In later years, however, she could only marvel at the perspicacity of his warning.

But if Bloy was hard on the world, he was no kinder to himself. *"The worst evil is not to commit crimes,"* he wrote, *"but to have failed to do the good one might have done."* Constantly at prayer he fell to tears at the thought of his failings. Toward the end of his life he wrote a friend,

> *God has given me the sense, the need — I don't know how to put it — the instinct for the Absolute as he gave the hedgehog its prickles and the elephant its trunk. It is an extremely rare gift of which I have been aware from my childhood, a more dangerous faculty and more pregnant with suffering than genius even. For it involves an insatiable and ravenous hunger for what the earth does not contain and its effect upon its possessor is an unbounded loneliness. I might have become a saint and a worker of miracles. I became a man of letters!*

He died on November 3, 1917. See: Leon Bloy, Pilgrim of the Absolute, ed. Raissa Maritain (New York: Pantheon, 1947); Raissa Maritain, We Have Been Friends Together (New York: Longman, Green, 1942).

NOTICEBOARD

Contact details for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP): By phone or text: 07752682213
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Offertory 24/25 October 2026:

St Mary Magdalene's – £147.35 total: £62.35 Offertory, £85 Gift Aid.

St John's – **£1674.30 total**: £167.30 Offertory, £214 Gift Aid and £1293 online (incl. card reader).

Would you be willing to become a Welcomer at any of our Saturday night/Sunday Masses in our two parishes? We are looking to extend our faithful teams…. if interested, please contact any member of the Pastoral Team or Tom Gallagher, the 9.30am Sunday Mass co-ordinator. It is such a key ministry, setting the tone for so much in our parish life….

Caring for Creation

Exploring coastal Edinburgh - Portobello's Art Walk Projects are hosting some activities in November that are designed to help us learn more about Edinburgh's coastlines – a good way to continue the focus on water beyond the Season of Creation. On Sunday 8 November, the Waterworks interactive workshop will create a pipe-based sculpture for connecting the mouth of the Figgate Burn to the sea. Later the same day, the Stitching Stories into Seaweed event will guide participants in picking seaweed on Portobello beach and using it to craft something. You can find out more about both workshops at the Art Walk Projects website (https://artwalkprojects.co.uk/the-held-sea-interim-programme/).

Prayers for COP31 - COP31, the next United Nations Climate Change Conference, is happening soon: world leaders will gather in Antalya, Turkey, **between 9 and 20 November** to discuss action that countries need to take on the subject of climate change. CAFOD has written a list of intercessions that we can include in our prayers – for the leaders attending the conference, for the world as a whole and for people close to home.

W*e pray for the Church: may we speak and act together as we urgently work towards good stewardship of your creation and your presence in all living things.*

We pray for the world; the interdependence of all living things; the beauty and flourishing of the planet plundered and misused for generations by human activity; may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused.

We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good.

Eco tip - Although we are all aware of the impacts of climate change, we often feel helpless when we see its serious consequences in parts of the world that are far away from where we live. However, making a difference starts locally, and Edinburgh has lots of options for those of us trying to cut down on waste and plastic consumption. Refill shops like Weigh to Go in Leith and community grocers like Dig In Bruntsfield aim to provide affordable food options with less packaging, and plastic-free alternative products like shampoo bars instead of conventional bottles.

A REFLECTION ON THE SOLEMN FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

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

We were up at our usual time of 5.30 this morning (Thursday). It was dark but not cold. The weather is all over the place at the moment. I only needed a T-shirt as I took the dogs into the garden so that they could do what dogs do. In Aoife's case this consists mainly of barking at nothing in particular and everything in general. "Aoife – be quiet!" She looks over her shoulder at me: she is incredulous, surprised at my complete lack of awareness. "Do you not realise how much danger we're in?" We go back inside. The kettle has boiled and a mug of steaming tea will be the inevitable consequence of boiling water scalding a teabag. The light began to change: the sun about to peep over the eastern horizon. I feel humble. There is nothing I can do but wait respectfully on the dawning of a new day. That new day whispers in my ear, caressing my cheeks as it offers new opportunity. It gives me another chance to embrace life, and all that life will throw at me, sometimes forcefully, sometimes by way of a gentle lob in my direction. I am conscious that today is the day in the week when I put some thoughts down. They have been circling my brain since Sunday. I have spent most of the time at my disposal thinking of you. Yes, you. I love this feast for it is yours. I am thinking of your wives, husbands, parents and children who have taken temporary leave of our life together – temporary leave of <u>your</u> life. They wait for you – and though we might be impatient, life is unfolding according to God's plan and his timetable. We cannot stop the sunrise nor delay the sunset – and as I am gradually learning, stop Aoife doing what Aoife does best. All Saints' Day isn't only about the past. It reminds us that **sainthood begins today** — in our homes, our workplaces, and our everyday moments. Being a saint isn't about being perfect; it's about choosing love over hatred, forgiveness over resentment, and faith over fear. It's about the quiet acts of goodness that often go unseen: lending a hand, saying a prayer, or offering comfort to someone in pain. I hear a lot of hate speech – but I see more love. I know and hear of your love. I see your example and am as blessed by you as I am by the rising sun and the Love of God

A favourite TV programme of mine is Whitehouse and Mortimer Gone Fishing: - two of Britain's much loved comedians, each facing mortality head on. Both have faced serious cardiac issues, the former an experienced angler teaching the latter how to fish with patience and humour. The contrast between artistry and cackhandedness is clear for all to see. It is heartwarming, funny, filled with hope and the viewer feels privileged to be sat alongside them on the riverbank. The exchanges between the two, coupled with stunning photography as a backdrop, teach us all to fear neither death nor mortality. Then there is Bukayo Saka, the young black English footballer, mercilessly racially abused by many (in England) in public for missing a penalty in the Euros of 2021 and this week the recipient of the Ballon d'Or Humanitarian award for his charitable work on the continent of Africa, and last but not least Mr & Mrs R, two of my Tesco friends with a combined age of over 180 who are clearly still madly in love with each other, quietly doing their weekly shop but still finding time to say hello and smile and help me locate a bottle of Pectin so that I could attempt to turn my bumper crop of Rosehips into Rosehip jam. Sainthood and sanctity visit us in many different forms:

After that, I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands…..

