



**PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE**  
**Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve**

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## 10 MAY 2026 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Mission Statement:** The parish of St. Mary Magdalene is a Catholic community of Christian faith with three churches – Saint Paul's in Glenrothes, Saint Mary's in Leslie and the Chapel Royal in Falkland. We are centred on the Word of God and the Eucharist.

Our mission is to live the Gospel and share it with those we meet. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of prayerful disciples, using our gifts for the glory of God and in service to one another and our neighbours. We are committed to do this now and in the future through:

- Worship and prayer
- Service to others
- Continuous faith formation, striving to engage all parishioners
- Stewardship, seeking to build a better world - our common home- for future generations
- Building our faith community

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells us everything we need to know about the low opinion the Jewish people of Jesus' day had for Samaritans. When Jesus wanted to teach them how wide the definition of neighbour is when commanding them to love their neighbour as themselves, he chose a Samaritan to illustrate his point. Philip learned the lesson well, for soon after being chosen as one of the Seven he set out for Samaria to preach the Good News and heal those who were sick in mind, body, or spirit. Not only that, the apostles Peter and John made haste to lay their hands on the Samaritans that Philip baptized, to formally associate them with the whole Church ensuring that they had received the Holy Spirit. As we will hear when we celebrate the Ascension, Jesus commanded his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, to all peoples everywhere. With love and the Spirit, they put Jesus' command into action.

Peter warns us in the second reading that doing good may cause us to be maligned, ridiculed, or persecuted. This is not the time to give up but to recall that Jesus can empathize with us, for he suffered unto death while doing good in order to save us from our sins and lead us to salvation. As Jesus "was brought to life in the Spirit," may the Holy Spirit bring life to our lives (1Pt 3:18), enhancing them with a lasting joy that transcends suffering.

The Holy Spirit binds us together with one another and with the Lord. The journeys present-day bishops make to parishes to anoint those being confirmed recall this practice of the early church. Bound together across space and time by the Holy Spirit, we can claim a brotherhood and sisterhood with the first apostles.

**Question of the Week:** How can the kind of joy that the Holy Spirit brings enable me to endure suffering?

### **Sunday 10 May**

**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's**

**9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal** (People of the Parish)

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

**11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's**

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

### **Monday 11 May**

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's** (Sick Person)

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4

### **Tuesday 12 May**

**10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's**

Readings: Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

### **Wednesday 13 May**

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's**

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday 14 May – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**7 p.m. Vigil Mass on Wednesday in Chapel Royal**  
(People of the Parish)

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's** (Special Intention)

**7 p.m. Mass in St Mary's** (Rev Duncan MacFarlane RIP)

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:16-23; Mt 28:16-20

**Friday 15 May**

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11 a.m.

Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday 16 May**

**10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for families and healing after Mass

Confessions after Mass and at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23 - 28

**Sunday 17 May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's** (People of the Parish)

**9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal**

10.40 a.m. Rosary at St. Paul's

**11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's** (Special Intention)

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; 1Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

**Preparation for Sunday Mass** If we look at the Scripture readings before coming to Mass, we shall be more able to profit from what is proclaimed. The following website has material for both adults and children – [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

**Parish Youth Group (P6-S6)** meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

**Pastoral Council Retreat** takes place this Sunday at 2 p.m. in Romero House.

**Glenrothes Churches Together** meets on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in Romero House

**First Communions** will be held on the weekend of 23/24 May.

**Fabric & Finance Committee** will meet on Thursday 21 May at 5.15 p.m. in the church house.

**Across** has folded as a charity within the United Kingdom. To celebrate the work of the Across Group within our parish and beyond we shall celebrate a special Mass on Thursday 28 May at 7 p.m. in St Paul's. We hope that all who have been involved with the Across group over the years and have journeyed to Lourdes will come along. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

**Archdiocesan Pentecost event** for young adults (18+) will be held at St Andrew's church, Belford Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 23 May beginning at 4 p.m. register at [bit.ly/pentecost26](http://bit.ly/pentecost26)

**Gillis Centre:** The Archdiocese has announced that it intends to place this site on the market later in the year. This follows a process of review about how best support the mission and future needs of the archdiocese. <ore information available at [www.archedinburgh.org/news](http://www.archedinburgh.org/news)

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from Friday 10 to Friday 17 July. Places are available for the sick and disabled. For more information email [enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com](mailto:enquiries@edinburgh-lourdes.com) Hotel pilgrims should visit [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

**World Youth Day 2027** will be held in South Korea next year from 3 to 8 August. If you are aged between 19 and 35 and want to share in this international event and discover something of Christian life in Korea, email [youth.office@staned.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@staned.org.uk)

**Sick List:** We pray for the sick in our parish community and family and friends who are ill.

**Last Sunday's Collection** £653.08; Building Fund £178.56 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.) **Special Collection** next Sunday for the work of the church in Communication and Evangelisation.

**Any remaining SCIAF boxes** should be handed in ASAP. Thanks.

**Buy a Brick – St Paul's perimeter wall** If you have not so far obtained a donation form, they are available at the back of our churches. **THANK YOU.**