



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

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## 14 APRIL 2024 – 3<sup>RD</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

In today's gospel the eleven remaining apostles had just been told that Jesus had appeared to two disciples on their way to Emmaus, walking with them, speaking with them and eventually sitting down at their table breaking bread with them. Yet they are troubled and in fact terrified when moments later he appears to them. It is startling whenever the risen Lord appears to his disciples. Though filled with joy, they are incredulous. They wonder if he's a ghost. It takes some time for them to understand and accept that it is really him in the flesh and that he really did rise from the dead. We are those disciples now, often surprised and incredulous when we encounter him. May our understanding that the Lord can make himself known in many ways help us recognize his presence.

It is likely that the disciples are also troubled by guilt and grief. They had abandoned him after the Last Supper. Then they are told that he had been put to death and was already buried. Not only have they lost their friend and

mentor, but their entire mission appears lost. In this passage we see that Jesus comes to them when they are troubled. Last Sunday, in John's Gospel, we heard Jesus come to Thomas when he had doubts. So it is that Jesus comes to us when we have doubts or are troubled. And his first words each time? "Peace be with you" (Lk 24:36, Jn 20:19). Even now he offers peace to our troubled hearts.

After offering them peace, Jesus calls upon the disciples to extend his peace to all the world. How? By preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. True repentance brings forgiveness, which can give us peace in our hearts. This is what Peter preaches in the first reading. This is what we are called to bear witness about in our turn.

**Question of the Week** How do I sense Jesus' presence in my life? When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?

### **Sunday 14 April**

**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**

**1.30 p.m. Baptism at St Paul's**

Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

### **Monday 15 April**

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

Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

### **Tuesday 16 April**

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

Readings: Acts 7:51 – 8:1; Jn 6:30-35

### **Wednesday 17 April**

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

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

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday 18 April – Feast of Dedication of the Cathedral**

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

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday 19 April**

**7 p.m. Confirmation Mass in St Paul's** (Special Intention)

Readings: Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday 20 April**

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

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

Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday 21 April – 4th Sunday of Easter**

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations to ordained ministry and religious life*

**Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's** (Fr Martin Chambers RIP)

**9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal** (Private Intention)

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

**11.30 a.m. Mass in St. Paul's** (People of the Parish)

**1.30 p.m. Baptism in St Paul's**

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**Confirmations** The archbishop will be celebrating this sacrament on Friday at 7 p.m. in St Paul's.

**First Communion Catechesis** for children not at St Paul's primary will begin today at 10.30 a.m. in St Paul's meeting room. There will be a meeting for parents of all children on Tuesday 30 April at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

**Chant as the Music of Faith** Sir James McMillan will speak on this topic in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 23 April at 7.30 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly?StMarysM>

**Deeply Devoted A** workshop on the rich history of Catholic devotions is taking place on Saturday 27 April at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

**Pro-Life Chain** this public witness takes place on Saturday 27 April at 11 a.m. in Lothian Road, Edinburgh. It will be preceded by the praying of the rosary at 10 a.m. in the Sacred Heart church, Lauriston Street.

**Archdiocesan Synodal Meeting** will take place at SS John Cantius & Nicholas church, West Main Street, Broxburn on Saturday 4 May from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. exploring how the role of the lay faithful might develop. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

**Parish Assembly** This will be held on Sunday 19 May from 1 to 4 p.m. in St Paul's hall. More details later.

**Assisted Suicide** Please sign the online petition at [www.carenokilling.scot](http://www.carenokilling.scot) You can also watch on the [archdiocesan YouTube channel](#) "Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada"

**Across Group** is running a Thrift Shop from this Saturday to Friday 26 April between 10 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. in Wellesley Road, Buckhaven.

**Bingo Tea** This is being held by the Across Group on Saturday 27 April between 2 and 4 p.m. in St Paul's Church Hall. Everyone welcome!

**Sick List** We pray for the sick in our parish community and family and friends who are ill. **Please contact the office on 01592 756758 if you would like someone's name added or removed.**

**Last Sunday's Collection** £616.22 **Building Fund** £221.18 **Next Sunday Special Collection for Ecclesiastical Students.**