



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

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21 JULY 2024 – 16TH 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

Jesus is not like the shepherds whom Jeremiah decries in the first reading, misleading and scattering God's flock. Just the opposite. Even when he has other plans, he will not turn his back on the people who flock to him. No, he brings them together to teach them "many things" (Mk 6:34), no doubt about God, love, justice, God's kingdom, repentance and other things besides. Paul too points out that Jesus brings all people together, in that he broke down the wall between Jews and Gentiles and united them in one body. Jesus is the one foreseen by Jeremiah, who proclaimed a "righteous shoot to David" (23:5) who would reunite Judah and Israel, which had split and would soon fall to Babylon.

In today's gospel the apostles are returning from their mission of last week, where they were paired off and sent out with virtually nothing but authority over unclean spirits. By taking them to a quiet place, Jesus was giving them all an opportunity to reflect and pray. This is what he calls us to do as well after we have completed a task

on our own mission. He encourages us to take some time with him, as we do in prayer, to reflect on what we have done and what he calls us to do.

We are called to be disciples, certainly, but we can also put ourselves in the shoes of the people who had heard about Jesus and pursued him across the sea. It is likely that many of them were eager to see him heal the sick or drive out demons, but Mark says that Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach. As we will hear next week in the 6th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus taught for so long that day that eventually he faced a multitude of hungry people. But this implies that the people stayed, not to see him work miracles (at least not the ones they expected), but just to learn. May we be willing to take the time to learn from him as well.

Question of the Week: How can I put aside a half hour a week to reflect on how I am living as a disciple and pray for God's assistance? Can I face the Lord honestly with my shortcomings and failures?

Sunday 21 July

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

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 (People of the Parish)

2 p.m. Baptism in Chapel Royal

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday 22 July – *Feast of St Mary Magdalene, our parish patron, one of the women who accompanied Jesus in his ministry and the first to meet him after his resurrection*

5.30 p.m. Reception in St Paul's.

7p.m. Parish Feast Day Mass in St Mary's (Special Intention)

Readings: SofS 3:1-4; 2Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Tuesday 23 July – *Feast of St Bridget of Sweden (1303-73), wife and mother of 8 children, she devoted her life in widowhood to the service of the poor*

10.15 a.m. Funeral Mass in St Paul's followed by Cremation in Kirkcaldy. (note change of time)

Readings: Gal 2:19-20; Jn 15:1-8

Wednesday 24 July

Divine Mercy Devotions at 9.30 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

Confessions after Mass

Readings: Jer 1:1,4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 25 July – *Feast of St James, first apostle to be martyred*

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

Readings: 2Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Friday 26 July – *Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

10 a.m. Mass in St Paul's

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

Readings: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:10-23

Saturday 27 July

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

1.30 p.m. Wedding in St Mary's.

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

Readings: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 28 July – *17th 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 at St. Paul's

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

1.30 p.m. Baptism in St Paul's

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Online Faith Formation: The British Jesuits have an excellent website www.thinkingfaith.org

Online Resources for Prayer: To help us prepare for Sunday Mass visit www.wednesdayword.org – good for adults and children. For daily prayer www.sacredspace.com has daily reflections based on the day's scripture. And at www.universalis.com one can find the text of the Divine Office and the daily readings for Mass.

Organ Recital is being given by Mark Spalding in St Columba's church this Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are £5.

Across Group: This month's Bingo Tea will take place on Saturday in St Paul's Hall between 2 and 4 pm.

Assisted Suicide: Subsequent to the recent Pastoral Letter please contact your MSP about the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill. Visit www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide for a full briefing/guidance. On the 4 Wednesdays of August at 7 p.m. in St Paul's hall we shall be offering a series of workshops *Horizons of Hope*, exploring our Christian understanding of how to live well until the end of life, and how to support the dying and their families.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly: Bishop John Keenan will celebrate Mass next Sunday at 3 p.m. in Carfin grotto.

Cemetery Sunday will be kept this year on Sunday 11 August at 3 p.m. in St Drostan's, Markinch.

Season of Creation Conference: This being organised by the Bishops' Conference and will be held on Saturday 7 September from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. in St Margaret's hall, Drip Road, Stirling. If interested in attending, complete a booking form at www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah

Holy Year 2025 – proposed parish pilgrimage We have been offered the possibility of accommodation for 40 people at Casa Santa Lucia, a guest house in the centre of Rome between Piazza Venezia and Largo Argentina for the dates 5 to 12 September 2025. The cost for travel by direct flight from Edinburgh to Rome (with 22kg luggage allowance), coach transfer to/from Rome airport, B&B at Casa Santa Lucia and evening meal in local restaurants should be about £1350 (£60 single supplement). We would visit the 4 major basilicas of St Peter, St Paul, St John Lateran and St Mary Major, the catacombs and many other religious and historical sites, and also take part in a Papal Audience. If you are interested in taking part in this pilgrimage, complete a booking form (available at the back of the church) and return to the church house with a non-refundable deposit of £300 (cheque made out to **Alba Tours**) by Monday 5 August 2024.

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

IMPORTANT Please complete a form (available in each church) if you would like someone's name added to the new sick list.

Last Sunday's Collection £500.20 Building Fund
£174.20

Archbishop Paul Bakyenga of Mbarara, Uganda (where we helped build a medical centre) died last year. A memorial Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross, Bangholm Loan, Edinburgh, on Saturday 3 August at 10 a.m.