



PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Gather to Worship, Sent to Serve

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6 SEPTEMBER 2026 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

We tend to think of the person who sins as the one who needs to do something. This much is true, but today's readings emphasize the obligations of the one who does not sin, and even the one who is sinned against. The LORD tells Ezekiel that as a prophet, he is to be a "watchman," warning others of their sins. If Ezekiel ignores their sins and does nothing to lead the sinner back to God, he will be held responsible as well. Jesus tells his disciples that if someone sins against them, they must speak to the sinner, giving them a chance to reconcile. We are responsible for each other as well as ourselves when salvation is on the line. • That having been said, with certain sins, especially ones that are criminal, confronting the wrongdoer is not advisable. But beyond testifying to civil authorities, we are each called to do what we can to reconcile the sinner with the Church, the body of Christ. As we are our brother's and sister's keeper when it comes to making sure their material needs are satisfied, the same goes for their spiritual needs. • There's a lesson here for people who are neither wrongdoer nor victim but are aware of a wrong that was done. Too often people have turned a blind eye to something they know is wrong, choosing to not get

involved. Throughout history, many terrible things have happened because no effort was made to stop the evildoer or hold them responsible for their wickedness. For the sake of future victims, if not the perpetrator,—who we believe is never beyond redemption—it is incumbent on us to become involved.

Question of the Week: When have I been reluctant to correct someone who has done something wrong? Have I considered doing so in an effort to put them on a path to forgiveness?

Sunday 6 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and Benediction at St.Paul's

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

Readings: Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

Monday 7 September

9.30 a.m. Rosary & Adoration

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 8 September – Feast of the Nativity of our Lady

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: Mi 5:1-4 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday 9 September

9.30 a.m. Divine Mercy Devotions

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 10 September

10 a.m. Mass in St Mary's

Readings: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38

Friday 11 September

9.30 a.m. Rosary & Adoration

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's (Souls in Purgatory)

Readings: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 12 September

9.30 a.m. Rosary & Adoration

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday 13 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 and Benediction at St. Paul's

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

Readings: Sir 27:30 – 28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

Sunday Benediction: We now have the Benediction every Sunday in St. Paul's beginning with the holy rosary at 10:40am. We are all invited.

Preparation for Sunday Mass If we look at the Scripture readings before coming to Mass, we shall be better able to profit from what is proclaimed. The following website has material for both adults and children – www.wednesdayword.org

Community Club: This will recommence on Monday 7th September in Romero House at 2pm. Everyone is welcome for quizzes, games, chat-and always cake!

Pastoral Council Meeting: This takes place in St Paul's Presbytery on Tuesday 8 September at 7pm.

St. Paul's Choir: "We are inviting interested members of our parish community who would like to sing and help bring joy and beauty to our Prayer/liturgy. No previous choir experience is needed. You do not need to know how to read music. Just bring your voice, enthusiasm and willingness to learn and you will be fine!" Register with Luzdiana Gomez or simply write down your name on the list at the back of the church.

Children's Liturgy Leader's Morning: A morning of prayer and reflection for children's liturgy leaders will be held on Saturday 12 September, from 9am until 12 noon at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1EE. The event will begin with Mass in St Margaret's Chapel, celebrated by Fr Adrian Porter SJ, followed by sessions on reading and reflecting on the Gospels and on personal prayer. Register now at bit.ly/kidliturgyevent

The Beginning Experience: The next weekend away is being held in the Conforti Centre, Coatbridge between 16 and 18 October. The weekend is for those who have lost a loved one through separation, divorce or death. For further information please contact Maggie on 07786 687631 or by email beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It's the annual event where we gather to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, entombed in the Sacred Heart chapel at the church. Find out more about Margaret at www.margaretsinclair.scot.

Walking the Way: Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims by experiencing the Fife Pilgrim Way. **Each Saturday, throughout September.** To find out more details and to register your interest please contact Deacon Pat Carrigan at columbasway@gmail.com

National Youth Pilgrimage: On Saturday 26 September 2026, Pluscarden Abbey will welcome young adults (18–35) for the National Youth Pilgrimage. This year's theme focuses on religious and monastic life, with a programme designed to offer both reflection and encounter. The Archdiocese is organising cheap bus travel from Edinburgh to the monastery, and back again (only £10). Contact youth.office@staned.org.uk for details.

Poverty in Scotland: This event will dive into the reality of poverty in Scotland. We will hear from a range of speakers working on the frontline, chat about what is being done and explore ways we can do more to help. It is a chance to connect, share ideas, and spark change. The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB on Saturday 3 October from 10:30-4:00pm

Quarterly African Mass in Fife

All parishioners and interested persons are warmly invited to join us for our inaugural quarterly African Mass. Come celebrate our faith together with vibrant liturgy and music.

- **Date:** Sunday, 20 September 2026
- **Time:** 2:00 PM prompt
- **Location:** St Margaret's Catholic Church, Dunfermline
- **Refreshments:** Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall after Mass. All are welcome!

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

Last Sunday's Collection £605.78 Building Fund £235.74 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for Building Fund.