Happy Feast Day

PARISH REGISTER

Please pray for those who have died recently:

John McLaughlin – Clare Cavanagh – Kenny O'Connor – Margaret Brack – Hugh Roarty - Teresa Martin

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

John Murphy – Thomas Welsh Evelyn Buckley – Helen Harrison – Eileen Alexander – Marlene Bonar – Tom Graham – Anne Zoltie – Agnes McDevitt – James Grady - Sean Martin – Canon Lawrence Glancy - James Harvey James John McGreavy

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's:

Stuart Ogilvie, Mgr Gerry Hand, Betty Dougal, Mike Burns, Sr Margaret Watson LCM, Joyce Durkin, Paul Macpherson, Baby Zoe Daly-Ford, Norma and Dougie Glass, Margaret Hand, Bernard Igoe, Angela Wright, Brother John Halsey, Sr Nan McKinnon RSCJ, John Spencer, Young Shay Graham, Aengus Murray, Jimmy and Irene Curnyn, Pat Robertson, John Lowe, Rosemary Gillen, Sr Veronica Ranaghan RCSJ, Moira McDiarmid, Christine Muir, Rosella Ritchie, Mary Grady, young Saoirse Golden, Susan Cammack, Kate Walsh, Pauline Robertson, Dorothy Dickson, Celia Stone, Carol Simpson, John Flanagan, Alex Nielsen, Belinda Wingfield Digby, Sr Helen McLaughlin RSCJ, Helen Kilgour, Moira McCafferty, Simon Hall, May Matthews, Rose Thornton, Margaret Thom, John Lawler, Mairi O'Connor, Donald Oswald, Mary Slight, Mike Noonan, David Reid, Ann O'Brien, Diane McCarthy, John Whyte, Maria Pacitti, Chloe Sutherland, Ruth Vizor, 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.

Anniversaries:

St John's:

Oct 31: Evelyn Buckley (2023); Helen Harrison (2016); John Reid (1990); Eileen Alexander (1984); Umberto Demarco (1979); **Nov. 1:** Marlene Bonar (2022); Catherine Walker 2021); Dorothy Scambler (2012); John McWilliams Jnr (1998); James Coyle (1997); Henry McCluskey (1986); Rose Henery (1981); Mr and Mrs Scally; **Nov. 2:** Leonora Pelosi (1978); Joseph Dykes [Somme] (1916); Honor Gardner; **Nov. 3:** Tom Graham (2023); Sandy Begg (2009); Anne Zoltie (1996); Carol Holligan (1989); Agnes McDevitt (1973); Julia Connelly; **Nov. 4:** Sarah Thomson (2019); Sean Martin (2010); Bridget Hanlon; James Hannavy; William McKenzie; **Nov. 5:** Margaret Laydon (2012); Hugh Taylor (2006); Mark Leydon (1975); Albert Hancock (1961); Mr Donlevy; **Nov. 6:** Mary Cockburn (1998); Mr R. Greig (1967); Mrs R Greig (1967); Mrs Delaney (1961); Mr & Mrs George Burns (1949);

St Mary Magdalene's:

Nov. 1: Gerry Pelosi (1972); **Nov. 2:** Teddy Banks (1983); Helen Fuller; **Nov. 4:** Canon Lawrence Glancy (2002); Hilda M Smith (1981); **Nov. 5:** James Harvey (2018); Pauline Dewar (2003); **Nov. 6:** Mary Cockburn (1998);

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Sinead Ferguson, Jack Broadley, Lynn & Mike Fulton, Biu, Louise Mandars, Fr Piotr Krakowiak, Tony Rigg, Vicky Driscoll, Giuseppina Parodi, Coralie Isherwood, Iwetta Fijolek-Morawska, Fr Simon Hughes, Mary Clare Scrope, Jonathan Barraclough, Tom Cullimore, Caroline Cassidy, James O'Rourke, Stuart Burns, Helen Campbell, George Collins, John Moore, David King, Nina Ward (aged 3), Marina Smith, Peter Monkhouse, Holly Falconer, Ann MacInnes, Brian Telfer, Roger Bromley, Fr Frank Murray, John Hussey, Keith Wright, Dawn McLaughlin, John Carwell, Carol Mulvenna, Baby Aidan McGuire, Mian Astill, Betty and Natalie Blyth, Chris and Ewa Kiersztejn, Roy Robertson, Harriet Wingfield Digby (aged 12), Anne-Marie Fryer, Michael Marshall, Nigel Verity, Donald Miller, Harry Pearce, Eileen and George McCabe, Stevie McGill, Anne Havard, 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 Obandoh (aged 14), Annette Morrison, Mary Jo Bonikowski, Dr Grier Gordon, 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, Ben Higgins, Wyns and Jan Meise, Jacques and Monique Kopp, Nancy McDermott, Christine Henderson, Sr Monica Delaney FMDM, Roz Paton, Carl Barber, Danielle D'Souza, Edward and Francisca Chan, Phyllis Oliver, Vincent McCann, Revd Bill Wishart, Amparo Serrano, James Shepherd, Alison St Clair Ford, Kirsty McCrimmon, Noel Power, Mary McCormack, Sheila Laughlin, 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, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Andrew Franklin, Jamie Mitchell, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski and young Ray Donovan Syme.