



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

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19 APRIL 2026 – 3rd 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 transformation of the two disciples as they walk to Emmaus with the Lord is dramatic, even though they are not conscious who this is. When the Lord encounters them, they are disheartened and preoccupied. No doubt they are grieving the loss of their mentor. They seem sad and depressed, looking downcast. They may have been angry and frustrated as well, for they were debating about all that happened as they conversed. They are so self-absorbed that they don't seem to notice a stranger until he asks what's going on. But by the end of their conversation, they enjoy the company of this teacher so much that they insist he stay with them. Their spirits have been lifted. No longer are they returning home disconsolate and alone; this stranger, whom they still don't recognize, has turned their attention back outward again. The risen Lord has awakened their hospitable, caring, and unselfish natures.

Note that Cleopas and his companion are not part of the Eleven. They may not have been present at the Last Supper, which would have been but a few days earlier,

when Jesus "took bread, said the blessing, broke it" (Lk 22:19, 24:30) and told the apostles that this was his body. Yet, this is the moment when "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (24:31). The breaking of bread triggered their recognition of the risen Jesus.

Transformed and hearts now aflame, the two disciples immediately return to Jerusalem to share the incredible news. Remember, it was late and they had planned to retire for the night. But they cannot hold their encounter with the risen Lord inside for even a moment. Overflowing with Easter joy, they return the way they had come, but joyous, not downcast. Hearts burning, not mourning. Eager to find others, not to isolate alone. They are impassioned to spread the truly Good News.

Question of the Week: What am I impassioned about? Can I see the Easter miracle, the continuing presence of the risen Lord, and the promise of the Resurrection bringing me as much joy?

Welcome to Fr William Crombie who is supplying this weekend and who will give a Mission Appeal for the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)

Sunday 19 April

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

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

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday 20 April

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's

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

Tuesday 21 April

10.30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's

Readings: Acts 7:51 – 8:1; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 22 April

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Paul's

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

Thursday 23 April

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion in St Mary's

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

Friday 24 April

7pm Confirmation Mass in St Paul's (Special Intention)

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

Saturday 25 April – *Feast of St Mark*

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

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

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday 26 April – *4th Sunday of Easter*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6 p.m. in St Mary's (Private Intention)

9 a.m. Mass in Chapel Royal (Sr Clare PCC RIP)

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

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

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Review of structures within the Church in Scotland:

The Holy See is inviting us all to reflect on how the present dioceses within Scotland can best serve the mission of the Church in the years ahead. Consultation will take place over the next few months on how co-operation might be improved among dioceses, resources better shared, and whether some dioceses might be merged. More information at www.bcos.org.uk

Hustings before Scottish Parliamentary Election

This is an opportunity to share opinions about matters of political debate with candidates standing for our local constituency. Organised by Glenrothes Churches Together it will be held next Sunday at 6.30 p.m. in St Paul's hall. Please pre-submit questions to hustings.gct@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

This 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 Hotel pilgrims should visit www.tangney-tours.com

Divine Renovation gathering takes place in St John the Baptist's, 136 Lower Millgate, Uddingston on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main speaker is Fr James Mallon. More details and registration at www.divinerenovation.org/calendar/open-house-scotland

Rosary and National Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday beginning in Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street at 10 a.m. followed by the chain in Lothian Road, Edinburgh at 11 a.m.

Music get-together: There is no music get-together on 26th April. Next music get-together is Saturday May 30th in St Paul's after 10 o'clock mass. All welcome.

Sacramental Initiation of Children: A meeting for parents of those children making first communion next month will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall.

Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday 29 April at 7 p.m. in the church house.

Cleaners at St Paul's: Recently two of our valued cleaning volunteers at St Paul's have stepped down. It is now vital to add new members to the existing team in order to keep cleaning the Church. **Please contact the office if you can spare any time to help.**

Tea & Chat: This fundraiser will take place in Romero House on Saturday 9 May between 11am and 1pm. Funds raised are to be shared between the Church and Dementia UK. Tickets on sale next weekend.

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

Last Sunday's Collection £864.22 Building Fund £330.50 (£2929 is being received monthly through standing orders for the Sunday collection and £694 for the Building Fund.) **SCI AF** boxes should be returned at this time. **Special Collection** today for the Missionaries of Africa and next Sunday for Ecclesiastical Students.

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.**